

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

Collection February 17 & 18	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 2,777.40	\$ 3,860.00	- \$ 1,082.60	- \$ 1,988.00



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - will be the second collection on **March 3rd & 4th.**

FEBRUARY		
26	Blood Donor Clinic @ Canad Inn	3:00 - 8:00 pm
26	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm
MARCH		
1	Douglas Campbell Mass	2:00 pm
2	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
4	Children's Liturgy during Mass	
5	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm
8	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:30 pm
9	World Day of Prayer	1:00 pm
St. Mary's Church (36 - 2nd St. S.W.)		



All are welcome to come to the parish hall after Sunday Mass to enjoy a cup of coffee, the company of other parishioners and a visit.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - the income tax receipts are ready for pick up.

Sharing God's Gifts receipts are mailed out by the Archdiocese.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Claudette Mineault & Rita Waldvogel. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Mes-siah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires trans-formation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - We are happy to report that we have exceeded our parish Sharing God's Gifts goal for 2017. The amount of the overage was \$ 10,681.30. Thank you for your generous donations to Sharing God's Gifts.

2018 Target Amount	Collected As of February 18th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 2,476.00	- \$ 16,734.00



"40 CANS FOR LENT" - Knights of Columbus - are sponsoring "40 Cans for Lent". Hunger knows no season and every day many people go hungry. The goal of this program is for each Council member and each Parishioner to contribute 1 non-perishable food item per day during the 40 days of Lent in order to help keep our local food pantries well stocked all year round. The items 'can' be dropped off in the baskets in the gathering area. Some items could be used at Prairie Welcome House, and the bulk delivered to Salvation Army and/or the soup kitchen. Thank you for your generosity. **Collected - 65**



PRAIRIE WELCOME HOUSE

The continued support of our community is very much appreciated. We are currently in need of **PLAIN TEA BAGS, JUICE CRYSTALS, and ICED TEA MIX.** Items may be left in our bin in the gathering area or dropped off at Prairie Welcome House at 133 Saskatchewan Ave. E. Monetary donations are always welcomed and can be tagged for Prairie Welcome House and put in with the collection. A training session will be offered in mid-March for anyone considering volunteering at Prairie Welcome House.

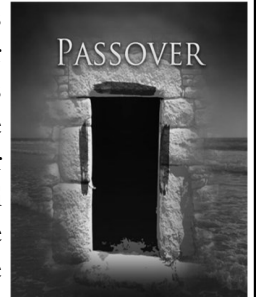
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - SURINAME - "All God's creation is very good!" Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend the World Day of Prayer Service on **Friday, March 9th, at St. Mary's Church (36 - 2nd St. S.W.) at 1:00 pm. For all those who are attending, please remember to bring 6 cookies each.** Following the service, please come and join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship.



S E D E R M E A L

On Sunday, March 25th beginning at 6:00 pm, our parish will be having a Christian Seder Meal. The purpose is to understand with greater clarity the celebration of Passover – its meaning and significance, and to celebrate the Passover meal which Jesus celebrated at the Last Supper. It will also provide us greater understanding of the signs and symbols of the Old Testament and its connection to our celebration of the Eucharist.

Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Judaism, commemorating God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and his creation of the Israelite people. Passover is actually composed of two festivals, The Feast of Unleavened Bread and Passover (which is sometimes used to refer to the single day and sometimes to the entire span of both festivals). The festival of Passover, known as Pesach, begins at sunset on the 14th of Nisan (usually in March or April) and marks the beginning of a seven day celebration that includes the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The focal point of Passover is a communal meal, called the Seder (meaning "order," because of the fixed order of service), which is a time of rejoicing and celebration at the deliverance for the Hebrews that God accomplished in the Exodus.



Preparing for the Seder Meal is important if the service is to run smoothly. The preparations are not complicated but do need to be given some consideration ahead of time. Participants will be required to bring food and table settings for the Seder Meal.



Therefore, those who are interested in participating in the Seder Meal MUST register by Sunday, March 11th by signing up on the sheet at the entrance of the church or calling the parish office.

A necessary planning meeting for all registered for the Seder meal will be held on Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

Our Parish Mission: "Rekindling the Fire Within"

For three evenings from Tuesday, March 13th to Thursday, March 15th from 7-9 p.m. our three Parishes will share a parish mission presented by Fr. David Kowalski, Fr. Michael Wollbaum and Fr. Michel Nault. The theme is "**Rekindling the Fire Within**". Each night there will be talks, activities, prayer and fellowship with a coffee break. This mission is open to all, whether Catholic or not, those who go regularly to church or not.

March 13th, Tuesday evening in **St. François Xavier** will focus on the **gift of faith**;

March 14, Wednesday evening in **St. Eustache** will be on the **gift of hope**;

March 15th, Thursday evening in **Elie** will focus on the **gift of love**.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend all three sessions. Please pray for the success of this special event. There is no charge for this event and no registration required. For more information, contact Fr. Michel Nault at 204-960-6059.

A Prayer for Our Parish Mission

Oh Holy Spirit come and enliven our Parish Community, That a breath of fresh air transforms us through love. Holy Spirit, may our laziness discouragement and our apathy be replaced so that we may be lively disciples of Jesus. To announce you with perseverance is for me a joyful way of bringing to you new disciples.

Adore and you will renew the face of our parishes.

Love and you will live, Forgive and you will heal, Announce Jesus and you will jump for joy, so that at last Love will be loved and overflow in the hearts of all.

(Inspired by a prayer by Bro. Marc de Tibériade)

2nd Sunday of Lent - February 24th & 25th, 2018

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." John 10.14

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

2nd Sunday Of Lent Saturday, February 24th Sunday, February 25th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Bev Orne by Amanda Pangman ✠Gisele Wegleitner by Joe & Doreen Delaurier ✠Harry Lavallee by the Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	
Wednesday, February 28th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions by the Bullock Family
Thursday, March 1st	2:00 pm	Douglas Campbell Lodge	For Rose Suban by Friends
Friday, March 2nd	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Angela (Paradis) Hudon by Pierre Huberdeau
3rd Sunday Of Lent Saturday, March 3rd Sunday, March 4th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Alice Bohn by Lynda Jones & Rosemary Barney ✠Marie & ✠Lucien Gauthier by the Lori and Arthur Rey ✠Irene Dufour by Leona & Marcel Flamand
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, March 3rd

- Greeters** - Pauline Puff, Zennia Semechyshyn
Ushers - Raymond Smith, Mary Bolton
 Estelle Sinclair, Ron O'Neil
Gift Bearers - Karl & Jo-ann Voesenek
Lectors - Rachael Murray, Rosemary Barney
Eucharist Ministers - Lynda Jones, Tara Ryzner,
 Audree Peech, Denise Payment, Ron O'Neil

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, March 4th

- Greeters** - Ron & Julie Prieur
Ushers - Adrian Alinsod, Myla Alinsod,
 Dimple Alinsod, Fe Rodriguez
Gift Bearers - Bill & Elaine Vint
Lectors - Ruth Mulligan, Kim Dengate
Ministers - Irv Wegleitner, Mickey Cuthbert, Elaine Harder,
 Neenu Shibu, Lidia Garcia de Garcia, Kevin Le Lievre,
 Gary van der Zweep



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. Each Friday evening of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be led by various ministries of our parish, beginning at 7:00 pm. Holy Hour with adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament will precede at 6:30**. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this special Lenten devotion.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - With the anticipation of Lent around the corner, **we may offer an evening session after Stations of the Cross on some Friday evenings in February and early March**. Please note that people are not always free to attend the weekly sessions, therefore you do not need to commit to being at every session. The discussion has been very good, and each person has an opportunity to speak as they are comfortable to participate. All are welcome.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - **Monday, February 26th, 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.



"From the Eucharist, this sacrament of love, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness." (Pope Francis)