



*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 September 9 & 10	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 2,978.30	\$ 3,465.00	- \$ 486.70	+ \$ 72.31

**SEPTEMBER**

17	Commissioning of Catechists	2:30 pm
20	M.D.C. Mass	10:00 am
21	Ministry of Hope	7:00 pm

**OCTOBER**

1	Children's Liturgy - during Mass	
2-5	Father Away - Study Days	
5	Douglas Campbell Lodge Service	2:00 pm
9	Thanksgiving	
10	Lions Prairie Manor Mass	2:00 pm
12	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:30 pm
18	M.D.C. Mass	10:00 am
19	Ministry of Hope	7:00 pm
20	Halloween Family Dance	7:00- 10:00 pm

**ARCHDIOCESE OF WINNIPEG CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** - the celebration will be held on **September 17th** at Good Shepherd Parish, at 2:30 pm. Archbishop Richard Gagnon will celebrate Mass and Commissioning of the Catechist will follow.

**FATHER GERALD** - will be away from October 2nd to the 5th for study days. Office will be open.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** - is an opportunity for children to gather during the celebration of Mass to hear God's word proclaimed at their level of understanding and reflect on the Word in their own way. This is not catechesis (religious instruction) or babysitting. This is liturgy and prayer for the children. It is an experience of prayer, of dialogue with God at their level. This is for children between the ages of 4-12 (approx.). This opportunity for the children will begin on **Sunday, October 1st** during Mass and continue for the first Sunday of each month. We are blessed to have Mary Hordeski lead the children during their time together.

**Sharing God's Gifts Goal - \$ 18,910.00**  
**Total collated to date - \$ 16,919.78**

Month	Collection	Collections Required Per Month	Monthly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
January	\$ 2,742.33	\$1,575.83	+ \$ 1,166.50	+ \$1,166.50
February	\$1,911.13	\$1,575.83	+ \$ 335.30	+ \$1,501.80
March	\$2,020.33	\$1,575.83	+ \$ 444.50	+ \$1,946.30
April	\$1,733.58	\$1,575.83	+ \$ 157.75	+ \$2,104.05
May	\$2,016.93	\$1,575.83	+ \$ 441.10	+ \$2,545.15
June	\$1,950.38	\$1,575.83	+ \$ 374.55	+ \$2,919.70
July	\$ 1,673.00	\$1,575.83	+ \$ 97.17	+ \$ 3,016.87
August	\$1,809.10	\$1,575.83	+ \$ 233.27	+ \$ 3,250.14
Sept.	\$1,063.00			



**BULIDING FUND COLLECTION** - will be the second collection on **September 16th & 17th**.

**PORTAGE & AREA REFUGEE COALITION**

On **Tuesday, September 26th**, Portage MCC is hosting a Community Charity Day to bring awareness to Portage & Area Refugee Coalition. This will include a donation to the organization. Please come out to the MCC thrift stores on Saskatchewan Avenue on September 26th to find some good bargains and learn about the Refugee Coalition and its work in our community. Donations can be dropped off to MCC Monday - Friday 8:30-5:00, Saturdays 8:00-4:00. If you have unique or nearly new or more valuable items to donate, please mark it "Refugee Coalition" to be saved for this day. This work is very significant in our current social and political climate and we would like to celebrate Portage's contributions to this cause and continue our efforts. "For I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."



**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019** - We would like to invite all young adults ages 18 and up to an info Session to be held on Saturday, October 7th, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Catholic Centre, 1495 Pembina Highway. Please confirm your attendance via e-mail at [youth@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:youth@archwinnipeg.ca). You can also send your inquiries there.



**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

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

## HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH FIRE PROTECTION UPGRADES** - Over the past few months I have been reviewing our Fire Alarm System in our church with various agencies. I have also been reviewing and updating our Fire Safety Plan and Fire Drill Plan, which will all be reviewed and authorized by the Portage Fire Department. This is to ensure we are in compliance with the present Manitoba Fire Codes. Presently, we need to upgrade our Fire Protection System including all our safety plans. There will be more information to report to you in the near future. Thank-you for your patience and understanding in regards to this matter. Respectfully Yours In Christ, Shawn Rawlings

**CATECHISTS-WANTED** - As we are beginning September and are wanting to get things organized for our children and the catechism program that we offer, we are in need of a couple more leaders to help run the classes. The program is pretty straight forward and you only require approximately 1 -2 hours each week to prep for the class and then be able to be at the Church each Sunday morning for class. The classes will run 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. A catechist is someone who leads our young people and helps them understand their faith. You do not need a teaching certificate or a degree in child psychology, just a strong desire to guide our young people on their faith journey. **We are in need of Level 1, 5 & 6 Catechist.** Please feel free to contact, Stan Lambert @ [204-872-0648](tel:204-872-0648) or Father Gerald to discuss how you can help. **Registration forms are in the gathering area for you to pick up.**

**MINISTRY OF HOPE** - resumes this coming **Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall. We welcome new members anytime. For more info please contact Denise Payment [204-267-2755](tel:204-267-2755) or Dave Barney [204-239-1346](tel:204-239-1346). Our mission statement is: **We are a ministry of Love and Acceptance for all. We seek to connect in a safe environment with others who are struggling with or are affected by life challenges of addictions, anxiety and depression. We hope to understand the love and mercy of God, to serve one another and to journey together in faith, hope and love.** Lastly, a parish retreat is planned for the last weekend of November by our ministry. More info to come. Future meeting dates are: October 19th, November 16th & December 21st.

**Raffle Tickets!** **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 on September 23rd/24th and September 30th & October 1st.** 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 of 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. The recipient of the Catholic Women's League bursary was Tessa Lupkowski. Sincerely, Bernadette Le Lievre - Council President, Irene Souque Hewitt - Raffle Chair



**A DISH OF ICE CREAM** - In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" "50 cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it. "How much is a dish of plain ice cream?" he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient. "35 cents," she said brusquely. The little boy again counted the coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed. When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were 15 cents – her tip.

*"From the Eucharist, this sacrament of love, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness." (Pope Francis)*

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

<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, September 16th <b>Sunday, September 17th</b>	7:00 pm <b>10:30 am</b>  7:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Lillian Huberdeau by Norbert & Donna Rey †Alfred & †Anita Ammeter by the Lupkowski Family Celebration of the Word with Communion
Wednesday, September 20th	10:00 am	M.D.C.	†Dave Samolesky by the Dawshka Family
Thursday, September 21st	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions for Jimson & Family by Jacklin Jackson
Friday, September 22nd	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Father Thomas Malayilputhenpura
<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, September 23rd <b>Sunday, September 24th</b>	7:00 pm <b>10:30 am</b>	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Frank & †Sophie Ryzner by the Family †Joe Soos by Bernadette, Kevin, Brittany & Sara

***Friendly Reminders***

**Saturday, September 23rd**

**Greeters** - Ron & Shirley O'Neil  
**Ushers** - Estelle Sinclair, Mary Bolton  
 Jo-ann & Karl Voesenek  
**Gift Bearers** - Henri & Gertrude Lambert  
**Lectors** - Jim Ross, Linda Leafloor  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Donna Rey, John & Doris Nichol,  
 Jo-ann Voesenek, Pauline Puff

***Friendly Reminders***

**Sunday, September 24th**

**Greeters** - Marilyn Spence, Rose Marie Neault  
**Ushers** - Arman Tanquay, Arthur Rey  
 Jo Laurans, Dawson Lernowicz  
**Gift Bearers** - Garcia Family  
**Lectors** - Gayly Reniedo, Maria Hinagpis  
**Eucharist Ministers** - Guy & Sylvia Gauthier,  
 Gary van der Zweep, Kerry McGowan, Neenu Shibu,  
 Jeannette Houle, Suzanne Borisenko

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** - Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.



**THE ELEPHANT ROPE** - As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not. He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. "Well," trainer said, "when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free." The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were. Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before? Failure is part of learning; we should never give up the struggle in life.

***We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone!***

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