

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time - January 20th & 21st, 2024

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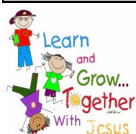
Collection As of Jan 4 & 11	Collections Required For 2 Weeks	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 4,398.000	\$ 7,450.00	- \$3052.00	- \$ 3,052.00



**FATHER MICHAEL WILL BE ON HOLIDAYS** - till February 23rd. Father Gerry Ward will be covering. There will be no weekday masses. Office will be open.



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** - It's cake time!!! We would love to celebrate your birthday with you! We will have birthday cake in our parish hall on the **4th** Sunday of every month. Please come and join us to celebrate with those who had a birthday in this month.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** - is an opportunity for children to gather during the celebration of Mass to hear God's word proclaimed at their level of understanding and reflect on the Word in their own way.

This is not catechesis (religious instruction) or babysitting. This is liturgy and prayer for the children. It is an experience of prayer, of dialogue with God at their level. This is for children between the ages of 4-12 (approx.). This opportunity for the children will be on **2nd & 4th Sundays** of the month.



We welcome you to join us as we launch Good Shepherd Youth Group on **Sunday,**

**January 28th** in the Parish Hall from **1 to 3 pm.** The Youth Group will be for youth ages 12-15. The afternoon will be time for games, learning more about the faith, and building community among the parish's young people. This youth group will be held Bi-Weekly, so every other week but more details of dates will come shortly. Parents and Guardians, please register your youth with registration papers in the gathering space. If you are 16 and older and want a way to participate in youth group as a volunteer, there are registration papers for volunteers under 18 as well! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me. God Bless. emmabullock452@gmail.com



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



**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. **Starting February 16th** and each Friday evening of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be led by various individuals of our parish, beginning at **7:00 pm.** All parishioners are encouraged to attend this special Lenten devotion. **If anyone is interested in leading the stations, please contact the office at 207-857-5172 or Terry Giercke at 204-857-5538**



**2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - The annual

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated in many places around the world from **January 18 - 25.** Theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), chosen by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso ( Burkina Faso is located in West Africa in the Sahel region, which includes the neighboring countries of Mali and Niger ) with the facilitation of the local *Chemin Neuf* Community (CCN), is **"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself"**. Based on Luke 10:27, the international theme calls Christians to act like Christ in loving like the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of their religious, ethnic, or social identity. "It is not shared identities that should prompt us to come to the aid of the other, but love of our neighbor". However, the vision of love of neighbor that Jesus puts before us is under strain in the world today. ... It is by learning to love one another regardless of our differences that Christians can become neighbors like the Samaritan in the Gospel."



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** - if you have moved

and changed your address could you please let the office know. I will be working on the charity 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



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<b>4th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, January 27th Sunday, January 28th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Leoncia Maranan, †Gregorio Maranan, & †Lorenza Ramilo by Marilyn & Richard Fraser Wedding Anniversary For Mathew & Neethu
<b>5th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, February 3rd Sunday, February 4th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Frank & †Sophie Ryzner by The Family †Raoel & †Alice Ducharme, †Walter & †Rita Leclerc by Juliette & Ernest Leclerc
<b>6th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, February 10th Sunday, February 11th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Madelene Provo by Dave & Rosemary Barney †Louis, †Julia, †George & †Janet Kelemen by The Family
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> February 14th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For All Parishioners
<b>1st Sunday Of Lent</b> Saturday, February 17th Sunday, February 18th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	1st Birthday Wishes For Jenita Shince by The Family †Gene Hutlet by The Bullock Family



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - EXPLORING THE WORD - Caught in a bigger net -**

I'm not going to pretend that I know a thing about fishing. But I do know a thing or two about casting nets and being caught in them. And isn't being caught how each of us discovers our vocation? And isn't casting the net the most biblical understanding of the work of evangelization? Like many who discern a vocation in the ways of the church, I was caught in the big net early, at the age of 7. I didn't have a name for the experience yet, but God and the things of God held my attention the way nothing else could. I think most people repeat that story about their vocations, whether their primary call is parenting, drawing, teaching, or big-rig operating. I know a very shy man who trained to be an interpreter and had a profound gift for languages. He didn't find his true vocation, though, until he ran off and literally joined the circus. He went around the world in the spotlight as the ringmaster, shouting, "Lay-dees and gentlemen!" in 15 languages. For him, it was bliss. When we are caught up in the net of true vocation, we just know it. It's not something that we choose so much as it chooses us. We don't usually struggle in this net for very long. It's almost like a bassinet, a safe environment where we are free to grow and love and learn. Those who are fortunate enough to be able to discern and surrender to vocation live a life that "clicks." Even hardships don't seem so hard when you are lifted up in this sacred net. But to receive our true vocation we have to surrender any false image of ourselves we may have picked up along the way. Simon and Andrew, James and John were simply fulfilling expectations at the shore of the sea. They were doing what their fathers did, what they were supposed to do according to their culture. When Jesus invited them to follow him, they had to drop their fishing nets to do it. That sounds easy; it probably wasn't. They'd held those nets a long time. Their days were defined by them: casting them out, hauling them in, cleaning and mending them, to start again the next day and the next. Dropping those nets was really about dropping everything: security, the past, their old identities and life plans and goals. Jesus promised them other nets, bigger ones. So they went. God always casts the bigger net. That is how the evil city Nineveh was caught, and how the prophet Jonah himself was caught. In this gracious net you and I were gently caught. Isn't love sometimes called the "tender trap"? – *Alice Camille*

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