



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 January 27 & 28	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,330.65	\$ 3,860.00	- \$ 529.35	+ \$ 9.35



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

Sharing God's Gifts Collection January - \$ 1,324.00

FEBRUARY

4	Children's Liturgy	during mass
5	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm
7	Scripture Reflection	2:00 pm
8	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:30 pm
12	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm
13	Lions Prairie Mass	2:00 pm
14	Scripture Reflection	2:00 pm
14	Ash Wednesday	
15	Ministry of Hope	7:00 pm

Father Gerald will be away on holidays till February 9th.

SYNOD - A handout explaining the Archdiocesan Synod process is available in the gathering area. Our parish delegates - Tracy Maloney-Bullock, Ruth Mulligan, Michel Touchette - are seeking further feedback from parishioners before the next session. Please take this opportunity to have a say in the future direction of our diocese and parish. Please return feedback by Feb. 18 in writing to the basket in the gathering area or by email to ruthmul@mymts.net. Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES
are ready for pick up.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Cribbage tournament will be held each Monday in February, the 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, & March 5th 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 on 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.



The parish is looking for help in the Sound Technician Ministry for Saturday evening masses. There are 2 Sound Technician positions that need to be filled ASAP. If you regularly attend Saturday evening mass and are interested in being trained to run the Sound Board for a regular weekly Saturday mass, please contact the office to put your name in for the position, or please call Kevin Le Lievre at 239-6696 for more information, and or to ask any questions you may have. Thank you for considering this request.

Periodically the parish has construction or maintenance work requiring qualified trades people or businesses. In order to maintain a list of parishioners from Good Shepherd or nearby parishes interested in bidding on such work, please provide to the parish office in written format, the skill or business and contact information so that when the opportunity arises you or your company can be approached to participate in the tender process. The confidential list would be kept on file at the parish office and updated annually.



We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God **Josephine Burch** who was baptized in our parish community on Saturday, January 27th. May God grant her, her parents, family and godparents many blessings!

"Think of the love that God has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's own children; and that is what we are." —1 John 3:1



St. Mary's Annual Valentine Tea - will be held this year on Saturday, February 10th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Your congregation is cordially invited to come for tea and fellowship. See poster in kios.

A snowflake is winter's butterfly.

Lent and the Desert Experience

And at once the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert and he remained there for forty days, and was put to the test by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels looked after him (Mark 1:12-13).

The season of Lent is quickly approaching and these forty days leading up to Easter make up one of the most important times of the year for those who exercise good stewardship of their Catholic life of faith. It is more than just a time of giving up our favorite sweets or beverages; it is a time when we seek personal and communal renewal through our own "desert" experience so that we might welcome the risen Christ with joy on Easter Sunday.

Lent is inspired by those forty days Jesus spent in the desert prior to beginning his ministry. Interestingly, the Gospel of Mark reveals to us that immediately after John baptized him in the Jordan River, Jesus was driven by the Spirit into the desert to be tested by Satan. It was during this time of testing that Jesus' resolve and identity were called into question by Satan himself. But when Jesus emerged from the desert he began to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples (see Mark 1:14-20).

Lent gives us the opportunity to be led into the desert as well, allowing us to remain there for forty days, and challenging us to be tested. The in the sense of proving and purifying someone to determine readiness for the task at hand. The church provides some traditional guidelines for this Lenten testing: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. How we integrate these three guidelines into our "desert experience" is a personal decision. But let us remain mindful that the desert story of the Gospels is our story. Just as we followed Jesus into the waters of baptism, so must we follow him into the desert. The Gospel inspires us to believe that being tested in the desert is not something to shy away from, but rather to be embraced. Creating a desert experience for ourselves can lead to a profound renewal and restoration of our spiritual lives. Let us take advantage of this Lenten season to embrace a desert experience, and pray that we emerge from our personal desert prepared to proclaim the Gospel and become more devoted disciples of Christ Jesus.

Rekindling the Fire Within Parish Mission

St. Charles Parish Mission--For 3 evenings from Tuesday February, 6th - Thursday, February 8th from 7:00 -9:00 PM, will be having a parish mission presented by **Fr. Michel Nault, Fr. David Kowalski and Fr. Michael Wollbaum**. 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. **Tuesday evening will focus on the gift of faith; Wednesday evening will be on the gift of hope; Thursday evening will focus on the gift of love.** All evening sessions are from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the church. Please pray for the success of this special event. There is no charge for this event and no registration required.

This mission is also being offered in **St Theresa's Parish** Feb 20, 21 &22 (same time and format as above.)

Also being offered on March 13th at **St Francois Xavier**, March 14th at **St Eustache** and March 15th at **Blessed Sacrament in Elie**. (more information to follow)

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

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

5th Sunday In Ordinary Time Saturday, February 3rd Sunday, February 4th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	Celebration of the Word with Communion Celebration of the Word with Communion
6th Sunday In Ordinary Time Saturday, February 10th Sunday, February 11th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambroise	†J.D. & †Clara Carroll & †Eugene Peltier by Bill & Florence Zettler †Joe Soos by the Le Lievre Family †Mel St. Goddard by the Family

Friendly Reminders
Saturday, February 10th

Greeters - Mary Bolton, Denys Marion
Ushers - Karl & Jo-ann Voesenek
 Estelle Sinclair, Ron O'Neil
Gift Bearers - Pierre Huberdeau, Bob Dionne
Lectors - Rosemary Barney, Terry Giercke
Eucharist Ministers - Denise Payment, Tara Ryzner,
 Zennia Semchyshyn, Lynda Jones, Jane Hebert

Friendly Reminders
Sunday, February 11th

Greeters - Liz Kelly, Mary Hordeski
Ushers - Joan McCallister, Sharon Murkin
 Pauly Appah, Brenda Franke
Gift Bearers - Liz Kelly, Mary Hordeski
Lectors - Marie Hinagpis, Gayly Reniedo
Ministers - Gary van der Zweep, Elaine Harder,
 Mickey Cuthbert, Stan Lambert, Suzanne Borisenko,
 Joe & Marie Wermie

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - In today's Gospel we hear of a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father's redemptive love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ's redemptive healing?



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 starting February 16th.** 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.



PALMS - you can bring last year's palms to church, so these may be collected and burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday. There will be a basket in the gathering area for you to leave them.



St. Ambroise Church - Valentine Bake Sale Sunday February 11th, after Mass



There is no winter without snow, no spring without sunshine, and no happiness without companions.