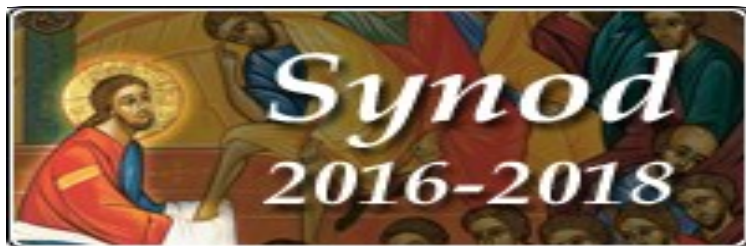


4th Sunday of Lent - March 10th & 11th, 2018

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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 March 3 & 4	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,176.75	\$ 3,860.00	- \$ 683.25	- \$ 2,214.50


BUILDING TOGETHER **BUILDING FUND COLLECTION** - will be the second collection on **March 17 & 18**.

MARCH		
16	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
17	Safe Environment Training Session - Parish Hall	10:00 am - 12:00 noon
18	Community Breakfast after mass	
19	Seder Meal Meeting - Note: Date change	7:00 pm
20	Lenten Penitential Service	7:00 pm
21	MDC Mass	10:00 am
22	Knights of Columbus Social Evening	7:30 pm
23	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm

 All are welcome to come to the parish hall after Sunday Mass to enjoy a cup of coffee, the company of other parishioners and a visit.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING SESSION

Please note that we will be having a training session on **Saturday March 17th at 10:00 am** at the parish hall. We will be going over the requirements of the Archdiocese in regards to record checks, rules and regulations, and hopefully answering any questions that you might have. The morning will be led by Laura comings Michel Touchette and Stan Lambert and will finish up by noon. If you did not attend the session in October or want to refresh yourself with this, please attend.

 **COMMUNITY PARISH BREAKFAST** - will be Sunday, **March 18th after mass**, in the parish hall, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Menu will include **scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, baked beans, baked ham & buns**. Suggested donation of \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 for family of 4 or more. Funds raised will go towards the building project. Everyone is invited! **Please come and join us.**


2018 Target Amount	Collected As of March 4	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 3,705.00	- \$ 15,505.00

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES - for the Central Deanery are listed below. Our evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is **March 20th at 7:00 pm**. There will be four or five priests joining me that evening.


Lenten Penitential Services
 March 13th - St Mary's Cathedral - 6:30 pm
 March 14th - St. John XXIII Parish - 10:00 am
 March 14th - St. Paul the Apostle Parish - 6:30 pm
March 20th - Good Shepherd Parish - 7:00 pm
 March 21st - Blessed Sacrament (Elie) - 7:00 pm


TRIDUUM "THE THREE HOLY DAYS"

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 pm
Good Friday	Passion of Our Lord	3:00 pm
Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer	10:00 am
Easter Vigil	Resurrection of Our Lord	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	Good Shepherd Parish	10:30 am
	St. Ambrose Parish	1:00 pm

 **"40 CANS FOR LENT"** - Knights of Columbus - are sponsoring "40 Cans for Lent". Hunger knows no season and every day many people go hungry. The goal of this program is for each Council member and each Parishioner to contribute 1 non-perishable food item per day during the 40 days of Lent in order to help keep our local food pantries well stocked all year round. The items 'can' be dropped off in the baskets in the gathering area. Some items could be used at Prairie Welcome House, and the bulk delivered to Salvation Army and/or the soup kitchen. Thank you for your generosity. **Collected - 431 Last Years Total - 1,151**

PRAIRIE WELCOME HOUSE - The continued support of our community is very much appreciated. We are currently in need of **COOKIES and SNACK CRACKERS** for our visitors. Items may be left in our bin in the gathering area or dropped off at Prairie Welcome House at 133 Saskatchewan Ave. E.

 **FLOWERS FOR EASTER** - if you would like to make a donation towards this years Easter Flowers please use a Visitor's Envelope and mark it "Easter Flowers". All donations are greatly appreciated. Donations will be added to your tax receipt at the end of the year.

 **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** - Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Kay Sczesny & Cecile Maloney. 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)

S E D E R M E A L

On **Sunday, March 25th beginning at 6:00 pm**, our parish will be having a Christian Seder Meal. The purpose is to understand with greater clarity the celebration of Passover – its meaning and significance, and to celebrate the Passover meal which Jesus celebrated at the Last Supper. It will also provide us greater understanding of the signs and symbols of the Old Testament and its connection to our celebration of the Eucharist.



Preparing for the Seder Meal is important if the service is to run smoothly. The preparations are not complicated but do need to be given some consideration ahead of time. Participants will be required to bring food and table settings for the Seder Meal. **Therefore, those who are interested in participating in the Seder Meal MUST register by Sunday, March 11th by signing up on the sheet at the entrance of the church or calling the parish office.**

A necessary planning meeting for all registered for the Seder meal will be held on **Monday March 19th at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall. **Please note date change.**

Our Parish Mission: "Rekindling the Fire Within"

For three evenings from Tuesday, March 13th to Thursday, March 15th from 7-9 p.m. our three Parishes will share a parish mission presented by Fr. David Kowalski, Fr. Michael Wollbaum and Fr. Michel Nault. The theme is "Rekindling the Fire Within". Each night there will be talks, activities, prayer and fellowship with a coffee break. This mission is open to all, whether Catholic or not, those who go regularly to church or not.

March 13th, Tuesday evening in **St. François Xavier** will focus on the **gift of faith**;

March 14, Wednesday evening in **St. Eustache** will be on the **gift of hope**;

March 15th, Thursday evening in **Elie** will focus on the **gift of love**.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend all three sessions. Please pray for the success of this special event. There is no charge for this event and no registration required. For more information, contact Fr. Michel Nault at 204-960-6059.

ALMSGIVING : An Expression of Gratitude - When we look at the three traditional "disciplines" of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we know that almsgiving gets the least attention. Yet, the Bible places emphasis firmly on almsgiving: *Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life* (Tobit 12:8-9). Almsgiving is simply an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realization that as a member of a community of faith, it is never just about "me and God." It is fundamental to being a good steward of our community. For disciples of the Lord, almsgiving means much more than simply throwing a little change in the poor box. It is an attitude of generosity. It challenges us to examine how we are using our time, abilities, and money to better the lives of those around us. It urges us to share what we have been given by God with others in love and justice. It reminds us that Jesus blesses those who seek to be "poor in spirit" (Matt. 5:3). Almsgiving opens our hearts to the realization that God blesses us through those we serve. It is here that we find the great mystery of Christian service. We see God in the life of Jesus, and we see Jesus in all those who are in need of our care. Look around, see those who are in need, and ask God to take away those obstacles and distractions that keep us from being generous with them. In turn, we will receive God's blessing. Consider one or more of these creative almsgiving ideas for the remainder of this Lenten season:

- ♥ Show an act of kindness to someone you don't speak to often.
- ♥ Visit an elderly person who may be lonely.
- ♥ Reflect on the regular contributions you make to the parish. Could you do more?
- ♥ Perform an extra chore for your parents one day each week during Lent.
- ♥ Go through your closet and find some clothes in good shape to give away to other children who are in need of clothes.
- ♥ Write a letter or create a card for someone who is sick or might be lonely.
- ♥ Buy some cans of food to give to a local food bank or soup kitchen.
- ♥ Donate diapers, formula, baby clothing, baby furniture or maternity clothing to a local crisis pregnancy center.

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

4th Sunday Of Lent Saturday, March 10th Sunday, March 11th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Lillian Huberdeau by Pierre Huberdeau & Family †Cecile Maloney by the Le Lievre Family
Tuesday, March 13th	2:00 pm	Lions Prairie Manor	Special Intentions by Betty Conrad
Thursday, March 8th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†John Roulette by Mary Roulette
Friday, March 9th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of the Lambert Family
5th Sunday Of Lent Saturday, March 17th Sunday, March 18th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	†Susan Durston by the Family †Alfred Ammeter by the Lupkowski Family †Alma Ostendorf by Shirley Allard & Family

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, March 17th

Greeters - Irma Gobert, Madeline Provo
Ushers - Zennia Semchyshyn, Bob Dionne
 Bill & Florence Zettler
Gift Bearers - Bob & Pauline Debusschere
Lectors - Jane Hebert, Rick Ryzner
Eucharist Ministers - Dave Barney, Mary Bolton,
 Helena Kot, Jim Ross, Jo-ann Vosenek

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, March 18th

Greeters - Ron & Julie Prieur
Ushers - Jo Laurans, Dawson Lernowicz,
 Michel Dufault, Brenda Franke
Gift Bearers - Appah Family
Lectors - John Chudzik, Gary van der Zweep
Ministers - Garth Bullock, Stan Lambert, Pauline Calder,
 Gary & Dawn Lernowicz, Paulyn Appah, Neenu Shibu



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - the stations of the cross is a popular devotion used by individuals or groups who wish through prayer and reflection to follow Jesus Christ on His way to Calvary. It is one of the most important devotions honoring the passion of Jesus. What matters most in the stations of the cross is to follow Jesus Christ in his passion and to see ourselves mirrored in him. To face life's dark side in ourselves and in our world, we need images of hope, and Jesus offers images of hope in his passion. Each Friday evening of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be led by various ministries of our parish, beginning at 7:00 pm. Holy Hour with adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament will precede at 6:30**. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this special Lenten devotion.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - With the anticipation of Lent around the corner, **we may offer an evening session after Stations of the Cross on some Friday evenings in 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - If your parish does not celebrate the Mass for the Second Scrutiny for catechumens, you may hear the Gospel story of Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader of the Jews who comes to Jesus by night, recognizing Jesus as a teacher from God, but coming in secret for fear of being put out of the synagogue. Jesus rebukes him for his lack of understanding. Good stewards realize that for the sake of this world, God gives his most cherished beloved son. And so they are willing to confess Jesus as their Lord and savior in a public way. They do not keep their faith to themselves, in darkness. The Gospel reading challenges us to profess our faith in word and deed publicly, not to hide it away. Are we willing to accept the Gospel's challenge? Are we willing to get out of our personal "comfort zone" and confess our faith in Christ Jesus in an open, tangible way?

Heavenly Father, Thank you for this new day, and another opportunity to give the traditions of Lent genuine meaning in my life. Help me to be a good steward of this day; to use it wisely to reflect on my words and deeds, review my habits, and correct my faults. Inspire me to live as Jesus did, to embrace his cross, and live the great Paschal mystery in a way that gives hope to others. Be merciful to me this day. Forgive me my failings and weaknesses. Cultivate in me a humble and repentant heart. Prepare me for the renewal of my baptismal vows, today and throughout the season of Lent; so that at Easter I may truly rejoice in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen