

Collection January 5 & 6	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,300.10	\$ 3,905.00	- \$ 604.90	- \$ 604.90
Jan. 12 & 13			
\$ 3, 286.62	\$ 3,905.00	- \$ 618.38	- \$ 1,223.28
Jan. 19 & 20			
\$ 2,411.92	\$ 3,905.00	- \$ 1,493.08	- \$ 2,716.36
Jan. 26 & 27			
\$ 4,021.02	\$ 3,905.00	+ \$ 116.02	- \$ 2,600.34

Sharing God's Gifts

Target Amount	Collected As of January 27th	Year to Date + / -
	\$ 1,256.00	



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - will be the second collection on **February 2nd & 3rd.**

FEBRUARY

3	Children's Liturgy	during mass
6	Scripture Reflection	1:00 pm
7	Douglas Campbell Lodge Mass	2:00 pm
9	El Shaddai	3:00 pm
12	Lion's Prairie Mass	2:00 pm
13	Scripture Reflection	1:00 pm
13	Parish Pastoral Meeting	7:00 pm
14	Valentine's Day	
20	Scripture Reflection	1:00 pm
20	M.D.C. Mass	1:30 pm
@ Westgrove Cafeteria (note - time and place change)		
21	Ministry of Hope	7:00 pm



**Office will be closed on
Wednesday, February 6th**



All are welcome to come to the parish hall after Sunday Mass to enjoy a cup of coffee, the fellowship of other parishioners and a visit. We are looking for a team to host a weekend for coffee. Please contact Bernadette at the office if you are interested. Thank you.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS -

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Irene Gooding who passed away. Please remember her in your prayers. May she rest in the peace of Christ.



Walking Together in God's Embrace

Walking with Christ is a spiritual journey fed by prayer, scripture reading and the Eucharist.



Valentine Tea

St. Mary's invites you to come and enjoy a cup of tea with friends.

February 9th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

St. Mary's la Prairie Parish Hall

32 - 2nd Street SW

Baked Goods, Odds & Ends, Silent Auction



WORD AMONG US REFLECTION

BOOKLETS for the month of **February** booklets are available in the gathering area. If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, the cost of these books are \$2.50 each. Please give as it help to cover our costs.



SALVATION ARMY

Special Food For the Beloved

Ones of Christ.



During the month of February we will be collecting, cold cereal. At the back of the church, there is a list of items and for what month we will be collecting them. Please take one and put on your fridge as a friendly reminder. Your kind donations can help with the goal of putting an end to hunger. **Thank you very much for your generosity, in supporting this project.**

NEW TO OUR PARISH

Please fill out this form and place it in the Sunday collection basket.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

NEW PARISHIONER

REQUIRES ENVELOPES

AUTO BANKING

Please call the office if you have any questions that you would like answered.

Living the Catholic Life - Fullness of Purpose
with Ken Yasinski
February 10 & 11 at 7:00 pm - Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elie

What is different about this parish mission? There are three critical components to this mission which makes it a very unique experience for participants: 1. Proclamation 2. Adoration 3. Invitation

1. PROCLAMATION: A clear and simple proclamation of the Gospel. People will not respond to Christ unless they can recognize how Jesus is personally relevant. Each presentation in the mission is specifically created to demonstrate the life changing power of the Gospel. Ken's dynamic presentation style has been developed over 19 years of full-time speaking experience. He effectively engages people of all ages. He makes use of many personal stories and analogies to communicate the personal love of God, and inspires participants to respond to the invitation of Jesus.

2. ADORATION: An opportunity to encounter Jesus. To know Jesus we must be introduced to Him and encounter His love! In the words of St. John Paul II, "sometimes even Catholics, have lost or never had the chance to experience Christ personally." Let's change that! Musical Eucharistic Adoration is an effective way to facilitate an environment to help people encounter Christ. For 15-20 mins, Ken leads participants in songs of adoration, prayer and silence before Jesus exposed in the blessed sacrament. This can be a very powerful and moving time for participants, especially when followed up after a preached message. This is where people encounter him.

3. INVITATION: An opportunity to commit to Christ From our experience over the last 19 years, we have recognized the need to invite Catholics to a conscious commitment to Christ. During adoration participants are invited to make a personal act of faith to commit themselves consciously to Christ. For some, this is a renewal of a commitment that is already alive in their life. But often for others, this is first time they may be aware of this type of commitment. The invitation to commit is key in the process of evangelization.

Overview Of Presentations

Day 1: What Is The Purpose Of My Life?

Have you ever wondered if there was a greater purpose for your life? One of the greatest sufferings is not having a reason for living. A person can put a band aid on a cut, pop a pill for a headache, but when a person has no purpose they lose their way. Their passion for life is lost, and any little additional suffering is magnified. In this presentation Ken shares vulnerably his faith journey. He opens up about his struggle to find meaning in life. How his battle with anxiety and low self worth eventually lead to despair. No longer did the Catholic Church seem relevant. God seemed dead. How did things change? That is the rest of the story.

Audiences will:

- * learn why God created them, understand what happens when we live in contradiction to God's purpose, be inspired to a greater purpose in life, gain a higher appreciation for God's personal love, be challenged to make a personal decision of faith.

Day 2: Living With An Eternal Perspective

Do you have a life goal: a clear vision of the type of person you want to become and a plan of how to get there? Most people do not. They float through life, living day to day, never giving any thought to the last moment of their life. If we have no vision, we lose our way. In this presentation Ken shares a riveting personal experience of being mugged in the jungles of St. Lucia, and how facing death greatly influenced his world view.

Audiences will:

- * be inspired to live with an eternal perspective, be reminded that sainthood is possible for all, learn the two things we can bring into heaven with us, learn 3 spiritual principles to apply in everyday living, that will help us grow in holiness.

Musical Eucharist Adoration Immediately following the talk each evening, Ken will briefly introduce adoration. The lights of the Church will then be dimmed so that only the alter area or monstrance is illuminated. This is to create an atmosphere of reverence and focus on Jesus.

The rosary is recited before every Saturday evening mass starting at 6:20 pm

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time Saturday, February 2nd Sunday, February 3rd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Father Chris Soeterboek
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Joe Soos by Bernadette, Kevin, Brittany & Sara
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	†Carl St. Goddard by the Family
Thursday, February 7th	2:00 pm	Douglas Campbell Lodge	†Theresa Galauran-Ilgan by Health Care Filipino Friends of Portage
Friday, February 8th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Cathy Lenting by Jane Hebert
5th Sunday In Ordinary Time Saturday, February 9th Sunday, February 10th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Beatrice Gervais by Fern & Donna Gervais
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Juanita & †Geronimo Rodriguez by the Family

Friendly Reminders
Saturday, February 9th

Greeters - Amanda Pangman, Irma Gobert
Ushers - Karl Voeselek, Paul Seguin
 Cecile Scott, Doris Nichol
Gift Bearers - Henri & Gertrude Lambert
Lectors - Denise & Dana Payment
Eucharist Ministers - Ron O'Neil, Lynda Jones,
 Jacklin Jackson, Jane Hebert, Donna Rey

Friendly Reminders
Sunday, February 10th

Greeters - Mary Kohut, Linda Podruchny
Ushers - Irene Souque Hewitt, Joan McCallister
 Liz Kelly, Bernadette Le Lievre
Gift Bearers -
Lectors - Tule Appah, Tunika Appah
Eucharist Ministers - Suzanne Borisenko, Rose Marie Neault,
 Karen McLeod, Gary & Dawn Lernowicz, Joe & Marie Wermie



Reverend Christian Soeterboek - passed away on Tuesday, January 29th, at the age of 91. A priest of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg for over 63 years, Fr. Chris was born in Bakel, Netherlands on June 30, 1927. After completing his seminary formation at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, Fr. Chris was ordained to the Priesthood on June 4, 1955 in St. Mary's Cathedral. Fr. Chris served a number of parishes throughout the Archdiocese including: Parochial Vicar of St. Edward's Parish in Winnipeg (1956-1960), (during part of this time Fr. Chris was also the Diocesan Director of Sodalitys), Chaplain of Fort Churchill (1960-1961), **Administrator of St. John's Parish in Portage la Prairie (1961)**, Parochial Vicar of St. Edward's Parish in Winnipeg (1961-1962), Pastor of St. Theresa's Parish in Plumas (1962-67), Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Winnipegosis (1967-1971), Parochial Vicar of St. Edward's Parish in Winnipeg (1971-1972), Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Russell (1972-1974), **Pastor of St. John's Parish in Portage la Prairie (1974-1981)**, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Virden (with attached missions) (1981-1983), Pastor of St. Viator's Parish in Dauphin (1983-1989), Pastor of St. Dominic's Parish in Neepawa (with attached missions) (1989-1992), Pastor of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Parish in Camperville (with attached missions) (1992-1995), Parochial Vicar of St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Brandon (1995-1997). In addition to these parish responsibilities, Fr. Chris served as a Judge in the Regina Regional Marriage Tribunal for many years and as Dean of the Dauphin Deanery. While Fr. Chris retired from active ministry in 1997, he continued to replace in parishes in the Westman deanery, including a brief period as Parochial Administrator of St. Dominic's Parish in Neepawa, and as Sacramental Minister of St. Jude's Parish in Erickson (with attached missions).

Funeral arrangements are as follows: Vigil Prayers on Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm at Clarke Funeral Chapel, Gladstone. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, February 6 at 11:00 am** at St. Dominic's Parish in Neepawa. Interment will take place in the Plumas Cemetery.