

**Christ the King - November 24th & 25th, 2018**

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Collection November 17 & 18	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 2,987.45	\$ 3,860.00	- \$ 872.55	- \$ 13,510.38

*Sharing God's Gifts*

2018 Target Amount	Collected As of November 18th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 16,726.25	- \$ 2,483.75



**SHARING GOD'S GIFTS** - will be the second collection on **December 1 & 2**.

**NOVEMBER**

- 25 Couples for Christ 1:30 pm
- 28 Celebration Scripture Reflection 1:00 pm

**DECEMBER**

- 1 Baptism Preparation 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 1 A Fiddling Christmas 2:00 pm
- 2 Children's Liturgy during Mass
- 2 Couples for Christ 1:30 pm
- 5 Celebration Scripture Reflection 1:00 pm
- 5 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6 Douglas Campbell Mass 2:00 pm
- 8 Welcome House Christmas Celebration 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 8 El Shaddai 3:00 pm

**New Schedules are ready for pickup.**



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.



**"A FIDDLING CHRISTMAS"** - presented by Mark Morisseau - **Saturday, December 1st at 2:00 pm**, at Good Shepherd Parish. Everyone is welcome.

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

**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.**



*Walking Together  
in God's Embrace*

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

**2018 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

- December 24 5:00 pm - Good Shepherd Parish  
8:00 pm - St. Ambrose Parish  
10:00 pm - Good Shepherd Parish
- December 25 10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish
- January 1 10:30 am - Good Shepherd Parish

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

- Wednesday, Dec. 5th at 7:00 PM - St. Paul the Apostle Parish
- Thursday, Dec. 6th at 7:00 PM - St. Patrick's Parish
- Friday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 PM - Blessed Sacrament Church-Elie
- Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 10:00 AM - St. John XXXIII
- Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM-Good Shepherd Parish**
- Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM - St. Mary's Cathedral
- Thursday, Dec. 13th at 6:30 PM - St. Edward's Parish
- Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 PM - St. Charles's Parish
- Thursday, Dec. 20th at 7:00 PM - St. Francois Xavier Church



The recipient of the Catholic Women's League Bursary was Owen Richardson from St. Ambrose Parish.

**PRAIRIE WELCOME HOUSE** - Christmas party will be **Saturday December 8, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm** 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 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.



**WORD AMONG US REFLECTION BOOKLETS**

- for the month of **December** booklets are available in the gathering area. If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, the cost of these books are \$2.50 each. Please give as it help to cover our costs.

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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 a 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 visitor 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 requested 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



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).



### **CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN ADVENT**

The children of our Parish will participate in a special Advent Activity as we prepare for the Birth of Our Lord. Christmas is celebrating the Love of God in our lives through His Son, Jesus. Jesus was born into poor circumstances as we too reach out to those who are in need and be God's love for them. At Mass during Advent, three treasure chests which represent the three gifts of Kings to our Lord - Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh - will be in the sanctuary. **Gold** - during our collection, **children are invited to come to the Altar and place a loonie in the treasure chest for the poor.** The children will decide what local charity to donate the money that is collected. **Frankincense** represents the prayers written by our children. **Myrrh** represents one good deed the children will do in the coming week. These two chests will be brought forward during procession by the children. This activity assists the children in connecting catechism to the Mass and to our daily lives. We support and encourage our children during this season of Advent.



### **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 2nd & December 9th** after mass in the storage room. There will be a practice on **December 16th 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.



### **HELLO EVERYONE**

the Christmas Kettles have started on Thursday November 22<sup>nd</sup> and will go to Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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. **We are still in need of volunteers to fill some of the spots.** Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ilgin Irmak at work 204-239-7213 or cel - 613-266-6252.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

standard items for the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers are stuffing, cranberry sauce, beverages, kraft dinner, hot & cold cereals, rice, canned items such as fruit, pasts, meats, soup, pasta & sauce, dry soup mixes, cake mixes, and jelly puddings, or jello. Please do not forget to donate toys for the children. They are planning to make over **550 hampers** this year. If you can help out with any of these items it would be greatly appreciated. Donated items can be placed in the baskets in the gathering area. Thank you for supporting this specific project.

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

<b>Christ the King</b> Saturday, November 24th Sunday, November 25th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambroise	†Peter Semchyshyn by Zennia & Family †Anita Ammeter by the Lupkowski Family †Joseph Saltise by the Family
Wednesday, November 28th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Lloyd Maloney by the Bullock Family
Thursday, November 29th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of the O'Neil Families by Ron O'Neil
Friday, November 30th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Peter Marcick, †Joyce & †Mary Fashoway by the Family
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Saturday, December 1st Sunday, December 2nd	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Michele Lalancette by Dave & Rosemary Barney †Joe & †Doreen Delaurier by Edie & Irv

***Friendly Reminders***

**Saturday, December 1st**

**Greeters** - Pauline Puff, Amanda Pangman  
**Ushers** - Bill & Florence Zettler  
 Mary Bolton, Paul Seguin  
**Gift Bearers** - Henri & Gertrude Lambert  
**Lectors** - Denise & Dana Payment  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Audree Peech, Lynda Jones,  
 Ron O'Neil, Donna Rey, Jane Hebert

***Friendly Reminders***

**Sunday, December 2nd**

**Greeters** - Catechism  
**Ushers** - Appah Family  
**Gift Bearers** - Catechism  
**Lectors** - Irene Souque Hewitt, Emma Gobin  
**Ministers** - Jacklin Jackson, Pauline Calder, Garth Bullock,  
 Guy & Sylvia Gauthier, Irv Wegleitner, Rose Marie Neault

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - Solemnity of Christ the King** - The exchange between Jesus and Pilate in today's Gospel is, arguably, the most important exchange in all of literature. Pilate asks Jesus: "What have you done?" Jesus replies that he testifies to the truth. In the second reading we are reminded of the essence of that truth: Christ, ruler of all, loves us, liberates us from the bonds of sin, makes us into new kingdom. As we approach the Advent season, this week would be a good time to reflect on the question: What have we done in our daily lives, in our actions, words, private prayer, and in our interaction with others, to testify that Jesus is Lord?

**"BLUE CHRISTMAS"** - An inter-faith service of remembrance and hope **Tuesday, December 4th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Eustache Church**, presented by St. Eustache Church and Adam's Funeral Services. Christmas is a time for memories and remembering. For some, the memories are of their loved ones who have died, and the pain of their loss is real. For others, the memories of happier times, relocation and poor health cloud this season. We need to remember, and we need the space to acknowledge our sadness and concern; and we need to know we are not alone. For other reasons, we need a special time to be together to receive the words of hope that speak to us in the midst of sorrow. It is time to acknowledge a "Blue Christmas", a time to hear and share prayers, scripture readings and hymns that help us to know that God's presence is for those who mourn, and God's word comes to give light to our darkness.

 **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 8th & 9th**. We will be putting the trays together after **Mass on December 9th**. We put together about 60 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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