

5th Sunday of Easter - May 13th & 14th, 2017

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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 May 6 & 7	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,907.20	\$ 3,465.00	+ \$ 442.20	- \$ 410.75

April Sharing God's Gifts - \$ 1,645.25



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION - will be the second collection on **May 20th & 21st.**

MAY

14	Happy Mothers Day	
15	Jazz Concert	7:00 pm
17	M.D.C. Mass	10:00 am
17	Synod Session	7:00 pm
18	Ministry Of Hope	7:00 pm
24	Synod Session	7:00 pm

JAZZ CONCERT - Portage Collegiate Institute choir concert will be held at Good Shepherd Parish on **Monday May 15th** at 7:00 pm. There will be a silver collection at the door. Please come and join us.



Deric Ducharme, as you receive your first holy communion, we hope and pray that the goodness of the Lord be upon you each day. May the Lord bless you always. Congratulations!

KITS FOR KIDS - for our infant kits 3 months to 12 months old, we now need sleepers, receiving blankets, baby shampoo and lotion, books and small soft toys. For the older group - 2 years to 4 years old, pyjamas, books and soft toys. Items can be placed in the box located in the hallway leading into the Parish Hall. The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone for your support. Pauline Calder

ROSE FOR LIFE - Knights of Columbus will be pinning symbolic roses on **Saturday May 13th and Sunday, May 14th.** They are asking all to wear these to show your support, for Prairie Pro Life. They are asking for donations for this cause and would like to mention that the cost to purchase each rose is \$1.00. Thank you.



SCHOLARSHIP - A \$500.00 dollar scholarship for continuing education is being made available by the Catholic Women's League to a Catholic Student from Good Shepherd Parish (including St Ambrose) graduating from Grade 12 this year. The criteria will not be based solely on marks, it will also consider volunteerism in and out of the Parish and other criteria. If you would like an application and full criteria please call either Bernadette at 239-6696, Irene at 857-5015, or Joan 857-8092. Applications should be submitted by not later than **May 30th** to Catholic Women's League 114 Countess Ave. Portage la Prairie, Manitoba R1N - 0T2.



May is here and we have some space in our raised garden for a few novice or experience gardeners. Let Joe, Michel or our parish office know if you are interested in some garden space in our Good Shepherd raised beds.



PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Do you see people in our Parish and wonder what their names are. We are looking into producing a pictorial directory in the fall. We are looking for volunteers to help with this project, if you are interested please contact the office. More information to follow in the next couple of weeks.

WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS - are available in the gathering area. As you may not be aware, these books come from the States. The cost has gone up because of the exchange rate. **If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, they will be \$2.50.** Thank you.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS - Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of John Lafreniere who passed away on May 3rd. Please remember him in your prayers. May he rest in the peace of Christ.



THINGS MOMS WOULD NEVER SAY

"How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"

"Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too"

"Just leave all the lights on, makes the house look more cheery"

"Let me smell that shirt -- Yeah, it's good for another week"

"If Johnny's mom says it's OK, that's good enough for me."

"I don't have a tissue with me ... just use your sleeve"

"Don't bother wearing a jacket - the wind-chill is bound to improve"

"Forget about your homework, plenty of time to do it later."

"Let's wait and see if your clothes pick themselves up first."

To tell you the truth, I can't really tell when you're lying to me.

Wishing everyone a very special Mother's Day.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF WINNIPEG SYNOD COMMISSIONS - There have been nine White Papers prepared for discussion in preparation for the next Phase of the Synod. The Nine commissions are: New Evangelization and Mission; Catechetics and Faith Formation; First Nations; Youth and Young Adults; Marriage and Family Life; Sacramental Preparation, Prayer, and Devotional Life; Vocations and Leadership; Church Governance; Social Outreach. The White Papers will be available to review on the Archdiocesan website. Everyone is encouraged to read them and offer feedback. In addition, I would like to suggest two opportunities for parish/group feedback. One is for the Commission on the New Evangelization and Mission, and the second for Social Outreach. In the coming weeks, we will offer two sessions on a weeknight. I am leaning towards two consecutive Wednesday evenings, one for each commission. The tentative dates for these meetings will be **May 17th and 24th, 2017**. Both sessions will take place in the **Church Hall at 7:00 pm**. In addition to the "listening" sessions that were offered throughout the Archdiocese last fall, these upcoming sessions and your individual feedback are encouraged. Too often, voices go unheard when we don't take the opportunity to offer our thoughts and concerns about the teachings of our faith journey. I hope many will respond to these upcoming events. All are welcome!



OUR LADY OF FATIMA - Hundreds of Winnipeggers to join 100th anniversary celebration

Every working day, Sister Bibiana Ikwun experiences a simple but profound miracle: seeing the divine through children's eyes. "They are so simple and so open and every day I learn something new from them," says the director of religious education at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church. "The children have that imbued knowledge of God. I think they are very close to God." On May 13, Ikwun hopes hundreds of Winnipeggers will join her in marking the centennial of a miracle encountered by three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. "The event is important to us as Catholics and human beings because it was during the (First World) war and Our Lady asked children to pray and make sacrifices," says Ikwun, who travelled to Fatima last summer for her 60th birthday. On May 13, 1917, three young children were tending sheep outside the village of Fatima when they saw an apparition or image of the Virgin Mary, asking them to pray daily to bring peace to the world. The apparitions continued for six consecutive months, and on Oct. 13, 1917, 70,000 people witnessed the miracle along with the children. Now known as Our Lady of Fatima, the event has inspired people from all over the globe to flock to Fatima for pilgrimages or mark the date with processions and celebrations in their own communities. "It's a populist movement. It's happening all over the world," says John Scatliff, parish life administrator at Holy Cross. "It's a place of prayers, devotion and connection with God," Ikwun says of Fatima, where thousands gather for nightly candlelight processions and hourly masses and visit a large shrine dedicated to the events of 1917. She says that sense of continuous worship will pervade the day-long Winnipeg celebration at Holy Cross, 252 Dubuc St., which opens with a 7:45 a.m. mass, and includes afternoon prayer services, music and silent adoration until the 5 p.m. mass. Organizers expect 500 people to walk the 5.25-kilometre route through St. Boniface in what is thought to be the first Winnipeg procession for Fatima. The event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg. "Its (focus) is more on grace and mercy of God," says Holy Cross parishioner Anita Bondoc, adding these types of processions are more common in her native Philippines. "Our Lady (of Fatima) is asking for repentance, sacrifice and prayer." To people unfamiliar with events at Fatima, the idea of apparitions and private revelations to children may seem just a bit unbelievable, says Rev. Jeffrey Burwell, director of the Jesuit Centre for Catholic studies at St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba. He says the appearances of the Virgin (Mary) are sprinkled throughout the history of the church. "She appears at many times and places, says Burwell, who visited Fatima last summer after walking the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage route through France and Spain. "You can take it or leave it. What you can't discount is the call to devotion and the call to prayers." What also can't be discounted is that the call to prayer came through humble messengers in the form of three young shepherd children, Ikwun says, and their message still resonates today. "For children to be able to draw people into prayer and sacrifice, that's fantastic." Article from Winnipeg Free Press, brenda@suderman.com



Picture is of the three shepherd children of Fatima. Francisco Marto (June 11, 1908 – April 4, 1919), his sister Jacinta Marto (March 11, 1910 – February 20, 1920), also known as Blessed Francisco Marto and Blessed Jacinta Marto, and their cousin, Lúcia de Jesus Rosa Santos – Sister Mary Lucy of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart, better known as Sister Lúcia of Fátima – (March 28, 1907 – February 13, 2005) was a Roman Catholic Discalced Carmelite nun from Portugal.

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Wednesday, May 17th	10:00 am	M.D.C.	†Cornelius Furdievich by Friends
Thursday, May 18th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Angela Murphy by Estelle & Family
Friday, May 19th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†John & †Mary Zedan by Family
6th Sunday Easter Saturday, May 20th Sunday, May 21st	7:00 pm 11:00 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	Deceased Members of the White Family by Dave & Rosemary Barney In Thanksgiving, 15th Wedding Anniversary of Adrian & Myla Alinsod †Edna Meillieur by the Family



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



Friendly Reminders

Saturday, May 20th

Greeters - Louis Lasson, Pauline Puff
Ushers - Norbert & Donna Rey
 Mary Bolton, Estelle Sinclair
Gift Bearers - Don & Cecile Scott
Lectors - Rachael Murray, Rick Ryzner
Eucharist Ministers - John & Doris Nichol, Lynda Jones,
 Helena Kot, Denise Payment

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, May 21st

Greeters - Irene Souque Hewitt, Marilyn Spence
Ushers - Adrian Alinsod, Myla Alinsod
 Dimple Alinsod, Fe Rodriguez
Gift Bearers - Art & Cheryl Windsor
Lectors - Kerry McGowan, Gary van der Zweep
Eucharist Ministers - Joe & Marie Wermie,
 Mickey Cuthbert, Gary & Dawn Lernowicz,
 Rose Marie Neault, Sinto Sebastian

MOTHER'S DAY: A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - May 14 is Mother's Day in the Canada., and similar holidays are celebrated in most countries. After all, what theme is more universal than the importance of motherhood? We Catholics prize that nurturing relationship so highly that we call our church, "Holy Mother," and we venerate Mary, the mother of Jesus, for her pivotal role in the life of the savior. Yet, Mother's Day can bring with it a plethora of emotion and memories. Any mother can attest to the difficulty and challenge of the task of parenting. And mothers come in all shapes and sizes. Some mothers are birth mothers, some are adoptive. Some mothers are the grandmas or aunts who raised us. Some mothers left us far too soon, and no matter when they leave, they always leave us orphans. Some mothers are the people we rebelled against; some mothers are the women we idolized. Most often, our mothers were probably both. It's a complex relationship, this parenting. As Christian stewards, many of us are mothers, but all of us are sons and daughters. During May, we honor and remember not just our own moms, but Mary, the Mother of God. We see her as the great symbol of motherhood and as our role model. At her knee, Jesus learned his prayers and the faith of his ancestors. At her hearth, Jesus grew in wisdom and grace and developed his sense of manhood and destiny. Mothers should resist comparing themselves to Mary. It's tough enough being a mom without setting the barrier that high. But we all should ask Mary's intercession, so that in our endeavors to be good stewards and to raise good stewards, to nurture in the faith those entrusted to us, she might come to our assistance and guide us with her motherly understanding. And on Mother's Day, we ask Mary to bless all mothers, especially our own.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each others' needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected. How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?

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