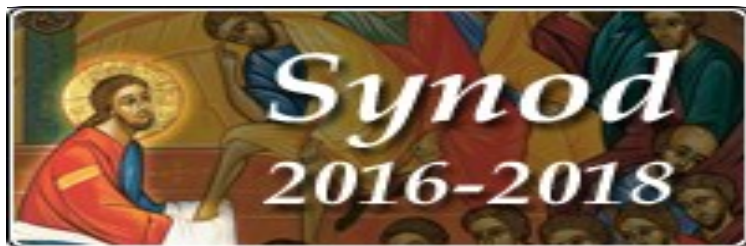


3rd Sunday of Lent - March 3rd & 4th, 2018

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." John 10.14



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

2018 Target Amount	Collected As of February 28th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 2,591.00	- \$ 16,619.00

Sharing God's Gifts Collection February - \$ 1,267.00

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.

Collection February 24 & 25	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 4,316.75	\$ 3,860.00	+ \$ 456.75	- \$ 1,531.25



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - will be the second collection on **March 3rd & 4th**.

MARCH

- 4 Children's Liturgy during Mass
- 5 Knights Cribbage Tournament 6:30 pm
- 8 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 pm
- 9 World Day of Prayer 1:00 pm
- St. Mary's Church (36 - 2nd St. S.W.)**
- 9 Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
- 14 Seder Meal Meeting 7:00 pm
- 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



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.

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 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.



INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - the income tax receipts have been mailed out.

Sharing God's Gifts receipts are mailed out by the Archdiocese.

Lenten Penitential Services

- March 7th - St Charles Parish - 7:00 pm
- March 8th - St Patrick's Church - 6:30 pm
- 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
- March 23rd - St Edwards Parish - 6:30 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 - 262 Last Years Total - 1,151**



PRAIRIE WELCOME HOUSE

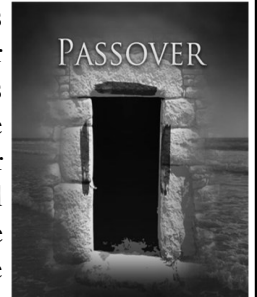
The continued support of our community is very much appreciated. We are currently in need of **PLAIN TEA BAGS, JUICE CRYSTALS, and ICED TEA MIX**. Items may be left in our bin in the gathering area or dropped off at Prairie Welcome House at 133 Saskatchewan Ave. E. Monetary donations are always welcomed and can be tagged for Prairie Welcome House and put in with the collection. A training session will be offered in mid-March for anyone considering volunteering at Prairie Welcome House.

So rather than seeing Lent in negative terms, we should see it as a beautiful spiritual experience that will strengthen us.
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.

Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Judaism, commemorating God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and his creation of the Israelite people. Passover is actually composed of two festivals, The Feast of Unleavened Bread and Passover (which is sometimes used to refer to the single day and sometimes to the entire span of both festivals). The festival of Passover, known as Pesach, begins at sunset on the 14th of Nisan (usually in March or April) and marks the beginning of a seven day celebration that includes the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The focal point of Passover is a communal meal, called the Seder (meaning "order," because of the fixed order of service), which is a time of rejoicing and celebration at the deliverance for the Hebrews that God accomplished in the Exodus.



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 Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

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.

A Prayer for Our Parish Mission

Oh Holy Spirit come and enliven our Parish Community, That a breath of fresh air transforms us through love.

Holy Spirit, may our laziness discouragement and our apathy be replaced so that we may be lively disciples of Jesus. To announce you with perseverance is for me a joyful way of bringing to you new disciples.

Adore and you will renew the face of our parishes.

Love and you will live, Forgive and you will heal, Announce Jesus and you will jump for joy, so that at last Love will be loved and overflow in the hearts of all.

(Inspired by a prayer by Bro. Marc de Tibériade)

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

3rd Sunday Of Lent Saturday, March 3rd Sunday, March 4th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Alice Bohn by Lynda Jones & Rosemary Barney
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Marie & †Lucien Gauthier by the Lori and Arthur Rey
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	†Irene Dufour by Leona & Marcel Flamand
Thursday, March 8th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Kay Sczesny by Friends
Friday, March 9th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	All Souls in Purgatory by Jacklin Jackson
4th Sunday Of Lent Saturday, March 10th Sunday, March 11th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Lillian Huberdeau by Pierre Huberdeau & Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Cecile Maloney by the Le Lievre Family

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, March 10th

Greeters - Mary Bolton, Denys Marion
Ushers - Cecile Scott, Paul Seguin
 Karl & Jo-ann Voesenek
Gift Bearers - Mary Bolton, Estelle Sinclair
Lectors - Helena Kot, Jim Ross
Eucharist Ministers - Donna Rey, Rosemary Barney,
 Zennia Semchyshyn, Bob Dionne,
 Bernadette Gnanapragasam

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, March 11th

Greeters - Brenda Franke, Mary Hordeski
Ushers - Bernadette Le Lievre, Suzanne Borisenko,
 Joan McCallister, Paulyne Appah
Gift Bearers - Brenda Franke, Mary Hordeski
Lectors - Emma Gobin, Ruth Deegan
Ministers - Stan Lambert, Rose Marie Neault,
 Evaristo Garcia, Joe & Marie Wermie, Kim Dengate,
 Sinto Sebastian



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 February and early 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 PRAYER FOR MARCH - Lord Jesus, We journey with you this Lenten season, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, ever closer to Jerusalem, ever closer to your death on the cross. We hear your words: "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me," but we are unsure of their meaning, or anxious about their true intent. Through the power of your Spirit, give us the strength to deny the "self" that keeps us from being good stewards of those who need our love and compassion. Give us a deeper awareness of the cross in our own lives so that we may embrace it and join our sufferings with yours and a world in need of your redemption. And give us the confidence to follow you no matter the cost; knowing that if we die with you, we will also live with you and eternally rejoice in your resurrection. We humbly ask this of you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - SURINAME - "All God's creation is very good!" Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend the World Day of Prayer Service on **Friday, March 9th, at St. Mary's Church (36 - 2nd St. S.W.) at 1:00 pm**. For all those who are attending, please remember to bring **6 cookies each**. Following the service, please come and join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship.



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