

Collection February Feb. 16 & 17	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,345.42	\$ 3,905.00	- \$ 559.58	- \$ 3,325.63

### Sharing God's Gifts

Target Amount	Collected As of February 17th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,610.00	\$ 2,875.00	- \$ 16,735.00

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

#### FEBRUARY

25 Blood Donor Clinic 3:00 - 8:00 pm  
 @ Canad Inn

#### MARCH

3 Children's Liturgy during Mass  
 6 Ash Wednesday  
 7 Douglas Campbell Lodge Mass 2:00 pm  
 8 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm  
 9 El Shaddai 3:00 pm  
 12 Lion's Manor Mass 2:00 pm  
 13 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm



Father Gerald will be on holidays from February 25 - March 5th.  
 Office will be open.



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.

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** - the income tax receipts are ready for pick up. **Sharing God's Gifts** receipts are mailed out by the Archdiocese.



Due to lack of interest scripture reflections have been cancelled for now. If you are interested in future sessions please call the office.

### Signs on Church Properties

"Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."

"Sign broken. Message inside this Sunday."

"If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."

"This is a ch\_\_ch. What is missing?"

"No God--No Peace. Know God--Know Peace."



## Walking Together in God's Embrace

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



### 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.**



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- the stations of the cross is a popular devotion used by individuals or groups who wish through prayer and reflection to follow Jesus Christ on His way to Calvary. It is one of the most important devotions honoring the passion of Jesus. What matters most in the stations of the cross is to follow Jesus Christ in his passion and to see ourselves mirrored in him. To face life's dark side in ourselves and in our world, we need images of hope, and Jesus offers images of hope in his passion. **Starting March 8th** and each Friday evening of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be led by various ministries of our parish, beginning at **6:30 pm.**, with Adoration to follow at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this special Lenten devotion.



### WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS

for the month of **March** 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.



### PALMS

- there will be a basket at the back of the church to place last years palms in. Ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year, which we will use on Ash Wednesday. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

## Christian Stewards: "Blessed, Grateful, Giving"



Many years ago, I was given a handcrafted wall plaque that reads, "thankful, grateful, blessed." It has been hanging in my kitchen ever since, and has accompanied my husband and I through multiple moves, to multiple kitchens. I have seen other wall hangings and greeting cards with the same three words, in the same order: thankful, grateful, blessed. While I am often drawn to reflect on these three words and their deep spiritual meaning, it has always seemed to me that the words are "mis-placed," in reverse order. First, we are blessed. The initiative is always on the part of God. In fact,

we are and will always be more richly blessed than we can begin to comprehend. God loves us first. The more deeply we come to know our blessedness, and grasp that our blessed state is an outpouring of the grace of God, the greater must be our growth in gratitude, in thankfulness. The life and growth of the steward is of recognizing the blessings and growing in gratitude for them, which leads to our grateful response. The plaque on the wall should read, I believe, "blessed, grateful, thankful." Or better yet, "blessed, grateful, giving." On our best days, we are keenly aware of the blessings of life: faith, relationships, talents, gifts, and resources. We are awake to and aware of the world around us and see God's hand in all of creation. Yet in our human frailty, we lose sight. We fail to perceive and become blind to the blessings within and around us. We even go so far as to take it all for granted, and sometimes yearn for more, searching for more earthly wealth and material riches rather than seeking and finding what is always there — the presence of God in our very midst. In this extended moment of Ordinary Time before Lent, let us be mindful that nothing in this life is "ordinary." All is extraordinarily and abundantly filled with the life and grace of God, which we are called to steward well.

By Leisa Anslinger, Associate Department Director for Pastoral Life, Archdiocese of Cincinnati

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK** - **Our Father** (Protector and sustainer of all people) **Who art in Heaven** (But also in this room, this facility, this home) **Hallowed be thy name** (Your names are many. May I call you "healer" this day?) **Thy kingdom come** (May your peace and joy one day again be mine) **Thy will be done** (I drop my pleas, and hand everything over to you) **On earth as it is in Heaven** (Here and now, as I remain in this world) **Give us this day our daily bread** (Provide me with the strength and resources I need this day) **And forgive us our trespasses** (Transform my weariness of this bed, these walls, this confinement) **As we forgive those who trespass against us** (Enlarge my understanding of people who don't come, or who stay too long; Or those who seem insensitive, or slow to respond to my needs) **And lead us not into temptation** (Restrain my desire to scream, lash out, accuse, find fault) **But deliver us from evil** (Relieve my apathy, impatience, and despair,) **For thine is the kingdom, the power, the glory** (For only you can give me the hope that truly sustains me in life) **Forever and ever** (Today and always) **Amen.**  
Chaplain Patricia Duffield, BCC

**BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** - **Monday, February 25th, 3:00 - 8:00 pm, @ Canad Inn - Ball Room.** Thanks to all of you for saving lives with your donation of blood. Your efforts have helped us to make a huge difference in the lives of patients in area hospitals. Appointments preferred or **Walk-In (If Available) please call 1-888-236-6283.**

- ◆ Consider donating blood with someone you know. 1 out of every 2 people who donate for the first time brings a co-worker, a friend or a family member. Save twice the lives!
- ◆ Half of all Canadians will either need blood or know someone who will need blood at some point in their lives. That's 17.5 million reasons why it's time to save a life.
- ◆ 1,600 new donors are needed every week to help patients today and in the future receive the blood they need. Blood that is needed to treat cancer, for transplant and trauma surgery.
- ◆ 16,000 blood donations are needed every week to meet patient needs.



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

<b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, February 23rd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†J.D. & †Clara Carroll & †Eugene Peltier by Bill & Florence Zettler
Sunday, February 24th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Katherine (Kitty) Sell by Barry & Phyllis Hay
<b>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, March 2nd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Celebration of the Word with Communion
Sunday, March 3rd	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Celebration of the Word with Communion
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	Celebration of the Word with Communion

***Friendly Reminders***

**Saturday, March 2nd**

**Greeters** - Madeline Provo  
**Ushers** - Paul Seguin, Doris Nichol  
 Cecile Scott, Karl Voesenek  
**Gift Bearers** - Vince Zettler Family  
**Lectors** - Denise & Dana Payment  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Mary Bolton, Ron O'Neil,  
 Helena Kot, Zennia Semechshyn, Tara Ryzner

***Friendly Reminders***

**Sunday, March 3rd**

**Greeters** - Catechism  
**Ushers** - Appah Family  
**Gift Bearers** - Catechism  
**Lectors** - Ruth Deegan, Irv Wegleitner  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Stan Lambert, Neenu Shibu, Arthur Rey,  
 Gary van der Zweep, Karen McLeod, Gary & Dawn Lernowicz

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** - In today's Gospel reading Jesus urges his listeners to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." He also offers several examples of putting mercy into action. Listeners can then reason their way into how to put the values of the Gospel reflected in these imperatives into practice in other situations. Good stewards look for opportunities to exercise God's mercy toward others. They realize that, in doing so, their own experience of God's mercy not only becomes more profound, but affirms their hope of seeing the Lord face-to-face one day. How have we experienced God's mercy in our lives? How might our thinking, attitudes, words and actions reflect God's mercy on someone else today?

***PATIENCE***

Patience is a virtue that brings with it many rewards. One of the most rewarding benefits advanced by this virtue is found in the habit of *'delayed gratification'*. We live in a culture that is constantly shouting, "You deserve it, and, you can have it right now!" The result is many people fall prey to *'instant gratification'*. Instant gratification places a serious roadblock on our path to being the best disciples and stewards we can be. This is where patience can reward us. One of the hallmarks of stewardship is generosity; however, it is difficult to be generous if we too frequently give in to instant gratification. Advertisers would have us believe that we can spend our way to happiness. The truth is that sharing first and spending second is the path to sustained happiness and greater generosity

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When it comes to developing patience with our spending habits, the best course of action is to preface every spending decision with the question, "Do I need this or do I simply want it?" This question is at the heart of good financial stewardship. The modern media feeds our subconscious minds with hundreds of images every day, all intended to blur the difference between what we legitimately need and what we simply want. If we are not careful these images can have a powerful influence on our attitudes. "Whoever controls the images controls the culture" (Bishop Robert Morneau). Making stewardship a way of life involves patience because it often requires that we make some adjustments to our lifestyle in order to become better stewards. Being patient with myself helps me on my journey. As with all the virtues, gratitude is the parent of patience. I try to be grateful in every situation, grateful for what I have, grateful for my job, grateful for my relationships. In gratitude I find patience whenever things don't go the way I think they should. Patience is more than the ability to wait; it is all about *how we behave* while we are waiting. Sometimes God makes us wait in order to teach us to trust Him, to have faith, and to be patient. There is nothing quite as exciting as waiting on God because we know whatever He has planned for us...it will be good!