

Epiphany



Collection December 22 & 23	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 6,466.60	\$ 3,860.00	+ \$ 2,586.60	- \$ 12,172.03
December 29 & 30			
\$ 3,880.00	\$ 3,860.00	+ \$ 20.00	- \$ 12,152.03

Christmas Collection - \$ 5,607.45

Sharing God's Gifts

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

 **SHARING GOD'S GIFTS** - will be the second collection on **January 5 & 6**

JANUARY

6	Catechism resumes	
6	Children's Liturgy	during mass
8	Loins Prairie Mass	2:00 pm
9	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7:00 pm
12	Baptism Preparation	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
12	El Shaddai	
16	M.D.C. Mass	10:00 am
17	Scripture Reflection	1:00 pm
23	Scripture Reflection	1:00 pm
26	El Shaddai	

 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.

 **BAPTISM PREPARATION** - is planned for Saturday, January 12th, 2019 from 9:00 am till 1:30 pm (lunch is provided). To register please call the parish office or Dawn at 204-872-2897.

 **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - thank you to everyone who made a donation towards our Christmas flowers.



Walking Together in God's Embrace

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

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 you 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 or 204-240-4357.



We joyfully welcomed into the Family of God **Murphy Palmer, Rosalie Sabourin & Emelia Lernowicz-Barth** who were baptized in our Parish community. May God grant them, their parents, family and godparents many blessings!



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).

Epiphany of the Lord - January 5th & 6th, 2019

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." John 10.14



EPIPHANY: *To Find Our Meaning in Christ - Epiphany!* What a wonderful word. Even its secular definition is thrilling: "a sudden realization about the nature or meaning of something." It brings all sorts of images to mind: a light bulb suddenly turning on, shedding brilliant illumination; a revelation that brings a gasp; an idea so vivid we pause and give thanks; a truth so powerful we fall to our knees. On Sunday, January 6, 2019 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The feast of the Epiphany is all of those things and more. We celebrate the mysterious appearance at Jesus' birthplace of three men from the East. They had set off on a most quixotic journey, seeking what they would find at the end of a star's dazzling rays. What, we wonder, did they make of the epiphany with which their journey ended? Did they spend the rest of their lives trying to discern what their discovery of the baby meant, or did the Christ Child gift them with "a sudden realization" of His nature? What more could they, or we, want of a life's journey, than to find, in our epiphany, the Christ waiting for us? The twelve days of Christmas have led us to this place, where Gentiles from afar have discovered Christ, thereby revealing that He came for everyone, for each one of us throughout history, and not just for the Jewish people to whom he was born. The feast of Epiphany brings us to the last week of our liturgical celebration of Christmas. But for the Christian steward, Epiphany is not an end but a beginning. This feast reminds us that the New Year beckons us to openness about the epiphanies to which God leads us if we but keep an open, prayerful heart, a heart full of deep, awed gratitude. Let us pray never to become too jaded, too full of certainty, too wrapped up in the routine of life to be asleep at the time of epiphany. If we could resolve to keep only one New Year's Resolution, let it be this: to pay attention to the epiphanies God places before us.

STEWARDSHIP SAINT FOR JANUARY - Saint John Nepomucene Neumann, fourth bishop of Philadelphia, John Nepomucene Neumann was born in Bohemia in 1811 and named by his parents after the patron saint of Bohemia. Neumann was known to be an exceptionally gifted seminarian, intellectually and spiritually. He studied at the University of Prague and traveled to the United States to be a missionary after his bishop decided to postpone ordinations due to an oversupply of priests in the diocese. Neumann, a small individual at 5'2", arrived in Manhattan in June 1836 and was ordained three weeks later for the Diocese of New York. His first assignment was to provide pastoral care for a German-speaking immigrant community whose members were clearing forests for a settlement near Niagara Falls. After four years of working alone, Neumann joined the Redemptorists (Congregation for the Most Holy Redeemer, C.S.S.R.), and took permanent vows in January 1842. Neumann spoke eight languages and became a popular preacher for many different immigrant communities in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and New Jersey. Eventually, he was elected to head the Redemptorists in the United States. In 1852 Neumann was appointed the fourth bishop of Philadelphia, a diocese that spanned the eastern half of Pennsylvania and the state of Delaware. As soon as he was ordained he embarked on an ambitious diocesan building campaign and was responsible for building over 100 parishes and 80 Catholic schools. He completed an unfinished cathedral and founded a new congregation of women, the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, to help staff the increasingly crowded schools. Neumann also wrote two German catechisms that were approved by the First Plenary Council of Baltimore, the first of three national meetings of United States Catholic bishops held in 1852 in Baltimore, Maryland. His Baltimore catechisms were translated into other languages and widely used in the United States for the remainder of the 19th century. On January 5, 1862, Bishop Neumann collapsed on a Philadelphia street and died. He was 48 years old. Philadelphia's historical annals reveal that half the city's population attended his funeral, including the mayor, police and fire brigades, military battalions and a number of civic and Catholic societies and benevolent organizations. He was buried under the altar of the lower church of the Redemptorist parish, St. Peter. His burial site quickly became a shrine, attracting thousands of pilgrims. Saint John Nepomucene Neumann was canonized on June 17, 1977. **His feast day is January 5.**

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR - Heavenly Father, Thank you for the gift of a new year. You have entrusted us with the coming days, weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence in your Kingdom to come. We ask for the humility to reform our lives; the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others. Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and show us how to share your love so that we may bring hope to a world in need of your justice and peace. We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

The more something upsets you, the more it is meant for you.

When it no longer upsets you, it is no longer needed because the lesson is complete.

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

Epiphany of the Lord Saturday, January 5th Sunday, January 6th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	†John Overwater by the Gerard Verwey Family †Rodrigo Natividad by Stride Credit Union Family †Delores Lavallee by the Family
Tuesday, January 8th	2:00 pm	Lions Prairie Manor	†Shirley O'Neil by Dave & Rosemary Barney
Thursday, January 10th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Fran Parynuick by Chris & Greg Paulson
Friday, January 11th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Intentions of the Bullock Family
Baptism of the Lord 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

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, January 12th

Greeters - Cliff & Loreen Lafreniere
Ushers - Norbert & Donna Rey
 Ron O'Neil & Cecile Scott
Gift Bearers - Fern & Donna Gervais
Lectors - Gayly Reniedo, Marie Hinagpis
Eucharist Ministers - Doris Nichol, Mary Bolton,
 Helena Kot, Jo-ann Voesenek, Kriztofer Cuesta

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, January 13th

Greeters - Mary Hordeski, Brenda Franke
Ushers - Paulyn Appah, Liz Kelly,
 Joan McCallister, Bernadette Le Lievre
Gift Bearers - Mary Hordeski, Brenda Franke
Lectors - Rosa Rawlings, Ruth Deegan
Eucharist Ministers - Gary van der Zweep, Joe & Marie Wermie,
 Stan Lambert, Suzanne Borisenko, Rose Marie Neault, Neenu Shibu

 **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** - Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Ashley St. Goddard. Please remember her in your prayers. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul teach the community at Ephesus that God's revelation had come, not just to their community, but to others as well; that a broader community of believers was being allowed to exercise stewardship over the Good News. Good stewards recognize that it is in our life together as a Eucharistic community that we find ever new vistas and insights into God's vast universe of love and mercy. If we take time to listen to one another, we discover stories of faith beyond our own. Pause this week to converse with others, listen to their prayers, and observe acts of kindness and generosity. See if you can gain an understanding of God and the world that you have not experienced or known before.



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 this Christmas.



R.C.I.A. - Good news everyone, R.C.I.A. will begin on **Saturday, January, 19th**, 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 204-243-2062 or tracymbullock@gmail.com. or call the parish office at 204-857-5172. We ask all parishioners to keep the inquirers and the team in your prayers.



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 begin on **Sunday, January 6th** during Mass and continue for the first Sunday of each month. We are blessed to have Amy Lambert lead the children during their time together.

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