



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 25 & 26	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,015.30	\$ 3,465.00	- \$ 449.70	- \$ 2,736.60

FEBRUARY

5	Children's Liturgy	during mass
6	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm
9	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:30 pm
13	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm
13	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
14	Happy Valentine's Day	
14	Lions Prairie Manor Mass	2:00 pm
16	Ministry of Hope	7:00 pm
20	Knights Cribbage Tournament	6:30 pm

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

NATHANAEL - Ernie & Patricia Gagnon will be attending the masses on the weekend of February 18th and 19th to give a short presentation about the Nathanael experience and to answer any questions that you may have after the masses.

Lord, Help Me to Pray, Winter Retreat for Women,

Men and Youth: Saturday, February 18th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (doors open at 8:30 am). St. Charles Church, 320 St. Charles Street. Cost is \$20.00 and includes lunch, snacks and beverages. Presenters are Deacon Ted Wood and Nancy Wood, Spiritual Directors and Retreat Leaders. For more information and registration call Anna 204-895-2420 or Fran 204-889-7348.

St. Mary's Annual Valentine Tea will be held this year on Saturday, February 18 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Your congregation is cordially invited to come for tea and fellowship.

New schedules are ready for pick up.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Cribbage

tournament will be held each Monday in February, the 6th, 13th, 20th, 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.

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS - Just a

reminder that the 2017 memberships (\$25.00) are now due. You can drop them off at the rectory or put them in the collection basket marked CWL. We would like these paid by February 15th, if possible. Bernadette Le Lievre, President (204-239-6696)

SCHOLARSHIP - A \$500.00 dollar scholarship for

 continuing education is being made available by the Catholic Women's League to a Catholic Student from Good Shepherd Parish (including St Ambrose) graduating from Grade 12 this year. The criteria will not be based solely on marks, it will also consider volunteerism in and out of the Parish and other criteria. If you would like an application and full criteria please call either Bernadette at 239-6696, Irene at 857-5015, or Joan 857-8092. Applications should be submitted by not later than May 30th to Catholic Women's League 114 Countess Ave. Portage la Prairie, Manitoba R1N - 0T2.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - if you have moved and

 changed your address could you let the office know. I will be working on the donation receipts. If you have moved I would like to have your correct address. Thanks, Bernadette



You're at the zoo, you have an ice-cream, how can you be unhappy?

HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

CHURCH EXPANSION - In addition to the \$450,000 cash that is available to us to secure a loan for one of the Church extension choices, we now have pledges in place for \$3500 per month. This will allow us to proceed towards this project based on a 7 year loan. If you have not yet participated in making a pledge and voting for one of the choices please do so as soon as possible.

LITURGY WORKSHOP - During February, I'd like to offer the first of two liturgy workshops. There were a dozen or so who signed up for the workshop. Knowing everyone's busy schedules, I'm offering one of two days. Either **Saturday, February 18th at 10:00 am**, or **Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm**. If you have signed up for this workshop, please call the office with your choice.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK - There will be morning mass at **11:00 am on Saturday, February 11th**. During the Mass I will offer the Sacrament of the Sick to all who would like to be anointed. While I am aware that we just celebrated the Sacrament in mid-December, it is an important day to gather to pray for all those who are sick. All are welcome.

HOSPITAL VISITS - In addition to the masses and prayer services we offer at the Church, I am grateful for the occasions to come to pray with parishioners at the hospital and offer them the Sacrament of the Sick. I am also thankful to our communion ministers who offer their services to visit both at the hospitals and at the care homes, or assisted living facilities here in Portage. They are good to let me know if someone has requested a visit. The staff at the hospital and the care homes are also very good to give us a call if you ask them or have a family member, with your permission, request a visit. In addition, with permission, I stay in contact with my brother priests when I have visited their parishioners to make sure that they are aware that I have seen them and if they require their presence. The list at the hospital may not always acknowledge your presence at the hospital. Privacy and Confidentiality are always of utmost importance. The PHIA (Personal Health Information Act) is always to be followed. If I have not been to visit you, the quickest way is to have someone contact the parish office.

BLESSING OF VEHICLES - Perhaps you've been in the parking lot of the Church and noticed a group of people near one of the vehicles with me wearing my vestments, or on a cold day, at least a stole. So what's up you may ask? I'm probably blessing a car! Really? Yes, we bless cars. There is also a **drivers pledge** to drive safely and cautiously. If you were to look at the index of the **Book of Blessings**...there are a number of different things we bless. Most of the time people may witness me bless articles following mass in the gathering space like a rosary or a crucifix, or a scapular...but over the years, I have been asked to bless a number of cars, suvs, trucks, and vans. For some reading these words, this is not a surprise, but for others who are very familiar with this practice, it is not unusual at all. Some more recently may have heard me request that you ask in advance of the weekend, so that I can perform this task prior to the mass if possible. The challenge following the mass is that if I'm not headed to St. Ambrose, I'd like to spend some time visiting with people following the weekend liturgies. Please know that I am also available to following weekdays masses if you simply let me know in advance.

Some of you might suggest that I bless my own car given some of the car troubles I've had at times. Actually I have...more than a few times. Years ago...a brother priest, who was a seminarian at the time...was concerned for the car that I was driving at the time. I think he saw some blue smoke coming out of the tailpipe! Well, much to my surprise, he met me in the parking lot with a Ritual for Christian Burial! It was his thought that my car, which served me well in my time of formation...required the **Last Rites**. While he intended this gesture to be funny, I can't say I was that amused when I saw the book. He meant well. He even spoke of the event following my priestly ordination when he gave me a **roast...I mean toast** at a lunch on the following day.

Over the years, I have driven many miles for ministry. I have been very fortunate overall to arrive at my destination safely. If I have faced any obstacles, the ditch included, I have received support and assistance along the way. And a blessing or two hasn't hurt either.

5th Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 4th & 5th, 2017

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, February 4th	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	Special Intentions by Jacklin Jackson †J.D. & †Clara Carroll & †Eugene Peltier by Bill & Florence Zettler
Sunday, February 5th	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd St. Ambroise	†Alfred Ammeter by the Lupkowski Family †Robert & †Edward Flamand by Leona & Marcel Flamand
Wednesday, February 8th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Joe Soos by the Family
Thursday, February 9th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	All Souls in Purgatory by Jacklin Jackson
Friday, February 10th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intention by a Parish Family
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, February 11th	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	For all Parishioners †George & †Florence O'Neil by Ron & Shirley O'Neil
Sunday, February 12th	11:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Alvin Lupkowski by the Lupkowski Family

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, February 11th

Greeters - Helena Kot & Estelle Sinclair
Ushers - Karl & Jo-ann Voeselek,
 Bob Dionne, Andy Loucks
Gift Bearers - Gerald & Alice Roy
Lectors - Rick Ryzner, Terry Giercke
Eucharist Ministers - Jane Hebert, Rachael Murray,
 Lillian Huberdeau, Anita Kowerchuk, Linda Leafloor

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, February 12th

Greeters - Linda Podruchny, Mary Kohut
Ushers - Karen McLeod, Brenda Franke,
 Monique Laramée, Irene Souque-Hewitt
Gift Bearers - Linda Podruchny, Mary Kohut
Lectors - Bernadette Le Lievre, Ruth Mulligan
Eucharist Ministers - Suzanne Borisenko, Arthur Rey,
 Guy & Sylvia Gauthier, Garth Bullock, Pauline Calder,
 Kerry McGowan

SATURDAY MORNING MASS - first Saturday of every month, mass we be at 9:00 am in the morning.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - In this weekend's readings and psalm, the prevailing theme is that of light: We are the light of the world; our light breaks forth like the dawn; our light shines in the darkness; our light reflects generosity and justice. Good stewards know they are the lamp, and Christ is the flame that, through them, illuminates the earth. They know that they carry Christ's light in their hearts, and let it shine through their words and deeds. What are we doing to shine Christ's light on the hungry, the homeless and others most in need of God's mercy? How do we exercise good stewardship over the light of Christ that burns within each of us?



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 - The Holy Father Pope Francis invites our youth and young adults to a worldwide celebration of the Church. The next World Youth Day will be held in Panama from January 22 to 27, 2019. Information sessions to be held soon. If you are 18 to 40 years of age by the time of departure (January 2019), this invitation is especially for you! For any questions, please contact the OYYAM at (204) 452-2227 ext. 228 or through e-mail at youth@archwinnipeg.ca.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - The Archbishop is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. John Nicholson as the Director of Our Annual Appeal, "Sharing God's Gifts" for 2017. John comes to us with experience as a Portfolio Manager at National Bank Financial (1996-2016) and as a Parliamentary Assistant to a Member of Parliament (1990-1996). John and his family are parishioners of Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church in Winnipeg.

SYRIAN FAMILY - are looking for a meat grinder and a food processor for making hummus. If you have one of these items, please contact Bernadette at the office.

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