

Collection January 19 & 20	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 2,411.92			

Sharing God's Gifts

Target Amount	Collected As of January 20th	Year to Date + / -
	\$ 1,099.00	



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - will be the second collection on **February 2nd & 3rd.**

JANUARY

26	El Shaddai	3:00 pm
28	Blood Donor Clinic	3:00 - 8:00 pm
	@ Canad Inn - Ball Room	
30	Scripture Reflection	1:00 pm

FEBRUARY

3	Children's Liturgy	during mass
6	Scripture Reflection	1:00 pm
7	Douglas Campbell Lodge Service	2:00 pm
9	El Shaddai	3:00 pm
12	Lions Prairie Mass	2:00 pm
13	Scripture Reflection	1:00 pm
13	Parish Pastoral Meeting	7:00 pm

MINISTRY SCHEDULES - are ready for pick up.



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.



WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS for the month of **February** booklets are available in the gathering area. If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, the cost of these books are \$2.50 each. Please give as it help to cover our costs.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS -

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Cathy Lenting, John Swidnicki & Glenn Reichert, who passed away. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

*"Not all of us can do great things.
 But we can do small things with great love."
 Mother Teresa*



Walking Together in God's Embrace

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



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



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.

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.



BLOOD DONOR CLINIC -

please help us "Make a Miracle" by giving someone the best gift they may ever receive, for them and their families.

5 blood donors may be needed to help 1 heart surgery patient. You can help by donating and encouraging others to donate at the following clinic at **Canad Inn** on **January 28th, 3:00 - 8:00 pm.** Thanks to all of you for saving lives with your donation of blood. Your efforts have helped us to make a huge difference in the lives of patients in area hospitals.

Salvation Army

DID YOU KNOW....

- **Food bank is every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.
- **Food donations can be dropped off Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 to 4:00.
- **Families are allowed to come every 2 months (8 weeks) for food hampers.
- **Each week 70 plus families receive food hampers.
- **This does not include the emergency situations. Just this week there were 5 emergencies.
- **An extra-large family is considered 10 or more people.
- **Family sizes are: small (1-2), medium (3-5), and large (6-9).
- **An extra-large family would receive: 4 cans of soup, 4 loaves of bread (if available), 3 canned meat, 3 canned fruit, 3 canned vegetable, bag of rice (if available), bag of oatmeal (if available), 2 frozen items (if available).

*Volunteers are needed for the following jobs:

1. Intake – register individuals for food bank on the computer;
2. Personal shoppers – you accompany the people and go to different stations to collect their items for the food bank;
3. Driver to pick up donations;
4. Food need to be sorted and put on shelves;
5. General cleaning – floors, kitchen, and bathrooms;
6. Maintenance and repair including helping to set up and take down tables & chairs when needed.

If this is something that you might be interested in doing, please contact 204-239-7213.



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. Next month we will be collecting cereal.** Here is a list of items and for what month we will be collecting them. **Thank you very much for your generosity.**

January	Canned Fruit
February	Cold Cereal
March	Canned Vegetables
April	Canned Meat
May	Oatmeal
June	Dry Pasta and Canned Sauce
July	Rice, Mr. Noodles
August	Peanut Butter & Jam
September	Cold Cereal
October	Canned Fruit / puddings
November	Canned Vegetables
December	Canned Meat



MOTHER TERESA - is well-known throughout the world for her humanitarian work — she aided poor people no matter their illness, religion or culture. Born in 1910 in Yugoslavia, she lived most of her life in India, then passed on in 1997. Mother Teresa was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1985, and posthumously, Pope Francis officially declared her as a saint in 2016. Mother Teresa helped people so poor and ill that most others avoided them. She created rehabilitation homes for lepers, and rescued homeless people dying in the streets and gave them hospice shelter and love during their deaths. While Mother Teresa helped anyone in need regardless of their condition, religion or culture, and her strong devotion to Jesus Christ motivated her work. She once said, "The work is only a means to put our love for Christ into action... to work for the poorest of the poor. So, my vocation was a continuation of belonging to Christ and being only His." **Jesus is the Light, Jesus is the Truth, Jesus is the Life. We too must be: the Light of Charity, the Truth of Humility the Life of Sanctity.**

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, January 26th Sunday, January 27th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	Special Intentions for Mathew & Neethu ✠Jeanne Renard by the Bullock Family
Wednesday, January 30th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Theresa Galauran-Ilgan by Health Care Filipino Friends of Portage
Thursday, January 31st	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Betty Conrad by Friends
Friday, February 1st	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Madelaine Laurin by Enda & Rachael Murray
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, February 2nd Sunday, February 3rd	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	Health of Father Chris Soeterboek ✠Joe Soos by Bernadette, Kevin, Brittany & Sara ✠Carl St. Goddard by the Family

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, February 2nd

Greeters - Cliff & Loreen Lafreniere
Ushers - Ron O'Neil, Mary Bolton
 Norbert & Donna Rey
Gift Bearers - Ron O'Neil, Pierre Huberdeau
Lectors - Jane Hebert, Jim Ross
Eucharist Ministers - Helena Kot, Denise Payment,
 Doris Nichol, Jacklin Jackson, Audree Peech

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, February 3rd

Greeters - Catechism
Ushers - Dawson Lernowicz, Evaristo Garacia,
 Jo Laurans, Armand Tanguay
Gift Bearers - Catechism
Lectors - Tracy Maloney-Bullock, Kim Dengate
Eucharist Ministers - Irv Wegleitner, Gary van der Zweep,
 Neenu Shibu, Lidia Garcia de Garcia, Stan Lambert,
 Margaret Whiteley, Pauly Appah

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke offers us the first words of Jesus as he begins his public ministry. The words reflect his understanding of his Spirit-anointed mission. His words are his "Mission Statement." Good stewards rejoice in being followers of Jesus. They realize that Jesus' commission is their commission as well. They embrace it and adopt it as their own. We, too, have "glad tidings" to bring to a suffering world. This year, how will we fulfill Christ's commission in the world in which he has placed us, using the gifts he has entrusted to us?

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.



If you would like Father Gerald to visit a family member at the hospital, please call the office to let us know. **Please note that there is no longer a list kept at the hospital**, due to confidentiality, so if you do not inform us, Father will not know to come. There are occasions where he may be at the hospital where he comes across family members who request a spontaneous visit, but it would be best to let him know of your request through the office (204-857-5172).



PORTAGE FAMILY ABUSE PREVENTION CENTRE - We are currently in need of the following: gently used washable blankets and quilts, bath towels, face cloths, and new pillows. Another item is baby monitors. Schrader encourages anyone who has any gently used items to contact them at (204) 239-5234 to set something up with the staff. Schrader extends her thanks to those in the community, and those throughout the region, who donated over the holidays, and in the past. Executive Director Joyce Schrader.

