




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

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| Number of Parishioners Contributing to Sharing God's Gifts | Percentage of Parishioners Contributing to Sharing God's Gifts | Sharing God's Gifts Target |
| 125/345 | 36% | \$ 18,910.00 |
| Target Amount | Collected As of October 1st | Year to Date + / - |
| \$ 18,910.00 | \$ 19,596.28 | + \$ 686.28 |

| Collection September 23 & 24 | Collections Required Per Week | Weekly Collection + / - | Year to Date Collections + / - |
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| \$ 3,117.45 | \$ 3,465.00 | - \$ 347.55 | - \$ 635.49 |
| September 30/ October 1 | | | |
| \$ 3,798.48 | \$ 3,465.00 | + \$ 333.45 | - \$ 302.04 |


| OCTOBER | | |
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| 8 | Blessing of Pets | 4:00 pm |
| 9 | Thanksgiving | |
| 10 | Lions Prairie Manor Mass | 2:00 pm |
| 11 | Grief Support | 7:00 pm |
| 12 | Knights of Columbus Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| 18 | M.D.C. Mass | 10:00 am |
| 18 | Grief Support | 7:00 pm |
| 19 | Ministry of Hope | 7:00 pm |
| 20 | Halloween Family Dance | 7:00 - 10:00 pm |
| 28 | Safe Environment Presentation - Parish Hall | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm |

 **BULIDING FUND COLLECTION** - will be the second collection on **October 14 & 15**.

THE BLESSING OF PETS - Pets and their owners are invited to the Blessing of the Pets at **4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 8th** - rain or shine - at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. This service celebrates the important place that pets hold in our lives, reminding us of the wonder of God's creation and our role as stewards of the earth and all of its creatures. The Blessing of the Pets is celebrated each year in conjunction with the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. The service will consist of prayers, scripture reading, and the blessing of the pets and their owners. We are requesting that all pets are to be on leashes, in carriers, or held by the owners. All children with pets must be accompanied by an adult.

Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie.

 **FAMILY HALLOWEEN DANCE**
 Friday, **October 20th** from 7:00 - 10:00 pm
 at Good Shepherd Parish Hall. Admission is \$3.00 per person & preschoolers \$1.00. There will be a rainbow auction and lunch will be served. Bring a friend and come and join us and remember to wear a costume. Children must be accompanied by parents. If you are able to help out that evening or need more information please give Bernadette a call at 204-857-5172 or 204-239-6696.

 **GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** - have decided not to hold a Tea this year. We will still be having a Draw for some really good prizes, however as we know a lot of parishioners like to support our draws! Money raised from the draw will go towards purchasing new gowns for the Altar Servers and items needed in our Parish. **Tickets will be available after mass at the back of the church, if you have not picked any up yet.** We would like your help in selling them as you have done in the past, please take a book or two. **We would like to have them all back by October 16th.** Tickets can be placed at the back or the church in a box marked "tickets". **Draw will be made at the Parish Coffee Party after mass on October 29th.** Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile project. Bernadette Le Lievre - Council President, Irene Souque Hewitt - Raffle Chair



T for time to be together, turkey, talk, and tangy weather.
H for harvest stored away, home, and hearth, and holiday.
A for autumn's frosty art, and abundance in the heart.
N for neighbors, and October, nice things, new things to remember.
K for kitchen, kettles' croon, and kin expected soon.
S for sizzles, sights, and sounds, and something special that abounds.

HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

CATECHISM CLASSES - started on **October 1st at 9:30 am**. All youth wanting to attend should be in the hall by that time. **Registration forms will be available in the greeting area for the next couple of weeks as well.** If you have any questions please contact Stan at [204-872-0648](tel:204-872-0648) or by email at priarielamberts@gmail.com. Classes will run Sunday from 9:30 am and ending just before mass that will begin at 10:30. This allows the children to take what we review in class to the mass and reflect on their role in our parish community.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PRESENTATION

EVERYONE WORKING WITH CHILDREN OR VULNERABLE ADULTS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Saturday, October 28, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and everyone is invited to attend!

This session will be about 1.5 hours in length, with time for questions at the end, and we will be discussing the following items:

Criminal Record Checks – Who needs them and how to get them done

Child Abuse Registry Checks – Who needs them and how to get them done

Standards and Boundaries to follow – How to keep the students and vulnerable people in your parish safe

Standards and Boundaries to follow – How to keep yourself and your volunteers and employees safe

Insurance – What kind do we have, what does it cover and what is it for

Record Management – What to keep, how long to keep it and where to keep it

Complaints – What to do if you do have a complaint or an issue you feel needs to be addressed

Social Media – What to use and how to use it safely

Internet Safety – How to keep children and our parishes safe online

There will be booklets for you to take home with you for later reference, exercises to do as a group to get everyone involved, and lots of time for questions to be answered.

Who should attend? – Anyone in the parish who works with children or vulnerable adults. The people that this presentation is for is Priests, Deacons, Catechism Teachers/Coordinators, Youth Ministry Workers/Coordinators, volunteers who take services to people who cannot leave their home or who are in nursing homes/hospitals, volunteers who help with groups of people going through hard times, or anyone working with children or vulnerable people. For these groups of people, they should have some sort of training whether it is this presentation **OR** being taught by someone who has gone to the session.

What do you need to bring? – You only need to bring any questions you have regarding this topic! Everything else will be provided! Think of instances in your parish where you felt uncomfortable or wondered what the right thing to do was due to a situation. It is great to have people bring their experiences with them so we can help to answer these questions and to help come up with solutions to some of these issues as a group!

This presentation is open to everyone. If you would like to attend there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church, or you can call the parish office. If you are planning on attending please sign up. There will be booklets for everyone and we want to make sure that everyone gets one. If you have any questions, please contact Bernadette at the parish office: 204-857-5172.



Every struggle in your life has shaped you into the person you are today. Be thankful for the hard times, they can only make you stronger...

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

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| 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 7th Sunday, October 8th | 7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm | Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose | †Dal Bilkoski by Edie & Rose Bilkoski Deceased Members of the Verwey Family by Donald & Shirley Verwey †Shawn Klyne by the Family |
| Tuesday October 10th | 2:00 pm | Lions Manor | †Andy Loucks by Betty Conrad |
| Friday, October 13th | 9:00 am | Good Shepherd | First Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Father Jose Kizhakkekara CSS by the Family |
| 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 14th Sunday, October 15th | 7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm | Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose | †Frank & †Sophie Ryzner by the Family Members of the Ammeter & Lupkowski Families by the Lupkowski Family †Lionel Ducharme by the Family |

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, October 14th

Greeters - Carolynne Roberts, Madeline Provo
Ushers - John & Doris Nichol,
 Paul Seguin, Zennia Semchyshyn
Gift Bearers - Mary Bolton, Estelle Sinclair
Lectors - Rosemary & Dave Barney
Eucharist Ministers - Lynda Jones, Jane Hebert,
 Bob Dionne, Linda Leafloor, Kim Dengate

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, October 15th

Greeters - Appah Family
Ushers - Adrian Alinsod, Myla Alinsod,
 Dimple Alinsod, Fe Rodriguez
Gift Bearers - Wermie Family
Lectors - Rosa Rawlings, Ruth Mulligan
Eucharist Ministers - Sylvia Gauthier, Neeu Shibu,
 Kevin Le Lievre, Gary van der Zweep, Arthur Rey,
 Kerry McGowan, Margaret Whiteley

GRIEF SUPPORT - Each of us experience loss in our life. When my mother died, my dad told me I would not understand, as a priest, what it was like to lose a spouse. He is right. I do not know that experience, but I hope to gather people who can support one another in their grief. This Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. I invite all those who are grieving a loss of a loved one and are seeking support of others to join us at Good Shepherd Church for an initial gathering and to look at the question of grief support. I don't pretend to know the format or style of future meetings. I will leave that up to those who gather and assist you in your journey. Peace, Fr. Gerald

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - Today's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard;" converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living, taking advantage of what the Lord has given us, but not doing our part in return? Jesus' parable suggests that if we aren't good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest. What will our Lord find when He returns?

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SOUP KITCHEN - is in need of a dedicated and passionate volunteer to assume the position of coordinator. Did you know that in 2016, the Soup Kitchen served an average of 916 meals per month to people of our community who are living in poverty? This service is made possible only through generosity of donors and the dedication of our volunteers - including two volunteer coordinators. We are grateful for the commitment that our current coordinators, Margaret Dunn and Tricia Chiponski, have provided. However, after over 10 years in the role of volunteer leadership for the Soup Kitchen, they are ready to step aside and thus provide another community-minded citizen with this opportunity to serve. We would appreciate your consideration of this need and we pray that we will soon have this position filled so the Soup Kitchen can continue to provide this vital service to our community. If interested or have questions, please call Margaret Dunn at 204-239-1580.