

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 17th & 18th, 2018

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Collection November 10 & 11	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,781.20	\$ 3,860.00	- \$ 78.80	- \$ 12,637.83

Sharing God's Gifts

2018 Target Amount	Collected As of November 11th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 16,454.25	- \$ 2,775.75



BULIDING FUND COLLECTION - will be the second collection on **November 17 & 18**.

NOVEMBER

- 17 Liturgy Ministries Workshop after Mass
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 - 18 Couples for Christ 1:30 pm
 - 19 Blood Donor Clinic 3:00 - 8:00 pm
- @ Canad Inn - Ball Room**
- 21 M.D.C. Mass 10:00 am
 - 21 Scripture Reflection 1:00 pm
 - 25 Couples for Christ 1:30 pm



All are welcome to come to the parish hall after Sunday Mass to enjoy a cup of coffee, the fellowship of other parishioners and a visit.



BAPTISM PREPARATION - is planned for Saturday, **December 1st, from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm** (lunch is provided). To register please call the parish office or Dawn at 204-872-2897.

HONOURING LIFE IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

- This is presentation we would like to invite your parish on **Thursday, November 22** at 7:00 pm in St. Eustache Church. Monique Gauthier (from St. Gianna's Parish) does a great presentation on resting our cremains in the Catholic tradition. For more information see poster is kios.

Good Shepherd Catholic Women's League Raffle Winners

- Afghan - Chad Green
 - Painting - Alex Lubkiwski
 - Co-op Gift Card - Elaine Vint
 - MacDonald's Sporting Goods Ltd Gift Certificate - Patty Semchyshyn
- The Catholic Women's League, we would like to thank everyone who sold and bought tickets for our raffle.



Walking Together in God's Embrace

Walking with Christ is a spiritual journey fed by prayer, scripture reading and the Eucharist.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP) - Couples for Christ (CFC) community is a movement with a goal to renew and strengthen Christian family values. CFC will conduct CLP on **Nov 18, 25 and Dec 2, at 1:30 pm** at Good Shepherd Parish. The program is open all adult individuals - single, couples, married, separated, divorced, widowed/widower. Let's journey together and rekindle the gifts God has given us. Come and be blessed! For more information, please contact the parish office at (204) 857-5172 or Bro Kris (204) 872-0246."

PRAIRIE WELCOME HOUSE - Christmas party will be **Saturday December 8** at the parish hall. Like previous years we hope to have your support for our guests' Christmas gifts. We recommend a few small gift items with a total value of \$15-18. You have a choice to buy a gift for a woman or man. Simply sign up on our gift sheet in the gathering area. Please use a gift bag for your gift items, rather than wrapping. Please bring your gifts to church on the weekend of November 24/25 or December 1/2. If shopping for gifts is a challenge for you, we also require some food items for the day of the party. Please sign our food sheet; then bring food items on the morning of Saturday December 8 or Thursday December 6 at PWH. Thank you for your generosity.



"A FIDDLING CHRISTMAS"

- presented by Mark Morisseau - **Saturday, December 1st at 2:00 pm**, at Good Shepherd Parish. The concert is approximately a 75 minute traditional show with a variety of level of artists from emerging artists to recording artists with Dance and vocal arrangements and a whole lot of fiddle of course! There is a full band backing up about 50 artists that share the stage together for a number of group performances. Everyone is welcome to help us cheer on our rising artists. Refreshments served following the concert. Tickets are available at the door but should guests wish to skip the line the that day, we encourage purchasing an advanced ticket through one of the performers or at the parish office. Tickets-Adult - \$ 12.00 / 12 & under \$ 6.00



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of George Flamand. Please remember him in your prayers. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

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What is Prairie Welcome House (PWH)?

- ◆ PWH is an initiative started in 2007 by Good Shepherd Parish as part of our responsibility for social justice within our parish boundaries. PWH is a safe place for individuals from Portage la Prairie to drop in, for visiting friends, making new ones, playing cards, doing a puzzle, knitting, having a coffee, tea, or juice in an safe inviting, respectful environment.
- ◆ Our guests tend to be single, live alone on a fixed income, and have limited steady employment opportunities. However they are grateful for PWH, overall happy, generous and helpful among themselves and to the volunteers. The line between volunteers and guests over time disappears and a friendship grows.
- ◆ PWH is located on Saskatchewan Avenue East between the two Portage MCC Thrift stores. PWH is open Monday and Thursday evening from 7-9 pm, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 -11:30, Tuesday and Saturday 1:30-4:30 and closed Wednesday and Friday. Our visitors count is between 3,000 to 3,200 yearly.
- ◆ Our supplies such as coffee, tea, cookies, sugar, coffee mate, juices, Christmas gifts and most cleaners are generously provided by our parishioners. Financial donations by parishioners and parish cover expenses such as rent, heat, coffee cups, food for a barbecue and Christmas meal. Our yearly budget is close to \$15,000 per year. On occasion an additional financial support is request to our parish family.
- ◆ Every parishioner is very welcome to come and visit PWH. If the spirit moves you to become part of this fulfilling ministry, consider sharing your talents as a volunteer or sharing your treasure on this important social justice initiative by our parish. Michel Touchette

Gratitude is good for our spiritual lives in so many ways. It reminds us of our neediness before the Lord, without whom we have nothing. The mere daily act of focusing on our blessings makes us more mindful, more present to God's mystery and gifts, and more aware of the needs of others around us. Gratitude is best achieved by daily, focused attention. So perhaps a good exercise would be to write down, each day, some things for which we are truly grateful. Your list will no doubt include people – a teacher who inspired you, a coach who believed in you, an aunt who made you feel special, an employer who mentored you. Your notes might include simple things – the aroma of freshly ground coffee, a lunch invitation that brightened your day, a phone call that brought a smile. Focus on things you sometimes take for granted – the warm home in which you live, the sunshine that peeked through a cloudy day, the bright redness of a leaf on the lawn, the faithful presence of your spouse. Remember to give thanks to the risen Lord:

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:15-17).

Celebration



The Communion of Saints and Souls

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION - With the anticipation of Advent around the corner, **we will be offering weekly sessions, starting Wednesday, November 21st at 1:00 pm at Good Shepherd Parish.** 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. Each person will have the opportunity to speak as they are comfortable to participate. All are welcome.



REMEMBER TO DONATE BLOOD ALL YEAR - Canadian Blood Services is reminding eligible donors that they can pay tribute to the men and women who have served, or are currently serving our country by remembering to donate blood throughout the year. Remembrance Day is a time to honor the contributions and sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Canadian Armed forces. While many have given their lives over the years, Canadians can give back all year, by helping to save lives and encouraging friends and family to do the same. Since becoming one of Canadian Blood Services' valued partners, service men and women with the Department of National Defence alone have contributed nearly 30,000 blood donations to our national blood supply. Canadian Blood Services and the Canadian military have a significant, historic link that dates back to World War II, approximately 890,000 blood donations were collected from Canadian donors for military hospitals during the last year of the war. The response was so generous that Canada's voluntary blood system was born. In addition to helping to save the lives of Canadian patients, by making a commitment to regularly donate blood you could also be helping improve or save the life of a Canadian Forces member here or abroad. To book an appointment, call 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283). There will be a blood donor clinic on **Monday, November 19th from 3:00 - 8:00 pm, @ Canad Inn - Ball Room.**

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

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Sunday, November 18th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Wednesday, November 21st	10:00 am	M.D.C.	Deacon Michael & Rochelle Cordova & Family By Friends
Thursday, November 22nd	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Fran Parynuick by Chris & Greg Paulson
Friday, November 23rd	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Joe & †Francis Fashoway by the Family
Christ the King Saturday, November 24th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Peter Semchyshyn by Zennia & Family
Sunday, November 25th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Anita Ammeter by the Lupkowski Family
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	†Joseph Saltise by the Family

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, November 24th

Greeters - Pauline Puff

Ushers - Norbert & Donna Rey
Cecile Scott, Estelle Sinclair

Gift Bearers -

Lectors - Jane Hebert & Kim Dengate

Eucharist Ministers - Doris Nichol, Mary Bolton,
Bernadette Gnanapragasam, Zennia Semchyshyn

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, November 25th

Greeters - Bill & Elaine Vint

Ushers - Alinsod Family

Gift Bearers -

Lectors - Irv Wegleitner, Gary van der Zweep

Ministers - Garth Bullock, Margaret Whiteley, Stan Lambert,
Mickey Cuthbert, Evatisto Garcia, Pauly Appah



If you would like Father Gerald to visit a family member at the hospital, please call the office to let us know. Please note that there is no longer a list kept at the hospital, due to confidentiality, so if you do not inform us, Father will not know to come. There are occasions where he may be at the hospital where he comes across family members who request a spontaneous visit, but it would be best to let him know of your request through the office (204-857-5172).



MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE - In our Catholic tradition, November is the month of Remembrance. We remember, honor and pray for our deceased family members, friends and loved ones who have influenced and shaped our lives by their love and presence. You are invited to write the name of your loved one in the Book of Remembrance located in our gathering area. At each Mass for the month of November, we will be praying for all those written in our book. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - How would you spend your day if you knew it was the last day you would spend on earth? Undoubtedly, it would not be a normal day. The point of today's Gospel reading is that the end-time is always imminent. The good steward remains prayerfully alert, ready to give an accounting; and living each day in the awareness of the coming judgment and salvation. How do we exercise stewardship over our daily lives? Are we prepared to give an accounting? How will we allow Christ to work in and through us to prepare for the reconciliation of the heavens and the earth?



2018 MISSALS AND COLLECTION ENVELOPES - will be ready for **November 24th & 25th** for pick up. 2018 Missals are \$ 4.00 each. **Please try to have the correct change. Thank you.**



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