



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 20 & 21	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,890.70	\$ 3,860.00	+ \$ 30.70	+ \$ 538.70



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - will be the second collection on **February 3rd & 4th.**

JANUARY

29 Blood Donor Clinic 3:00 - 8:00 pm
@ Canad Inn

31 Scripture Reflection 2:00 pm

FEBRUARY

1 Douglas Campbell Lodge Service 2:00 pm

4 Children's Liturgy during mass

5 Knights Cribbage Tournament 6:30 pm

7 Scripture Reflection 2:00 pm

8 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 pm

12 Knights Cribbage Tournament 6:30 pm

13 Lions Prairie Mass 2:00 pm

14 Ash Wednesday

Father Gerald will be away on holidays from January 30th to February 9th.



"Wishing Garry Lernowicz a Happy 60th Birthday!! May you continue to live life to the fullest, in good spirits, good health, and good times. May you continue to be filled with many blessings!"



We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God **Gabriel Munoz** who was baptized in our parish community on Sunday, January 21st. May God grant him, his parents, family and godparents many blessings!

"Think of the love that God has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's own children; and that is what we are." —1 John 3:1

MINISTRY SCHEDULES - are ready for pick up.



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 on 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.



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



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.

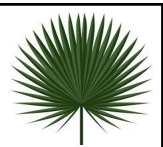
GOD DOESN'T GET ANGRY*Our actions have consequences, but God never becomes angry*

There's a haunting text in the *Book of Revelation* where poetic image, for all its beauty, can be dangerously misleading. The author there writes: "So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and cut the earth's vintage. He threw it into the great winepress of God's fury." A fierce angel cleansing the world! God in a boiling anger! What's to be understood by that? Like so many other things in Scripture, this is to be taken seriously, but not literally. Clearly the text, as other texts in Scripture that speak of God's jealousy, anger and vengeance, has something important to teach, but, like those other texts which have God jealous and angry, it can be dangerously misunderstood. What it *doesn't* teach is that God gets angry, that God is sometimes furious with us, and that God wreaks havoc on the planet because of sin. What it *does* teach is that the chickens always come home to roost, that our actions have consequences, that sin wreaks havoc on the planet and on our own souls, driving us to anger, self-hatred and lack of self-forgiveness, and that this feels as if God is angry and punishing us. God doesn't get angry, pure and simple. God is not a creature, another existent among others, a being like us. God's ways are not our ways. This has been affirmed from Isaiah through 2,000 years of Christian tradition. We cannot project our way of being, thinking, and loving unto God. And nowhere is this truer than when we imagine God as getting angry. Mercy, love, and forgiveness are not attributes of God, as they are for us. They constitute God's nature. God doesn't get angry like we do. Scripture and Christian tradition do, of course, speak of God as getting angry, but that, as Christian theology clearly teaches, is anthropomorphism, that is, it is a projection of human thought and feeling unto God. In saying things such as God is angry with us or God is punishing us for our sins, we are not, in essence, saying how God feels about us, but rather how we, at that moment, feel about God and how we feel about ourselves and our own actions. For example, when St. Paul tells us that when we sin, we feel "the wrath of God," he is not telling us that God gets angry with us when we sin. Rather, we get angry with ourselves when we sin. The concept of God's wrath is a metaphor, illustrated, for example, by a hangover: if someone is immoderate in his or her use of alcohol, God doesn't get displeased and give that person a headache. The wrath issues from the act itself: excessive alcohol dehydrates the brain, causing a headache. The pain is not from God, though it feels like divine punishment, like God's fury at our irresponsibility. But this is a projection on our part, anthropomorphism. We flatter ourselves, and do God no favors, when we say that we offend God and that God gets angry with us. God is not just the ground of our being, our Creator, the Unmoved Mover. God is too a person who loves us individually and passionately, and so it is natural to imagine that God sometimes gets angry, natural to project our own limits unto God. But God's love and mercy infinitely dwarf our own thoughts and feelings and limited capacities to actualize love in our lives. Imagine, for example, a loving grandparent picking up his or her newborn grandchild: Is there anything the newborn can do to offend that grandparent? God's maturity, understanding, and love infinitely dwarf that of any grandparent. How is God to be offended? Yet, still, isn't the language of God's anger a vital part of our tradition, our scriptures, our prayers, our psalms, and our liturgy? They all speak of us as offending God and as God getting angry. Are these simply to be written off? No. They teach an important truth, even as they must be called for what they are, anthropomorphisms. They are meant to challenge the soul the way indigestion challenges the body. God doesn't punish us for eating the wrong things or for overeating. Our own biology does and, in doing so, it sends us a nasty signal that we've been doing something wrong. Metaphorically speaking, indigestion comes at you like a vengeful angel and throws you into the great winepress of biological fury. God doesn't hate us when we do something wrong, but we hate ourselves; God doesn't wreak a vengeance on us when we sin, but we beat ourselves up whenever we do; and God never withholds forgiveness from us, no matter what we've done, but we find it very difficult to forgive ourselves for our own transgressions. There is indeed an angelic razor and a winepress of God's fury, but those are names for the experience of discontent and self-hatred inside of us whenever we are unfaithful. They have nothing to do with God's nature.

Ron Rolheiser, OMI



PALMS - you can bring last year's palms to church, so these may be collected and burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday. There will be a basket in the gathering area for you to leave them.



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

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
Thursday, February 1st	2:00 pm	Douglas Campbell Lodge	Celebration of the Word with Communion
5th Sunday In Ordinary Time Saturday, February 3rd Sunday, February 4th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	Celebration of the Word with Communion Celebration of the Word with Communion

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, February 3rd

Greeters - Ron & Shirley O'Neil
Ushers - Raymond Smith, Bob Dionne
 Bill & Florence Zettler
Gift Bearers - Norbert & Donna Rey
Lectors - Dana Payment & Denise Payment
Eucharist Ministers - Jim Ross, Helena Kot,
 Jo-ann Voesenek, Luc & Donna Gamache

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, February 4th

Greeters - Bill & Elaine Vint
Ushers - Sinto Sebastian, Evaristo Carcia,
 Sharon Murkin, Brenda Franke
Gift Bearers - Jo Laurans, Rose Marie Neault
Lectors - Gary van der Zweep, Margaret Whiteley
Eucharist Ministers - Pauline Calder, Arthur Rey,
 Sylvia Gauthier, Neenu Shibu, Kevin Le Lievre,
 Irv Wegleitner, Kerry McGowan

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - **Friday, February 2** - Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised savior and calls him a "light for revelation." Simeon joyfully exclaims that he is now free to go to his death in peace. His beautiful prayer, commonly called the Cantic of Simeon, is sung in monasteries and religious communities around the world as part of Night Prayer. Like Simeon, we, too, are the servants of God who, upon recognizing the light of Christ in the people we meet, may ask to be dismissed at the end of each day to go in peace—freed, at least for a time, from our responsibilities and anxieties.



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 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.



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 29th, 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.

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.



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