

13th Sunday In Ordinary Time - July 1st & 2nd

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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 June 17 & 18	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,368.25	\$ 3,465.00	- \$ 96.75	+ \$ 395.80
June 24 & 25			
\$ 3,532.50	\$ 3,465.00	+ \$ 67.50	+ \$ 463.30

JULY


4	Parish Office Reopens	
6	Douglas Campbell Service	2:00 pm
9	Spanish Mass	7:30 pm
11	Lion's Prairie Manor Service	2:00 pm

 **Summer Office Hours**

PARISH OFFICE - the parish office will be going to reduced hours. For the months of July and August, hours will be from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesday - Friday**. Our parish bulletin will be published every two weekends.

 **MASS TIME** - for July and August we will offer mass at **10:00 am**.

SPANISH MASS - on **Sunday, July 9th, at 7:30 pm**, Mass will be celebrated with our Mexican's who are working in and around the Portage Community. All are welcome to join in the celebration of song, prayer and worship. Following Mass, there will be a reception in our parish hall. Todos son bienvenidos.

 We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God **Russell Natividad** who was baptized in our parish community on Saturday, June 24th. May God grant them, their 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



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Sharing God's Gifts Goal - \$ 18,910.00
Total collated to date - \$ 12,374.68

Month	Collection	Collections Required Per Month	Monthly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
January	\$ 2,742.33	\$1,575.83	+ \$1,166.50	+ \$1,166.50
February	\$1,911.13	\$1,575.83	+ \$335.30	+ \$1,501.80
March	\$2,020.33	\$1,575.83	+ \$444.50	+ \$1,946.30
April	\$1,733.58	\$1,575.83	+ \$157.75	+ \$2,104.05
May	\$2,016.93	\$1,575.83	+ \$441.10	+ \$2,545.15
June	\$1,950.38	\$1,575.83	+ \$374.55	+ \$2,919.70



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - will be the second collection on **July 1st & 2nd**.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BURSARY - was awarded to Tessa Lupkowski. She received \$ 500.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSARY - was awarded to Ashley Seguin. She received \$ 1,000.00.



MOTHER'S DAY ROSES - \$ 160.00 was collected and that will go to Prairie Pro Life in Portage. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Ministry for children aged 3-12 years that is based on the Bible and liturgy of the church. This Ministry provides: An opportunity for children to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in a child-friendly space called an atrium. Good Shepherd Parish would like to offer this program beginning this fall and have begun preparations for this. At the back of the church a bulletin board is set up. Please come and have a look. If you have any questions please feel free to give Monique-856-1176 or Marilyn-856-0288 a call.

R.C.I.A. - Are you seeking meaning in your life? Are you un-baptized but wish to learn more about Jesus Christ? Are you a baptized Christian who wishes to learn more about the Roman Catholic Church? Are you a Roman Catholic who has not completed his or her sacramental initiation? Do you feel God inviting you into a deeper relationship with Him? Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. To inquire about RCIA at Good Shepherd please contact Fr. Gerald or Tracy Maloney-Bullock (243-2062 or tracybullock@gmail.com) Please take time to pray about this and rest assured we will be praying for you.

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Be Good Stewards of Your Family This Summer

July is the heart of summer, and summer is an exciting and challenging time for stewardship of the family. Everything turns a little upside down for the family in summer. Kids out of school, grandparents visiting, teens with a first job, road trips and those big family reunions: Sometimes it seems summer dashes by in a flurry of wet bathing suits and backyard barbecues. How does the Christian steward make summer a special time for "the domestic church" of family?

Relax!... No, really!... Relax! ... Slow down! The world often spins around us and we are caught up in work, social media, activity. Gift yourself and your family with time this summer. Be truly present. When Pope Francis addressed a homily to families in 2013, one word he used often was "simplicity." Make time for family meals, but make them simple and nutritious. "We need simplicity to pray as a family," the Holy Father said. Let each family member take a turn praying a simple grace at family meals. Linger over good food and good conversation. Make family your focus. Listen to your children. Take time for a night out with your spouse. Make a commitment to fun and presence.

The Holy Father also asked families, "How do we keep our faith as a family?" We don't keep it for ourselves, he said, "as a personal treasure like a bank account." No, we share it. We witness it. How can we witness faith during the summer months? "Christian families are missionary families," Pope Francis said. Summer is a good time to plan a field trip to a shelter or a food bank. Call ahead and ask what you can bring and how your family can help. Many agencies plan summer picnics and presentations by refugees during the season. Let your kids experience this diversity. Attend a vacation bible school or help with one. Invite a priest from your parish, or perhaps a lonely neighbor, to dinner. Spread your family joy.

The summer readers in your family might benefit from finding Catholic periodicals or books on heroes of our faith. Visit new parishes during the summer. If you are on a road trip, never miss Sunday Mass and take advantage of a side trip to a shrine or an historic Catholic church. Most of all, relax and enjoy. Pope Francis says, "The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally."

PASSION PLAY - Once again Oak Valley Productions Inc. presents the inspiring drama of Manitoba's Passion Play at its scenic outdoor theatre site near La Riviere, Manitoba. Numerous volunteers from all across southern Manitoba, including cast, crew, front of house personnel and many more work together to present this unique Manitoba event. Year after year many are still discovering this hidden gem. The dates for this summer's performances of Manitoba's Passion Play:

July 8 & 9 (Saturday & Sunday) at 6:30 pm July 14, 15, 16 (Friday through Sunday) at 7:30 pm

History of our Passion Play - A Passion Play gives an account of the suffering of Jesus Christ during the last days of His life. This style of production began in the Middle Ages as a means of communicating the story to illiterate church people. Oak Valley's made-in-Manitoba version is part of a long tradition in the church and in theatre. Our production tells a familiar story. We know that for many of you, this theatrical event will be a reminder of the work Jesus Christ was given when He walked our earth some 2000 years ago. For those who have seldom or perhaps never heard this story, our aim is to show something of the nature and character of Jesus himself and of the overwhelming love of His Father - a love that can touch us personally, even today. Much of the dialogue is taken directly from various versions of the Holy Bible. Some fictional characters are included to represent people who could have met Jesus. Please note that in order to keep the production to approximately 2 1/2 hours the events of the Passion story are condensed and incorporated into the script in such a way that the highlights are presented. Some occurrences may be out of sequence; some events that actually occurred separately in the Gospel accounts may be happening concurrently on stage. But these words are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God, and that by believing in Him you will have life." John 20:31. For more information there are pamphlets at the back of the church or on our web site at www.passionplay.ca.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - In today's Gospel, Jesus minces no words: "whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Few of us will be called to die the way Jesus did. But to be his disciples means having the willingness to lay down our lives with him and for him. Exercising good stewardship of the Gospel requires taking up one's cross daily and following Jesus. There will be dying to do on our way to the Father. It could be unfair treatment, health problems, fatigue, frustration at work, failed relationships, loneliness or sadness. If we, like Jesus, encounter and accept suffering, we will bring the hope of the cross to others. There is no cross the Lord's love cannot transcend. In your reflections this week, consider how your cross, no matter how heavy, might become an instrument of hope and Christ's love.

I'm sorry that I'm not updating my Facebook status, but my cat ate the mouse.



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Thursday, July 6th	2:00 pm	Douglas Campbell Lodge	Celebration of the Word with Communion
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 8th Sunday, July 9th	7:00 pm 10:00 am 7:30 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	Celebration of the Word with Communion Celebration of the Word with Communion For All Migrant Workers & Their Families
Tuesday, July 11th	2:00 pm	Lion's Prairie Manor	Celebration of the Word with Communion

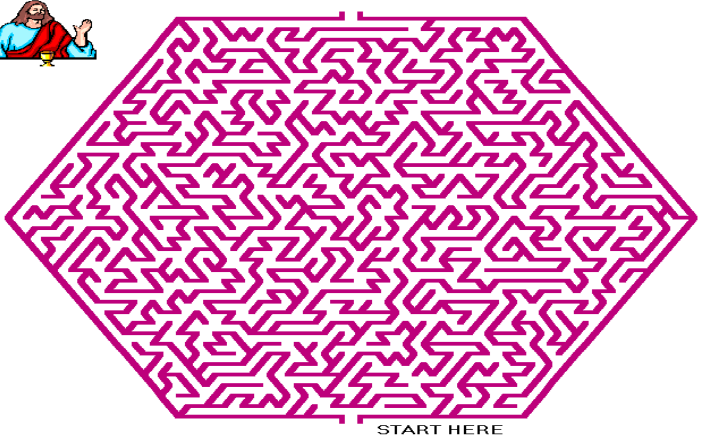
 *The rosary is recited before every Saturday evening mass starting at 6:20 pm* 

Friendly Reminders
Saturday, July 8th
Greeters - Jo-ann & Karl Voesenek
Ushers - Bill & Florence Zettler
 Zennia Semchyshyn, Bob Dionne
Gift Bearers - Reinhard & Adrianna Kirchner
Lectors - Jane Hebert, Terry Girecke
Eucharist Ministers - Lillian Huberdeau, Linda Leafloor,
 Anita Kowerchuk, Tara Ryzner, Rachael Murray

Friendly Reminders
Sunday, July 9th
Greeters - Mary Hordeski, Brenda Franke
Ushers - Irene Souque-Hewitt, Sharon Murkin
 Karen McLeod, Joan McCallister
Gift Bearers - Mary Hordeski, Brenda Franke
Lectors - Rosa Rawlings, Irv Wegleitner
Eucharist Ministers - Arthur Rey, Neenu Shibu,
 Suzanne Borisenko, Elaine Harder, Stan Lambert,
 Gary van der Zweep, Sinto Sebastian

Friendly Reminders
Saturday, July 15th
Greeters - Carolyn Roberts, Louis Lasson
Ushers - Norbert & Donna Rey
 Mary Bolton, Estelle Sinclair
Gift Bearers - Lionel & Armande Berardin
Lectors - Rachael Murray, Linda Leafloor
Eucharist Ministers - Donna Rey, Jo-ann Voesenek,
 Luc & Donna Gamache, Jim Ross

Friendly Reminders
Sunday, July 16th
Greeters - Bill & Elaine Vint
Ushers - Adrian & Myla Alinsod
 Dimple Alinsod, Fe Rodriguez
Gift Bearers - Lupkowski Family
Lectors - John Chudzik, Ruth Mulligan
Eucharist Ministers - Gary & Dawn Lernowicz,
 Joe & Marie Wermie, Rose Marie Neault,
 Kerry McGowan, Mickey Cuthbert



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - July 8/9 - One of the most well known and beloved passages in scripture is the gentle invitation of our Lord in today's Gospel reading: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." When we need physical rest, we sleep or take a nap. When we need emotional rest, we sometimes take a vacation. But how do we find spiritual rest? How do we discover Christ's peace as we grapple with the complex issues of life deep in our hearts? Good stewards find their rest in the Lord. Reflect this week on what you do to welcome the peace of Christ into your heart .

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