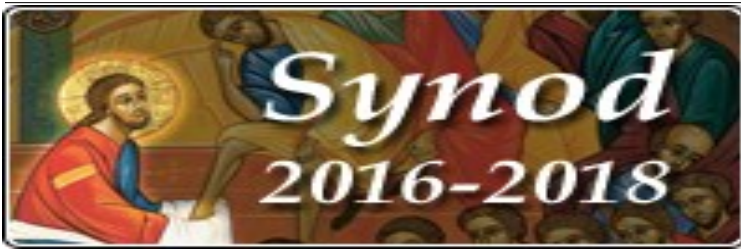


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You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

Collection January 13 & 14	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,963.00	\$ 3,860.00	+ \$ 103.00	+ \$ 508.00



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION - will be the second collection on **January 20th & 21st.**

JANUARY

21	Community Breakfast after Mass	
24	Scripture Reflection	2:00 pm
25	Knights of Columbus Social Evening After Mass	
29	Blood Donor Clinic	3:00 - 8:00 pm
@ Canad Inn		



COMMUNITY PARISH BREAKFAST - will be Sunday, **January 21st after mass**, in the parish hall, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Menu will include **scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, baked beans, baked ham & buns.** Suggested donation of \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 for family of 4 or more. Funds raised will go towards the building project. Everyone is invited! Please come and join us.



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.



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 Monday Mar 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.



TUBING & PIZZA PARTY FOR CATECHISM

- We have been given a gift from a parishioner of a pizza party and tubing at Rogers Hill. This will take place on **Monday January 22nd - (note, change of date)** from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. I understand that it is a school night but the weather is supposed to be nice and will be a lot of fun even if you can only come for an hour or two. There is a sign up sheet in the greeting area for those that want to come and it would be great if we could arrange some car pooling as well.



CATECHIST OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Thank you to all those who have already helped to gather and create materials for the atrium; Richard Fraser for creating many materials out of wood, Don Giercke for making our roll away shelf, Donna Gervais for doing some sewing for us, and all those who have donated materials and or money. Your generosity is much appreciated. we continue to work in the atrium, we continue to need some additional materials. **If you have anything from the list below that may help us, please put them in the collection box under the counter leading to the parish hall.** The following items we are still looking for : baskets - small or medium, small set of cruets, tiny set of cruets, bowl and pitcher, mini watering can, fake flowers, real plant which is fairly hearty and has large leaves, wheat seeds, wine (the suggestion is if someone makes wine and they have a batch that didn't turn out, it could be used in the atrium) purpose of it is for the children to learn to prepare the chalice. It is recommended to use real wine because of the scent, white face cloths and child sized wooden spoon. We are planning to have an "Open House" of the atrium at a later date. Please watch in the bulletin for more information. Monique & Marilyn

LITURGY & LIFE by Michael Dougherty - My wife, Eva, and I often have reflected that when looking forward we have always had a difficult time discerning the direction we should go. However, when we look back over our lives, the path we have chosen in retrospect seems clear and consistent with a purposeful design perceptible. The psalmist prays, "Make me know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths." This should be our daily prayer as well. It calls us to critically reflect on our lives and the challenges we continually confront.

A rare few individuals we have known seem to have received a life call so clear that they stepped unhesitatingly into their futures and follow what seemed to be a preordained path. In Mark's Gospel we see Simon, Andrew, James and John immediately leaving their nets and abandoning their lives as ordinary fishermen to follow Jesus. He called them on that fateful day on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and they joined him on a world-changing but difficult path. Had they known him before? Had they heard him preach? Would they have so readily followed if they had known what was in store?

Maybe we shouldn't see their experience as that unusual. When we come to think of it aren't we all called constantly, at every stage of our lives, in subtle and dramatic ways, to reflect on our lives and to choose different directions or make a life-altering changes? The thing that is different is that the apostles in this reading responded to their call. How often do we close our ears and minds to our calls and even fear the implications of truly knowing the ways of the Lord. "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" The prophet Jonah's words provoked an immediate reaction. A people repented and God spared them.

Don't think of the story of Nineveh and the calamity they were threatened with when Jonah proclaimed God's word in their midst as being meant for them alone. We certainly as a collective global community have fundamentally strayed from God's path. The signs are all about us: war, pestilence, ecological collapse being among the indicators. In the face of myriad signals of looming judgement do we believe we really don't have to change; that we have no need for sackcloth now?

There are multitudinous intermeshing factors tied together by our greed-based economic system that threaten all of us with ultimate destruction. Take, for example, the result of over 300 million tonnes of plastics being produced each year with the vast majority not recycled after first use. In one study reported in the July 2017 edition of Scientific Advances ("Production, use, and fate of all plastics ever made" by Roland Geyer et al): "8,300 million metric tons (Mt) of virgin plastics have been produced to date." One consequence of this is that micro-plastics caused by the breaking down of this industrial product can now be found in the drinking water supplies of all major North American cities. We just don't know what the impact will be of all this material pouring out of our taps and into our bodies. Nor what happens from the human consumption of many animal and marine foods similarly exposed.

We hear occasionally of the huge ocean-borne mats of this human detritus. I saw some troubling pictures of sea-borne waste resulting from hurricanes Irma and Martha a few months ago in the Caribbean. But hidden below the surface of apparently pristine harbours all along our coasts out of public sight, investigators find vast underwater dumpsites. On and on the story goes, right around our planet. What would Jonah say? Should we don our contemporary sackcloth and desperately attempt to make amends? Or do we just go on ignoring the signs around us and await our judgement in "forty days."

As I write this I am travelling up the Alaska Highway toward Whitehorse, Yukon, by bus. Surrounded by the immensity of the northern British Columbian wilderness and soon to be embraced by the remote grandeur of the terminal range of the Rockies, it might be hard to believe the hard facts of a world spiraling toward disaster. Our recent weather extremes in part due to a climate change destabilized polar vortex might serve to remind us of our common vulnerability.

Paul tells the Corinthians that, "the appointed time has grown short . . . For the present form of this world is passing away." In the middle of the first century early followers of Jesus believed his imminent return, the parousia, would occur in their lifetimes. As Christianity developed the faithful always held on to this belief. Every generation holds out hope for the Second Coming. Does ours? Doing so implies that we, as Christians, live accordingly. Do we understand that this world, the world we have become comfortable in, is passing away? What will replace it? Will it be a just, equitable, non-violent and environmentally sustainable planet for our descendants? Or will selfishness, greed, and willful blindness to the wounds we are causing to the life-sustaining systems protecting us all spell our future collective demise? Whom do we follow? What path do we chose? No one of us bears this impossible burden alone. But we all have our roles to play in fashioning the long dreamed of New Jerusalem. *Dougherty is co-chair of the Social Justice Committee at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Whitehorse, Yukon.*

Article from the Prairie Messenger. The Prairie Messenger's last issue of 2017 rolls off the press. The monks of St. Peter's Abbey have been publishing a paper since 1904, but will cease operations in May 2018.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20th & 21st, 2018

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

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Saturday, January 20th Sunday, January 21st	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambroise	✠Father Renato Pasinato by Portage Nathanielites ✠Louis & ✠George Kelemen by Julia & Family ✠Edna Meillieur by the Family
Wednesday, January 24th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Jeannette Houle by the Bullock Family
Thursday, January 25th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Yolande Thomas by the Knights of Columbus
Friday, January 26th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	1st Wedding Anniversary of Mathew James & Neethu Jose
4th Sunday In Ordinary Time Saturday, January 27th Sunday, January 28th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	✠Frank & ✠Sophie Ryzner by the Family ✠Randy St. Goddard by Fred & Irene Beamer and St. Goddard Family

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, January 27th


Greeters - Irma Gobert, Louis Lasson
Ushers - Zennia Semchyshyn, Mary Bolton
 Ron & Shirley O'Neil
Gift Bearers - Zettler Family
Lectors - Rosemary Barney, Rachael Murray
Eucharist Ministers - Bernadette Gnanapragasam,
 Audree Peech, Jane Hebert, Anita Kowerchuk,
 Donna Rey


Friendly Reminders


Sunday, January 28th

Greeters - Armand Tanguay, Richard Paster Shank
Ushers - Appah Family
Gift Bearers - Lubkiwski Family
Lectors - Emma Gobin, Ruth Deegan
Eucharist Ministers - Rose Marie Neault,
 Kim Dengate, Karen McLeod, Garth Bullock,
 Evatisto Garcia, Sinto Sebastian, Paulyne Appah

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Jonah's warning that the unfaithful city of Nineveh will be destroyed in 40 days inspired the people to repent. God saw this and spared the city. Today our conflicts have again brought us to the brink of destruction. The specter of nuclear holocaust leers from the horizon. And yet, the Nobel Peace Prize for Peace was awarded in October 2017 to the International Campaign To Abolish Nuclear Weapons. It is time for us to profess our believe in God and put on spiritual sackcloth — and yet to remember there is always room for hope. **From Deacon Dick Folger**

 **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION SESSIONS** - We have resumed our scripture reflection sessions on **Wednesday** afternoons at 2:00 pm. In addition to reading the scriptures for the coming Sunday, we make use of a commentary on the readings to offer additional insight to our discussions. Last a Wednesday, there were 10 in attendance. 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.

 **CHANGE OF ADDRESS** - if your address has changed could you let the office know. I will be working on the receipts in the next couple of weeks and would like to have your correct address. Thanks, Bernadette

 **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 \$ 6,731.00/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.

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