



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 18 & 19	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 2,963.30	\$ 3,465.00	- \$ 501.70	- \$ 3,875.10

January Sharing God's Gifts - \$ 2,132.00

FEBRUARY

- 27 Knights Cribbage Tournament 6:30 pm
- 27 Confirmation Class 7:00 pm

MARCH

- 1 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm
- 2 Douglas Campbell Mass 2:00 pm
- 3 Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
- 4 World Day Of Prayer 1:00 pm
- 5 Children's Liturgy during mass
- 6 Knights Cribbage Tournament 6:30 pm
- 6 Confirmation Class 7:00 pm
- 9 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 pm
- 10 Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

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

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

LITURGY WORKSHOP - **Date change** - Please note that I will be offering the workshop on Liturgy on **Saturday, March 18th at 9:00 am**. We will conclude before noon. Due to my increase activities with the commission these next couple of months I will offer one and not two workshops. The workshop will not be "bookish", but will honor the experience of the participants. While there will be some handouts and helpful information on the Liturgy, the importance of our learning from each other will be key. Please come, and be prepared to have some fun!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Cribbage tournament will be held each Monday in February, the 27th, & March 6th at the Good Shepherd Church Hall at 1225 Sask. Ave East. The top two scores each week will advance to the playoff round. The playoff will be held Monday March 6th where prizes will be awarded for 1st to 4th place. Registration begins each night at 6:30 PM and games start at 7:00 PM sharp. Entry fee is \$ 10.00 per player, 10 each single player games will be held each night. 50% of each nights entry fees will be put towards the playoff prize money. A side tournament the night of the playoff will also be held with a 50% payout of the nights entry fee. Canteen will be available. For more info please contact Kevin Le Lievre at 204-239-6696.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - Saint Paul reminds us as baptized Christians, as those who have shared the Eucharist with one another, that we are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." We are not to define ourselves by our age, ethnicity, gender, social status, work, vocation or avocation. Our primary self-understanding should be that of servants and stewards of the Lord and all that has been entrusted to us. Can we accept this self-understanding? Do we find it encouraging.

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, there will be adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament starting at 6:00 pm, and Benediction at 6:45 pm**. Stations of the Cross will be led by various individuals of our parish, beginning at **7:00 pm**.

WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS - are available in the gathering area. As you may not be aware, these books come from the States. The cost has gone up because of the exchange rate. **If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, they will be \$2.50**. Thank you.

People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy!

HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

CHURCH EXTENSION VOTING AND PLEDGE RESULTS - This week we had 3 individual parishioners count the results of the Church design and pledge vote. The results are as follows: Out of 106 returns, 84 voted in favor of one of the 3 designs - (40 were in favor of Option #1, 24 for Option #2, 5 for Design #1, 15 were in favor of the extension, but offered no preference), and 22 were not in favor of the extension. In the coming weeks, a more detailed plan for Option #1 will be prepared and a Building Committee will be established. For the purpose of Fundraising, in addition to the funds and pledges in place, follow-up calls will be made to those who did not respond to the vote and pledge process to seek their commitment to the building project.

"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. Last years total collection was 880.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass. It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance. It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening. Recently, movements have developed that involve pastors distributing ashes to passersby in public places. This isn't considered taboo, but Catholics should know this practice is distinctly Protestant. Catholics should still receive ashes within the context of Mass. In some cases, ashes may be delivered by a priest or a family member to those who are sick or shut-in. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

WHY WE RECEIVE THE ASHES - Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession. **THE ASHES** - The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. 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.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 25th & 26th, 2017

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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, February 25th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of the Zettler & Phillippi Families by Bill & Florence Zettler
Sunday, February 26th	11:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Lloyd Maloney by the Family
Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 1st	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	All Souls in Purgatory by Jacklin Jackson
Thursday, March 2nd	2:00 pm	Douglas Campbell Lodge	†Mary Woychyshyn by Margaret & Audrey Peech
Thursday, March 2nd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Nick & †Mary Bachalo by the Family
Friday, March 3rd	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Edna Meilleur by Friends
Saturday, March 4th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions by Jacklin Jackson
Saturday, March 4th	1:00 pm	Good Shepherd	World Day of Prayer Service
1st Sunday of Lent Saturday, March 4th Sunday, March 5th	7:00 pm 11:00 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambroise	†Henry & †Elsie Zedan by the Family Health of Gisele Wegleitner by the Le Lievre Family †Myrtle & †Edmond Lavallee by John & Marlene Lavallee

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, March 4th

Greeters - Madeline Prova, Carolyn Roberts
Ushers - Bod Dionne, Raymond Smith, Karl & Jo-ann Voesenek
Gift Bearers - Bernadette Gnanapragasam, Zennia Semchyshyn
Lectors - Denise & Dana Payment
Eucharist Ministers - Rajah Regimon, Jane Hebert, Rosemary & Dave Barney, Lillian Huberdeau

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, March 5th

Greeters - Catechism Class
Ushers - Adrian Alinsod, Myla Alinsod, Dimple Alinsod, Fe Rodriguez
Gift Bearers - Catechism Class
Lectors - Gayly Reniedo, Michel Touchette
Eucharist Ministers - Garth Bullock, Arthur Rey, Pauline Calder, Neenu Shibu, Guy Gauthier, Gary van der Zweep, Kerry McGowan

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - PHILIPPINES - "Am I Being Unfair to You?" written by the World Day of

Prayer Committee of The Philippines. This is an international event that has been connecting people in a meaningful way for almost a century. Despite being planned years in advance, World Day Prayer services have a remarkable record for anticipating major events, like the refugee crisis (France 2013), the Arab Spring (Egypt 2014) and the winding down of the U.S. embargo against Cuba (Cuba 2016). The secret to this depth and insight is the women who plan and write each World Day of Prayer service. Too often, women have the most intimate experiences of armed conflict, violence, social injustice, and human rights violations. What might Canadians learn from women of the Philippines, a country on the front lines of

climate change, foreign mining and resources interests, a regional insurgency and social upheaval due to migration, who wrote the World Day of Prayer 2017? How will we answer the question, "Am I being unfair to you?" Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray, and celebrate in solidarity with the women of The Philippines through the World Day of Prayer. Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend the World Day of Prayer Service on **Saturday, March 4th, Good Shepherd Parish 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. In the Philippines, we greet everyone with the word, Mabuhay! (It is pronounced as "muh-BOO-hi"). This is a Tagalog (our national language) word that carries various meanings including "may you live", "cheers", "welcome", and "hurrah".



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