


**Epiphany Of The Lord - January 6th & 7th, 2024  
2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time - January 13th & 14th**

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# Epiphany

**EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD** - *"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

 **FATHER MICHAEL WILL BE ON HOLIDAYS** from January 16th to February 23rd. Father Gerry Ward will be covering. There will be no weekday masses. Office will be open.

 **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP**  
All are welcome to come to the parish hall after Sunday Mass to enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship.

 We welcome you to join us as we launch Good Shepherd Youth Group on **Sunday, January 14th** 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](mailto:emmabullock452@gmail.com)

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER ADVENT SESSIONS** - After the Advent session on contemplative prayer, our group has decided to start a contemplative prayer group to meet regularly, perhaps monthly. All are welcome. Our first meeting is **Thursday January 18 at 7 pm** in the gathering area. Come and see. Ask Ruth Mulligan for details.

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





## Sharing God's Gifts


Target Amount	Collected as of December 31st	Year to Date + / -
\$ 20,656.00	\$ 24,999.00	+ \$ 4,343.00

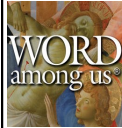
Collection As of Dec. 17 & 24	Collections Required For 2 Weeks	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 11,455.00	\$ 7,450.00	+ \$4,005.00	- \$ 34,694.00

Collection As of December 31	Collections Required For 1 Week		Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 14,899.00	\$ 3,725.00	+ \$ 11,174.00	- \$ 23,520.00

 Christmas - \$ 4,430.00  
Thank you for all your contributions throughout the year.

 **POTLUCK - January 21st**, after 10:30 am Mass. Please come and join us. Everyone is welcome. **Please bring your favorite dish item and or a desert , (enough for your family plus one more)**. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Monique at 872-7075.

 **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.

 **WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS** for the month of **January** 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 helps to cover our costs.

*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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<b>Epiphany Of The Lord</b> Saturday, January 6th Sunday, January 7th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambroise	†Bob Reitzel by Bill & Florence Zettler †Anita Galarneau by The Bullock Family †Clara Marriott by Dave & Rosemary Barney
Wednesday, January 10th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Jane Hebert by Rachael & Enda Murray
Thursday, January 11th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Anita Galarneau by Fern & Donna Gervais
Friday, January 12th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Gary Lilley by The Family
<b>2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, January 13th Sunday, January 14th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	For The Health of Jo Rainka by The Peech Family †Tony & †Yvonne Bouchard by The Family
<b>3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, January 20th Sunday, January 21st	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of The Partrige & DeRuyck Families †Janice Carefoot by Len & Helen Roy
<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

**STEWARDSHIP AND NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS** - Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in the following samples:

**PRAYER:** Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. Commit to short, daily prayer times.

**MIND:** Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your Bible. In the coming year of presidential elections in the United States, familiarize yourself with the Church's social teachings.

**MONEY:** Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

**WORK:** Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.

**FAMILY:** Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together.

**HEALTH:** Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

**POSSESSIONS:** Resolve to possess a little more "lightly" this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

**PARISH FAMILY:** Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish's outreach or education and formation efforts.

**NEIGHBOR:** Resolve to be a person of hospitality; to make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

**POOR AND HOMELESS:** Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor and homeless in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.



**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** - Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Anne Tarr & Pat Ducharme. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

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