


Collection February Feb. 23 & 24	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 2,956.52	\$ 3,905.00	- \$ 948.48	- \$ 4,274.11


Sharing God's Gifts


Target Amount	Collected As of February 24th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,610.00	\$ 2,925.00	- \$ 16,685.00

 **SHARING GOD'S GIFTS** - will be the second collection on **March 2nd & 3rd.**


MARCH

3	Children's Liturgy during Mass	
6	Ash Wednesday	
7	Douglas Campbell Lodge Service	2:00 pm
8	Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm
8	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
9	El Shaddai	3:00 pm
12	Lion's Manor Mass	2:00 pm
13	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7:00 pm
15	Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm


 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.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - the income tax receipts have been mailed. **Sharing God's Gifts** receipts are mailed out by the Archdiocese. 

CONFIRMATION - there is confirmation class on **Friday, March 8th at 7:00 pm** in the church hall. Also, that the confirmation class will be going to Neepawa on **Saturday, March 9th** and will meet at the church at 8:00 am to coordinate rides and ready to be on the road at 8:30.


 **SPRING FORWARD** - daylight saving time starts, remember to turn forward your clocks, 1 hour on **March 9th, at 2:00 am**

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God into our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."




Walking Together in God's Embrace


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





SALVATION ARMY
Special Food For the Beloved
Ones of Christ.

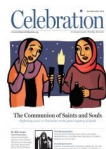


During the month of **March** we will be collecting, **canned vegetables**. At the back of the church, there is a list of items and for what month we will be collecting them. Please take one and put on your fridge as a friendly reminder. Your kind donations can help with the goal of putting an end to hunger. **Thank you very much for your generosity, in supporting this project.**
We collected 86 boxes of cereal.

 **WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS** for the month of **March** booklets 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 help to cover our costs.

 **PRAIRIE WELCOME HOUSE** - we are in need of some supplies: ICED TEA POWDER, SUGAR, SERVIETTES, PAPER TOWELS, TEA BAGS. As always, we appreciate the kindness of all who assist with Prairie Welcome House, providing a warm, welcome to those who visit. Donations can be brought to Prairie Welcome House during open hours or placed in the bin at the church. Monetary donations can be marked PWH and placed in the collection basket.

 **PUBLIC WAY OF THE CROSS** - there will be a **short meeting after mass on Ash Wednesday** for anyone that has put their name in to volunteer for the Public Way of the Cross. It will be to go over the different teams and some of the requirements for each. Anyone that has been hand picked is required to attend as well. If people wish to still sign up they can after mass or by calling myself or the office. Thanks Stan

 **Celebration** Due to lack of interest scripture reflections have been cancelled for now. If you are interested in future sessions please call the office.



ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass. It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Some faithful take the rest of the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to go about in public after receiving the ashes. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance. It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening. Recently, movements have developed that involve pastors distributing ashes to passersby in public places. This isn't considered taboo, but Catholics should know this practice is distinctly Protestant. Catholics should still receive ashes within the context of Mass. In some cases, ashes may be delivered by a priest or a family member to those who are sick or shut-in. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

WHY WE RECEIVE THE ASHES - Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

THE ASHES - The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 2nd & 3rd, 2019
"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." John 10.14

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

8th Sunday In Ordinary Time Saturday, March 2nd Sunday, March 3rd	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	Celebration of the Word with Communion Celebration of the Word with Communion Celebration of the Word with Communion
Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 6th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Father Chris Soeterboek by the Bullock Family
Thursday, March 7th	2:00 pm	Douglas Campbell Lodge	Celebration of the Word with Communion
Friday, March 8th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Cathy Lenting by Enda & Rachael Murray
First Sunday Of Lent Saturday, March 9th Sunday, March 10th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	✠Lillian Huberdeau by Pierre & Family ✠Jim Hewitt by the Catholic Women's League

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, March 9th

Greeters - Denys Marion
Ushers - Bill & Florence Zettler
 Raymond Smith, Ron O'Neil
Gift Bearers - Don & Cecile Scott
Lectors - Dave & Rosemary Barney
Eucharist Ministers - Jane Hebert, Jacklin Jackson,
 Lynda Jones, Audree Peech, Kriztofer Cuesta

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, March 10th

Greeters - Liz Kelly, Mary Hordeski
Ushers - Irene Souque Hewitt, Suzanne Borisekno,
 Karen McLeod, Bernadette Le Lievre
Gift Bearers -
Lectors - Ruth Mulligan, Rosa Rawlings
Eucharist Ministers - Kim Dengate, Rose Marie Neault,
 Mickey Cuthbert, Garth Bullock, Sinto Sebastian,
 Elaine Harder, Evaristo Garcia

YOUTH MINISTRY - is a casual gathering for curious youth wanting to explore the Catholic faith lived in everyday life. All youth aged 13 to 17 years old are welcomed to join an informal night of conversation, games, and snacks. No registration is required, come as you are and participate as you are comfortable. The next gatherings are Tuesdays, **March 12th, April 9th and May 14th** at Prairie Welcome House **7:00 - 9:00 pm**.



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. **Starting March 8th** and each Friday evening of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be led by various ministries of our parish, beginning at **6:30 pm.**, with Adoration to follow at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this special Lenten devotion.

PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY - Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of your love

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

"(Lent) is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism."

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