

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 18th & 19th
"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


Collection November 11 & 12	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,445.30	\$ 3,465.00	- \$ 19.20	- \$ 237.19


NOVEMBER

- 18/19 Lectors Workshop after Mass
- 19 Community Parish Breakfast - after Mass
- 23 Knights of Columbus Social Evening After Mass
- 24, 25 & 26 Weekend Retreat
- 27 Blood Donor Clinic 3:00 - 8:00 pm
@ Canad Inn - Ball Room

DECEMBER


- 3 Children's Liturgy during Mass
- 5 Advent Reconciliation 7:00 pm

 **BULIDING FUND COLLECTION** - will be the second collection on **November 18 & 19**.

 **COMMUNITY PARISH BREAKFAST** will be Sunday, **November 19th after mass**, in the parish hall, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Menu will include **rice, scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, baked beans, baked ham & buns**. Suggested donation of \$7.00 per person or \$25.00 for family of 4 or more. Funds raised will go towards the building project. Everyone is invited! Please come and join us.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

Dawn Lernowicz will be organizing the children's parts of the Christmas Mass (5:00 pm). If you wish to have your child participate, there will be sign up on **December 3rd & December 10th** after mass in the storage room. There will be a practice on **December, 17th after mass**, will take about an hour. We are always looking for helpers, if you are able please come and see me in the storage room. Mary Hordeski will be helping this year. You can contact Dawn at 204-872-2897 if you have any questions.

 **2018 MISSALS AND COLLECTION ENVELOPES** will be ready for **next weekend** for pick up. Price is \$ 4.00 **Please try to have the correct change. Calendars will be available later.**

Number of Parishioners Contributing to Sharing God's Gifts	Percentage of Parishioners Contributing to Sharing God's Gifts	
133/345	38%	
Target Amount	Collected As of November 12th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 18,910.00	\$ 22,560.93	+ \$ 3,650.93


2017 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24	5:00 pm - Good Shepherd Parish 7:30 pm - Good Shepherd Parish 9:30 pm - St. Ambrose Parish
December 25	10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish
January 1	10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 PM -Good Shepherd Parish
Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 7:00 PM - St. Mary's Cathedral
Thursday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 PM -St. Charles's Parish
Friday, Dec. 8th at 6:30 PM - St. Edward's Parish
Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 7:00 PM - St. Eustache Parish
Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 10:00 AM - St. John XXXIII
Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 PM -St. Patrick's Parish
Thursday, Dec. 14th at 7:00 PM - St. Paul the Apostle Parish
Friday, Dec. 15th at 7:00 PM - St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Prairie Welcome House Christmas Celebration: Saturday December 9th (2:00- 4:00 pm.) - Our PWH Christmas celebration will soon be here. We would like to invite you to participate in this parish tradition by considering buying a few gifts for a PWH guest (male or female). Simply pick up a card with gift suggestions in the gathering area after Mass. We would appreciate if you could bring a gift bag containing your unwrapped gifts no later than the weekend of **December 2 or 3** or drop them by PWH. Yummy deserts, salads or juices, drinks are very appreciated. Please do not forget to sign on the sheet name food supply in the gathering area. Thank you in advance. Joe and Michel

 **CHRISTMAS TRAYS** - each year the Catholic Women's League put together trays of dainties for the shut-ins of our Parish. We would like your help. If you are willing to assist us by doing some baking. It can be brought to the kitchen on **December 9th & 10th**. We will be putting the trays together after **Mass on December 10th**. We put together about 65 trays. We also need help with delivering these trays. If you know of anyone in our Parish community who is a shut in and would like a holiday treat let me know. Contact Bernadette at the Parish office. Thank you.

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HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

Celebration



The Communion of Saints and Souls



In 2009, upon my arrival at St. John XXIII Parish, I was introduced to a weekly scripture reflection gathering. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the scriptures for the coming **Sunday**. To assist us in our reflection, we were accompanied with "Celebrations", a weekly commentary on the **Sunday** readings. Having just applied for a subscription to the reflection series, I would like to offer an opportunity to parishioners. When? The day would be **Wednesday's**. The time is to be determined. If we offer it in the daytime, it could be set in the morning or afternoon. If it is offered in the evening, it would be at 7:00 pm. Ideally, I will offer the sessions based upon the interest and availability of the largest group of people. Please take note, if 7:00 pm is chosen, with the upcoming penance services in Advent, the start date and time would be delayed until the new year. Please indicate your preference on the sign up sheet in the entrance to the Church. Thanks, Fr. Gerald

SYNOD - On November 4 & 5th the Synod opened with a beautiful liturgy at St. John 23rd parish, presided by Archbishop Richard Gagnon. During the mass delegates ritually washed each other's feet to symbolize our attitude of service for the Synod. In the Synod session we reviewed the proposals for 5 white papers: Vocations, Marriage & Family Life, Catechetics and Adult Formation, Social Outreach, and Governance. After table discussions and clarifications the more than 170 delegates were polled on each proposal. All proposals received large numbers of agreement or agreement with amendments. The next session will involve the other 4 white papers: Indigenous People, New Evangelization & Ministry Outreach, Sacramental Preparation - Prayer/Devotional Life, Youth and Young Adults. Synod information and white papers are available at <http://archwinnipeg.ca/synod.php>. If you wish to give us some feedback, please focus on the Recommendations in each paper; the proposals are drawn from these. Future sessions will discuss amendments and how to implement the proposals. We welcome your feedback in person or by email ruthmul@mymts.net. Ruth Mulligan & Michel Touchette, Tracy Maloney-Bullock, Father Gerald - Good Shepherd Parish Synod delegates



"A FIDDLING CHRISTMAS" - presented by Mark Morisseau - **Saturday, December 2nd 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 \$ 5.00



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS - we are inviting all children in the parish to enter the "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. **Information and contest rules are available at the back of the church in the gathering area.** Entries must be handed in by **December 10th**, and winners will be announced at the Community Breakfast on **December 17th**. For more information call Armand at 204-871-2901.



Giving Hope Today

HELLO EVERYONE - This is your 2017 Salvation Army Kettle Coordinator, Rose Carriere sending out our request for volunteers who will man the kettles during our Christmas Season. This year the kettles will be in five stores- Walmart, Portage Coop, Sobeys, Portage Supermarket, and Liquor Mart from Thursday November 23rd to Saturday December 23rd, and only on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The shifts will cover from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm and I am looking for any group who would fill a complete day. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help and what your first and second choice of day would be, as we have about 325 shifts to fill. The sooner I get the names, the better chance I have of giving you that shift as it is first come, first served. **We are hosting a Volunteer information & dessert session on November 16th from 2:30 to 3:30 and 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** Last year the kettles in all 5 stores raised over \$30,000.00 and your dedication to man the kettles helped us raise these funds. It made such a difference in the lives of so many Portage and area residents. Thank you for supporting this specific project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 204 856-7004.

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, November 18th Sunday, November 19th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambroise	†Dal Bilkoski by Edie & Rose Bilkoski †Gisele Wegleitner by the Family †Edward Ducharme, †Don & †Mary McNeill by the Family
Wednesday, November 22nd	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Walter Ryzner by the Family
Thursday, November 23rd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Friday, November 24th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions by Lijo Padickal Joy
Christ the King Saturday, November 25th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Lillian Huberdeau by Simone & Norman Dacquay & Family
Sunday, November 26th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Juanita & †Geronimo Rodriguez by the Family

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, November 25th

Greeters - Denys Marion, Irma Gobert
Ushers - Mary Bolton, Raymond Smith,
 Bill & Florence Zettler
Gift Bearers - Zennia Semchyshyn & Estelle Sinclair
Lectors - Rosemary & Dave Barney
Eucharist Ministers - Bob Dionne, Lynda Jones,
 Audree Peech, Rachael Murray, Jim Ross

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, November 26th

Greeters - Rose Marie Neault, Jo Laurans
Ushers - Michel Dufault, Sinto Sebastian,
 Sharon Murkin, Brenda Franke
Gift Bearers - Gonzalez Family
Lectors - Kerry McGowan, Irene Souque Hewitt
Eucharist Ministers - Garth Bullock, Kim Dengate,
 Pauyn Appah, Pauline Calder, Jacklin Jackson,
 Guy & Sylvia Gauthier

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.



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Today's Gospel tells us to realize that our God-given talents are not ours to keep. We are called to discover and find our personal gifts. If we have a lousy voice, it's a good thing when we turn down invitations to sing the national anthem before the big game. However, if we have the voice but lack the courage to step up to the microphone, then we are thwarting God's plan for us, hiding these gifts under the bushel basket. Singer-songwriter Jesse Manibusan was given the gift of music. His toe always tapped right on the beat. His fingers sprawled effortlessly over the frets of his guitar. His big voice ranged to dizzy heights and thunderous lows as he sang with an overflowing, full heart. When Jesse was younger, his kids loved to hear their daddy sing "The Cow Says Moo." Today, the world loves to hear and sing one of Jesse's most popular songs: "Open My Eyes, Lord." God had always been patiently calling Jesse to full-time music ministry. One day, he quit his job as a printing salesman and bravely stepped into an uncertain future. Like today's Gospel promises, the subsequent years brought Jesse national recognition including World Youth Day performances plus many songs and albums. God is still not done heaping more upon anyone to whom much was given. *Deacon Dick Folger*

DAWN MASSES SET TO START FOR CHRISTMAS

December 16th - 7:00 pm	December 17th - 7:00 pm	December 18th - 7:00 pm
December 19th - 7:00 pm	December 20th - 6:00 pm	December 21st - 7:00 pm
December 22nd - 7:00 pm	December 23rd - 7:00 pm	December 24th - 7:30 pm

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