



## Walking Together in God's Embrace

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

Collection January 5 & 6	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,300.10			

### Sharing God's Gifts

2018 Target Amount	Collected As of December 30th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 24,339.25	+ \$ 5,129.25



Special thanks to everyone who contributed to sharing God's Gifts.



**BUILDING FUND COLLECTION** - will be the second collection on **January 19 & 20**.

### JANUARY

16	M.D.C. Mass @ Westgrove Cafeteria ( note - time and place change)	1:30 pm
16	Scripture Reflection	1:00 pm
17	Ministry of Hope	7:00 pm
19	R.C.I.A	1:00 - 4:30 pm
23	Scripture Reflection	1:00 pm
26	El Shaddai	4:00 pm
28	Blood Donor Clinic @ Canad Inn - Ball Room	3:00 - 8:00 pm



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.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES** - are ready for pick up.

*Through sleepless nights of mulling over who I was and if my passions were worth what I had invested in them, I realized that I don't need anyone's permission to be proud of myself. In fact, life would be pretty miserable if I went around asking everyone for permission to value myself.*

**ENVELOPES** - please remember to pick up your 2019 box of donation envelopes at the back of the church. If you would like to help our parish with the expense of this years Offering Envelopes, your contribution of \$5:00 to \$10:00 would greatly be appreciated. This envelope is in your set and it has the burgundy design on it.



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** - if you have moved and changed your address could you please put your new address on your new set of envelopes or let the office know. I will be working on the receipts in the next couple of weeks and I would like to have your correct address. If you have any questions, please give me a call at the office. Thanks, Bernadette



**PRAIRIE WELCOME HOUSE** - A great thank you to all who have supported Prairie Welcome House over the last year. Christmas was abundant in sweets but now just need a few supplies: Sugar, ice tea or juices, rolls of paper towels and few boxes of Kleenex. Happy New Year and the guests at Prairie Welcome House are grateful for your generosity. Thanks

**Prairie Pregnancy Support Centre** is offering volunteer training for anyone wishing to be involved in this ministry to individuals facing pregnancy-related decisions. **January 21st-26th**. For more information contact Mary at either [mary@prairiepregnancy.ca](mailto:mary@prairiepregnancy.ca) or 204-240-4357.

## Living the Catholic Life

FULLNESS OF PURPOSE

with Ken Yasinisk

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elie

**February 10 & 11 at 7:00 pm**

Join us for one of our Fullness of Purpose events. Be empowered to become the person God created you to be. It is Catholicism in everyday simple language, making relevant the timeless truths of our faith.

## Baptism of the Lord - January 12th & 13th, 2019

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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD** - The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us. At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate. In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child. Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him. The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification', Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One per excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. *'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men'* (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ. The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation. (Gen 1:2) Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. **'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners.'**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** - In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor. Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?



**ENCOUNTER THE LORD EACH DAY** - Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

Celebration



**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION SESSIONS** - We have resumed our scripture reflection sessions on Wednesday. The afternoon session is at 1:00 pm. In addition to reading the scriptures for the coming Sunday, we use a commentary from "Celebrations" liturgy publication to assist our discussion. All are welcome.

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

<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Saturday, January 12th Sunday, January 13th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Betty Conrad by Dave & Rosemary Barney †Crystal Carpenter by Dad & Family
<b>Wednesday , January 16</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>M.D.C.</b>	For Deacon Rick Ryzner by the Bullock Family
Thursday, January 17th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Shirley O'Neil by Enda & Rachael Murray
Friday, January 18th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	For the Bullock Family by Friends
<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, January 12th Sunday, January 13th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Mary Margaret Naval by Bill & Florence Zettler †George & †Louis Kelemen by Julia & Family

### *Friendly Reminders*

#### Saturday, January 19th

**Greeters** - Irma Gobert, Amanda Pangman  
**Ushers** - Karl & Jo-ann Voesenek  
 Mary Bolton, Bob Dionne  
**Gift Bearers** - Voesenek Family  
**Lectors** - Dave & Rosemary Barney  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Tara Ryzner, Ron O'Neil,  
 Denise Payment, Zennia Semchyshyn, Lynda Jones

### *Friendly Reminders*

#### Sunday, January 20th

**Greeters** - Marilyn Spence, Joan Dufresne  
**Ushers** - Michel Dufault, Richard Fraser  
 Bill & Elaine Vint  
**Gift Bearers** - Garcia Family  
**Lectors** - Michel Touchette, Emma Gobin  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Gary & Dawn Lernowicz, Mickey Cuthbert,  
 Sinto Sebastian, Evaristo Garcia, Elaine Hader, Karen McLeod



R.C.I.A.

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Adults

**R.C.I.A.** - Good news everyone, R.C.I.A. will begin on **Saturday, January, 19<sup>th</sup>** 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the church. We will meet every second Saturday afternoon. Your team this year is Marion Taylor, Father Gerald and Tracy Maloney-Bullock. If anyone is interested please call Tracy Maloney-Bullock at [204-243-2062](tel:204-243-2062) or [tracymbullock@gmail.com](mailto:tracymbullock@gmail.com). or call the parish office at [204-857-5172](tel:204-857-5172). We ask all parishioners to keep the inquirers and the team in your prayers.



**SALVATION ARMY** - Special Food For the Beloved Ones of Christ. The food bank is a critical link between food & people. It provides over 3,240 meals a year to families in our local community. Your kind donations can help with the goal of putting an end to hunger. **We are trying something different for the collection of food items.** Every Saturday & Sunday Mass during the month we will collect one specific food item. **During January we will collect Canned Fruit.** Thank you to everyone who made donations to the Christmas Hampers.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** - From January 18 – 25, will we celebrate the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity here in Winnipeg. The theme for 2019 is ***"Justice and only justice you shall pursue"*** (Deuteronomy 16:20a). **A City-wide Ecumenical Worship Celebration will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at The Salvation Army Heritage Park Temple, 825 School Road, Winnipeg.** All are cordially invited to this celebration.



**Pre-Authorized Debit Plan** - Sign up now to make your contributions to the running of our parish more convenient and reliable using pre-authorized debit! We currently have 95 families enrolled in our parish pre-authorized debit plan, who contribute to our General Funds, Building Fund, Prairie Welcome House and Sharing God's Gifts, contributing \$ 6,675.00/monthly. When you contribute through the Pre-authorized Debit Plan, the better the Parish is able to manage the monthly expenditures and any funding for special projects during the year. Please consider enrolling in our Parish's Pre-authorized Debit Plan by contacting Bernadette at the Parish Office.

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