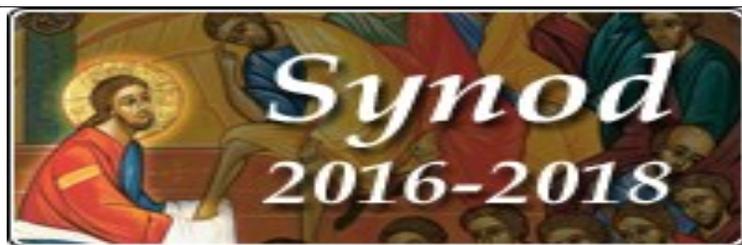


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You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

Collection March 17 & 18	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,070.30	\$ 3,860.00	- \$ 789.70	- \$ 3,626.50

MARCH			
26	Blood Donor Clinic	3:00 - 8:00 pm	@ Canad Inn - Ball Room
APRIL			
5	Douglas Campbell Lodge Mass	2:00 pm	
8	Children's Liturgy during Mass		
8	First Communion		
10	Lions Prairie Manor Mass	2:00 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.

 **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.

WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS for the month of **April** 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.

 **WALKING TOGETHER** - *Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend, by Albert Camus.* Just a friendly reminder to share with the pastoral council members your suggestions for "Walking Together" as a parish. We look forward to your ideas.

Some of the people went ahead of him, and some followed, they all shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven.

2018 Target Amount	Collected As of March 11	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 4,107.00	- \$ 15,103.00

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. Ambroise Parish	1:00 pm

 **Oils consecrated at chrisem Mass central to church's sacraments,** - Some of the church's most ancient traditions and rituals are witnessed during Holy Week, including the preparation, blessing and distribution of oils central to the Catholic Church's sacraments and rites. From Jerusalem to Rome to parishes around the world, the pope and local bishops will soon carry out the annual custom of preparing and distributing to churches the holy oils. **The chrisem Mass is celebrated on Monday March 26th, at 7:00 pm,** with the bishop gathered with his priests. The oils include the oil of the sick, used in the anointing of the sick; the oil of catechumens, which is for those preparing to be baptized, and the chrisem oil, which is consecrated and used for baptism, confirmation and holy orders.

 **"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 - 841 Last Years Total - 1,151**

 **THE BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS** is a time honored tradition by various cultures. For the past dozen years I have been asked to bless Easter foods on Holy Saturday morning, as families prepare to gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Saviour. On Holy Saturday morning there will be morning prayer offered, followed by the Blessing of the Easter Baskets.

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

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TRIDUUM - "The Three Days"



HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Mass of the Lord's Supper opens this solemn three-day Easter liturgy. The readings form the Easter core: the sacrificial lamb, Christ Jesus, is given as Passover and Eucharist to the world, calling us to express this divine gift in humble service of 'washing one another's feet'.

Passover, Eucharist, and service are one package. God protects, spares, delivers in the sharing of Christ's body and blood in the sacred meal of Eucharist, expressed in the sacramental act of humble service – foot washing – in the world. Being a sacramental presence in the world means that our very being, expressed in thoughts, relationships and actions, become like Jesus. Tonight Jesus shows us how we become this face of God: we eat and drink Christ Jesus in Eucharist so as to serve one another in bodily acts of touching washing, caring bringing God's love to bear on mundane and the profane, as a light in darkness, as a balm on open wounds, as a protest amid violence and war. In Jesus we touch God through our senses and our bodies. The command to wash one another's feet sends us into the world as sacrament of God's love, so others can touch God through us. This is the meaning of incarnation, the meaning of sacrament, and the mission of the Eucharist.

This night begins our holy remembering which we celebrate and believe so as to renew our lives in Christ.

GOOD FRIDAY - Passion & Death of our Lord

The Passion and death of our Lord which we recall today in ritual and story unlock the promise of redemptive suffering, providing an answer to the two deepest human questions: how do we face evil, and why do we suffer? Look through the suffering and let the cross of Christ reveal its answer in the power of self-giving love, freely given.

We engage our senses in this service, in particular our sense of touch, as we keep watch with Jesus on the cross in his hour of death. People who suffer greatly before they die often only have their sense of touch intact; for them, like everything in this liturgy, everything else has been stripped away. The rough wood of the cross looms large, and we are invited to touch.

"This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the saviour of the world"

"Come, let us worship"

Since it is the midpoint of the Triduum, the liturgy of Good Friday has neither an opening hymn and greeting nor a closing hymn and blessing. **We begin and end in silence.**

EASTER VIGIL - Resurrection of the Lord

This celebration is the "night of all nights". What the Resurrection of Jesus promises is that things can always be new again. It's never too late to start over. Nothing is irrevocable. No betrayal is final. No sin is unforgivable. Every form of death can be overcome. There isn't anything lost that cannot be redeemed. The Resurrection assures us that God never gives up on us, even if we have given up on ourselves!

This night we immerse ourselves in God's radiant splendor of light, holiness, redemption, and salvation. It is the story of who we are and whose we are.

"Most blessed of all nights, chosen by God to see Christ rising from the dead! Of this night scripture says: 'The night will be clear as day; it will become my light, my joy!' The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy, it casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride." - words from the **Exultet**, our ancient hymn singing of the glory and power of the Resurrection and will be sung during our Vigil.



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION - the collection for Good Friday is a collection throughout the world. This collection supports the Church in the Holy Land. I'm sure we are all aware of the difficulties facing individual Christians and the Church as a whole in the land of the Church's birth. It is vital that we try to be generous in helping our "Mother Church". A quote from Pope Francis, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri said that "my thoughts turn in a special way to the Holy Land where Christ lived, died and rose again. Every Catholic therefore owes a debt of thanks to the churches that live in that region."

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

Passion (Palm) Sunday Saturday, March 24th Sunday, March 25th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	✠Evan Jones by Linda Jones All Deceased Members of the Verwey Family by Donald & Shirley Verwey
Holy Thursday , March 29th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday , March 30th	3:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday , March 31st	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Morning Prayer
Easter Vigil , March 31st	8:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 1st	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd St. Ambroise	✠Yvonne Bouchard by Tony & Family For All Parishioner

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, March 31st

Greeters -
Ushers - Ron O'Neil, Paul Seguin,
 Bob Dionne, Bill Zettler
Gift Bearers -
Lectors - 1st - Helena Kot, 3 - Bernadette Le Lievre
 5 - Dana Payment, 7 - Denise Payment
 Epistle - Rick Ryzner
Eucharist Ministers - Dave & Rosemary Barney, Bob Dionne,
 Bernadette Gnanapragasam, Suzanne Borisenko

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, April 1st

Greeters - Rose Marie Neault, Joan Dufresne
Ushers - Michel Dufault, Jo Laurans,
 Arthur Rey, Armand Tanguay
Gift Bearers - Alinsod Family
Lectors - Emma Gobin, Sylvia Gauthier
Ministers - Gary van der Zweep, Guy Gauthier,
 Joe & Marie Wermie, Stan Lambert, Sinto Sebastian,
 Elaine Harder

Embracing the Cross of Jesus Christ

The Lenten season offers us a unique opportunity to focus more intently on the gift of the cross. Do you ever think about how you experience the cross of Jesus Christ? Do you ever think about the power of that cross in your daily life? Is the cross even relevant to your life? It is to stewards of the Lord, who recognize the hope Christ brings through the gift of his cross. They acknowledge that for them, the cross is their only hope. Being good stewards of our life in Christ is not easy, but to embrace the cross is not only countercultural, it seems absurd. Then again, we cannot avoid what Jesus said to his disciples: *If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it* (Luke 9:23-24). The cross is more readily embraced by people of faith who suffer, are poor, broken, or are the victims of such things as violence, oppression or natural disaster. They see the cross as the hope that no matter what has happened to them, God will see them through. The Father did it for Jesus who hung on the cross, so surely their sufferings will be redeemed by Jesus' sufferings.

Where people possess much material abundance, comfort and leisure, however, there is a tendency to de-emphasize the cross, to draw away from it. They can't touch it or feel it so they wish to "save" their lives by looking to other things: power, wealth, fame, relevance, being the center of attention. What is preached about the cross from the pulpit sounds good, but in reality something more tangible is desired.

Christ emptied himself completely in humble obedience, allowing himself to suffer and die out of compassion for the world (Philippians 2:6-11). Good stewards follow his example and work day-to-day to empty themselves and live compassionately; most noticeably by sharing their lives with others. As we approach the climax of our liturgical year, the Easter triduum, let us ask the Holy Spirit for an even deeper awareness of the cross in our lives. Let us find hope in the cross and pray that as we embrace it, we too will experience in a special way the joy of new life in the risen Lord.



"In this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: he will give us his life, his body and his blood, his love." — Pope Francis



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