

Ascension of the Lord - May 27th & 28th, 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 20 & 21	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,621.70	\$ 3,465.00	+ \$ 156.70	- \$ 345.95

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



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

JUNE		
1	Douglas Campbell Lodge Mass	2:00 pm
4	Children's Liturgy (During Mass)	
8	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:30 pm
11	Spanish Mass	7:00 pm
13	Lions Prairie Manor Mass	2:00 pm
13	Catholic Women's League Supper	6:00 pm

New schedules are ready for pick up.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - June 4th will be the last one till September. Thank you to all the children for coming and for all my helpers. Have a great summer holiday, Mary Hordeski.



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

Baptism We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God **Harlyn Smith** who was baptized in our parish community on Saturday, May 20th. May God grant them, their parents, family and godparents many blessings!

"Think of the love that God has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's own children; and that is what we are." —1 John 3:1



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.

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 204-871-2901 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.



STRIDE TO TURN THE TIDE

Host: Grandmothers Giving

Date: June 4th, 2017

1:00 PM - Registration and Hot Dog Lunch

1:30 - Treasure Hunt Walk

Place: New Band Shelter, Island Park

Details: For more information contact

Sheila Riendeau (204)857-6049 or See poster in kios



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HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH



When the Parish Census/Survey was conducted last fall the preferred choice for Sunday morning was 10:00 am. **Given that choice, for July and August we will offer mass at 10:00 am.** Many parishes have adjusted their mass times in the summer months. Is this just for the summer? Ideally, we would like to change the time for good. Many will recall that mass used to be at 10:00 am. Why was it changed to 11:00 am? It was to accommodate the 9:00 am mass time at St. Ambroise. Mass at St. Ambroise has been offered at 1:00 pm since October of 2015, so there would be no obstacle if have a 10:00 am mass here at Good Shepherd going forward. **So beginning on Sunday, July 2nd, 2017, we will offer at 10:00 am**

Question: "What is the meaning and importance of the ascension of Jesus Christ?"

Answer: After Jesus rose from the dead, He "presented Himself alive" (Acts 1:3) to the women near the tomb (Matthew 28:9-10), to His disciples (Luke 24:36-43), and to more than 500 others (1 Corinthians 15:6). In the days following His resurrection, Jesus taught His disciples about the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).

Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus and His disciples went to Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem. There, Jesus promised His followers that they would soon receive the Holy Spirit, and He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit had come. Then Jesus blessed them, and as He gave the blessing, He began to ascend into heaven. The account of Jesus' ascension is found in Luke 24:50-51 and Acts 1:9-11.

It is plain from Scripture that Jesus' ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers. As the disciples strained to catch a last glimpse of Jesus, a cloud hid Him from their view, and two angels appeared and promised Christ's return "in just the same way that you have watched Him go" (Acts 1:11).

The Ascension of Jesus Christ is meaningful for several reasons:

- 1) It signaled the end of His earthly ministry. God the Father had lovingly sent His Son into the world at Bethlehem, and now the Son was returning to the Father. The period of human limitation was at an end.
- 2) It signified success in His earthly work. All that He had come to do, He had accomplished.
- 3) It marked the return of His heavenly glory. Jesus' glory had been veiled during His sojourn on earth, with one brief exception at the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9).
- 4) It symbolized His exaltation by the Father (Ephesians 1:20-23). The One with whom the Father is well pleased (Matthew 17:5) was received up in honor and given a name above all names (Philippians 2:9).
- 5) It allowed Him to prepare a place for us (John 14:2).
- 6) It indicated the beginning of His new work as High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16) and Mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 9:15).
- 7) It set the pattern for His return. When Jesus comes to set up the Kingdom, He will return just as He left-literally, bodily, and visibly in the clouds (Acts 1:11; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7).

Currently, the Lord Jesus is in heaven. The Scriptures frequently picture Him at the right hand of the Father—a position of honor and authority (Psalms 110:1; Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 8:1). Christ is the Head of the Church (Colossians 1:18), the giver of spiritual gifts (Ephesians 4:7-8), and the One who fills all in all (Ephesians 4:9-10).

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Ascension of the Lord Saturday, May 27th Sunday, May 28th	7:00 pm 11:00 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Frank & †Sophie Ryzner by the Family †Crystal Carpenter by Dad & Family
Wednesday, May 31st	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Lady of Fatima by Jacklin Jackson
Thursday, June 1st	2:00 pm	Douglas Campbell Lodge	†Louise Tenszen by Mary Kohut & Family
Saturday, June 3rd	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intention by the Jacklin Jackson
Pentecost Sunday Saturday, June 3rd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Pauline & †Roman Lebedynski by Linda & Stan Szumilak & Family
Sunday, June 4th	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd St. Ambroise	Cure For Cancer by the Lupkowski Family †William St. Goddard by Wilna & Reginald Ducharme

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

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, June 3rd

Greeters - Zennia Semchyshyn, Pauline Puff
Ushers - Norbert & Donna Rey
 Bernadette Gnanapragasam, Cecile Scott
Gift Bearers - Debusschere Family
Lectors - Jane Hebert, Jim Ross
Eucharist Ministers - Lillian Huberdeau, Linda Leafloor,
 Anita Kowerchuk, Tara Ryzner, Rachael Murray

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, June 4th

Greeters - Richard Fraser Family
Ushers - Jo Laurans, Sharon Murkin
 Francisco Gonzalez-Cortez, Candida C Martinez-de Gonzalez
Gift Bearers - Alinsod Family
Lectors - Ruth Mulligan, Bernadette Le Lievre
Eucharist Ministers - Karen McLeod, Arthur Rey,
 Stan Lambert, Neenu Shibu, Kerry McGowan,
 Margaret Whiteley, Gary van der Zweep

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - In today's Gospel, Jesus charges his followers to "make disciples of all nations." What exactly is going on here? What is this Great Commission anyway? Good stewards know they are directed to share what they exercise stewardship over: their life of faith in Christ Jesus. They know Jesus didn't direct them to go to church and to keep quiet about it; or to go out into the neighborhood, workplace or marketplace and just be nice. Christ's Good News is meant to be shared. Many people in our communities don't know about Jesus Christ. Does that bother us? Do we care? Do we realize we are supposed to do something about it?

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**.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - recently we have celebrated the "Good Shepherd Sunday" – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We would like to unite our prayers to those of the Universal Church in asking the Lord to "send laborers into his harvest" (cf. Lk 10:2) - that He would raise up from our midst priests and religious who would serve God and His people with their whole hearts. Come join us in praying for this intention on **June 25th, at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral** (353 St. Mary's Ave, Winnipeg). The Presider is going to be our Archbishop Richard Gagnon. For further information contact the vocations director - Fr. Peter Nemcek – (204) 452-2227 or pnemcek@archwinnipeg.ca

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