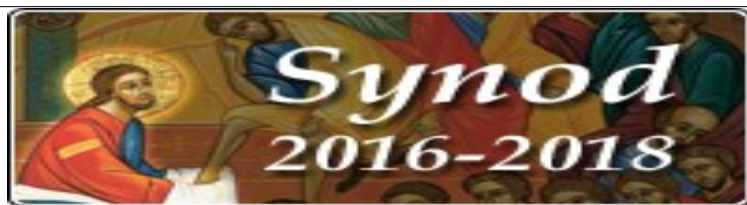


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You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

Collection May 13 & 14	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,373.10	\$ 3,465.00	- \$ 91.90	- \$ 502.65

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



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

MAY

22	Blood Donor Clinic	3:00 - 8:00 pm
	@ Canad Inn - Ball Room	
24	Synod Session	7:00 pm

New schedules are ready for pick up.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WINNIPEG SYNOD COMMISSIONS

- This Wednesday, May 24th, at 7:00 pm, we will gather for the second of two feedback sessions for the Synod White Papers. This week we will discuss the White Paper on Social Outreach. Some copies are available in the gathering area. You can also find all of the White Papers on line at archwinipeg.ca. We had an excellent discussion and some good concrete feedback for the paper on the New Evangelization and Missionary Outreach. Please join us this Wednesday to offer us your insight. As a result of the input received, I will be contacting members of my commission to address changes based on our discussion. All are welcome!



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS - Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Dalmer Bilkoski who passed away on May 8th. Please remember him in your prayers. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS

- are available in the gathering area. **If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, they will be \$2.50.** Thank you.

*Be happy for this moment,
For this moment is your life.*



SCHOLARSHIP - A \$500.00 scholarship for continuing education is being made available by the Catholic Women's League to a Catholic Student from Good Shepherd Parish (including St Ambroise) 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.



The Portage and Area Refugee Coalition - wants to thank the people of our communities for their generosity. The donations we have received to date are enough to support the two families until their year is finished and we also have some contingency funds. Thank you very much for your support. The families are doing well. The children are in school and the parents are working hard to learn English and preparing for employment.



BOYS and GIRLS! - St. Malo Catholic Summer Camp registration forms are available at the bulletin board or through www.catholicway.ca The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League have again established a sponsorship fund to help pay enrollment costs and to encourage families to send their children to this wonderful camp. Please Contact Armand Tanguay at 204-871-2901 or Bernadette Le Lievre at 204-236-6696 regarding sponsorship.



KITS FOR KIDS - for our infant kit 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUSARY - for a child or a grandchild of a Knights of Columbus Council Member from Portage, who is attending post secondary education in the fall. Please contact Armand Tanguay at 204-841-2901 for more information.



PRAIRIE WELCOME HOUSE BBQ celebrating our 10th anniversary on Saturday, June 10th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. More information to follow.

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LITURGY AND LIFE - Sixth Sunday of Easter

The whole country seemed seized by forces beyond their control. An alien culture threatened to overturn long-held values. Religiously inspired zealots used terrorist tactics to destabilize the regime they regarded as illegitimate. Defenders of the status quo came down hard on new beliefs challenging their tenuous grip on power. In the midst of this repressive political climate Philip, a new disciple not one of the Twelve, we hear in the first reading, "went down to the city of Samaria." Desperate for some hope-filled words the women and men there "listened eagerly to what was said by Philip." They "accepted the word of God." "(T)here was great joy in the city." Today we seem to be teetering either on the edge of a great awakening or a cataclysmic spiral into chaos as every human and natural system seems to be breaking down after centuries of exploitation and abuse. Aren't we also desperately grasped with the desire to hear the Word, which will give us hope today? Spreading the Good News in first-century Palestine or in 21st-century North America can mean taking risks. Peter tells us in the second reading that you may be maligned or abused for saying what needs to be said. But "it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil." During my time as the president of the National Council of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (D&P) in the late 1980s, the struggle against the racist apartheid government of South Africa had reached global dimensions. D&P took strong stands, such as calling on the Canadian government to evoke comprehensive sanctions against the repressive South African regime. Hate letters addressed to me as president denounced our support of communists like, they said, Nelson Mandela. We proudly stood by prophetic witnesses such as Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban, South Africa. In the late 1980s the archbishop travelled across Western Canada where he spoke out against apartheid at events organized by D&P. As chair of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference he had drafted a pivotal pastoral letter in which the bishops denounced apartheid as "blasphemy" and "intrinsically evil." We hosted other speakers, among them Rev. Michael Lapsley, a committed member of the African National Congress. After a long day of presentations in Prince Albert, I drove him to Rosthern where a car from Saskatoon would meet us and take him on to more presentations. I guess I had expressed my despair at the lack of responsiveness to our calls for global justice. He counselled me to recognize the importance of the struggle and to see solidarity as an ongoing journey. He prophetically shared with me, it turned out, that our faith allows us to persevere in the face not only of indifference but even violent resistance. A car found us at the rendez-vous point, then he headed off into the night and I returned home. I would hear in horror just weeks later that Father Lapsley back at his home in exile in Harare, Zimbabwe, would, while going through a stack of mail, trigger a letter bomb hidden inside a packet containing two religious magazines. The attack by a covert arm of the South African security forces would destroy both his hands and cause him to lose the sight in one eye as well as sustain serious burns. They did not silence him. Today he serves as director of the Institute for Healing of Memories in Cape Town, South Africa. His organization holds a vision that sees it "Striving to be a leading agent of hope, transformation and peace by empowering individuals, communities and nations through healing of memories." In this way it seeks to contribute to a more peaceful and just future for all of us. Certainly they hope we all can see that we and our world are in need of healing, because of what has been done to us, what we have done, and failed to do. How many other voices have we heard from over the 50 years that D&P has been with us? Do you remember the Mothers of May Square? During the darkest days of the military dictatorship in Argentina they travelled across the Prairies on a "secret" tour urging us to help them defend basic human rights there and by extension here in our own land. A few weeks ago they celebrated 40 years of action, which continues to inspire us. How about Filo Hirota, the Mercedarian Missionary nun from Japan whose work in the Philippines during the difficult days of the Marcos dictatorship called us to action. Or Christopher Mwoleka, the Bishop of Rulenge, Tanzania, whose simple lifestyle and inspiring words on the importance of small Christian communities pushed us to examine if we were too focused here on institutions and buildings rather than the task of building truly Christian, just and sustainable societies. Sister Mary Hartman from Nicaragua, Bishop Mauro Morelli from the slums outside Rio de Janeiro, and many more proclaimed the message of Christ among us. Let there be joy in our towns and cities. As Jesus said in the Gospel of John, "I will not leave you orphaned." It is true. The "Spirit of truth" continues to move among us, to call us to accept the Word of God and live accordingly today just as in the first days of that small struggling community of believers.

By Michael Dougherty who is co-chair of the Social Justice Committee at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Whitehorse, Yukon

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Sunday, May 21st	11:00 am	Good Shepherd	In Thanksgiving, 15th Wedding Anniversary of Adrian & Myla Alinsod
	1:00 pm	St. Ambrose	†Edna Meillieur by the Family
Wednesday, May 24th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Pearl & †John Glowa by Friends
Thursday, May 25th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Arthur Brennan by Enda & Rachael Murray
Friday, May 26th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intention by the Jacklin Jackson
Ascension of the Lord Saturday, May 27th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Frank & †Sophie Ryzner by the Family
Sunday, May 28th	11:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Crystal Carpenter by Dad & Family

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

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, May 27th

Greeters - Denys Marion, Mary Bolton
Ushers - John & Doris Nichol
 Bob Dionne, Raymond Smith
Gift Bearers - Bill & Florence Zettler
Lectors - Jane Hebert, Terry Giercke
Eucharist Ministers - Luc & Donna Gamache,
 Audree Peech, Zennia Semechysn, Bob Dionne

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, May 28th

Greeters - Bill & Elaine Vint
Ushers - Sinto Sebastian, Evaristo Garcia
 Ron & Julie Prieur
Gift Bearers - Gonzalez Family
Lectors - Michel Touchette, Bernadette Le Lievre
Eucharist Ministers - Karen McLeod, Garth Bullock,
 Lidia Garcia de Garcia, Arthur Rey, Pauline Calder,
 Neenu Shibu, Sylvia Gauthier

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn of Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without being obstructed by feelings of what cost his actions might entail. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord and to serve Him by ministering to others. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, it is important to reflect on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD - The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Ministry for children aged 3-12 years that is based on the Bible and liturgy of the church; it is inspired by the principles of Montessori education. This Ministry provides: An opportunity for children to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in a child-friendly space called an atrium – located in a church or school. Guided activity to aid meditation on Bible scripture and the mysteries of the Christian faith once a week - in small groups, facilitated by trained adults (catechists). That each child's unique spiritual needs and abilities are respected and nurtured. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is recognized as a ministry offering religious formation for children by the Anglican and Catholic Churches of Canada. A presentation will be in the gathering area on **May 27th & 28th**.



WHO NEEDS BLOOD - Approximately every minute of every day, someone in Canada needs blood. In fact, according to a recent poll, 52 per cent of Canadians say they, or a family member, have needed blood or blood products for surgery or for medical treatment. **The good news is that one blood donation - in just one hour - can save a life.** There will be a blood donor clinic on **Monday, May 22nd from 3:00 - 8:00 pm, at the Canad Inn Ball Room.** Thanks to all of you for saving lives with your donation of blood. Your efforts have helped us to make a huge difference in the lives of patients in area hospitals. Appointments preferred or Walk-In (If Available) please call 1-888-236-6283.

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