



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 August 19 & 20	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,944.25	\$ 3,465.00	+ \$ 479.25	+ \$ 325.41
August 26 & 27			
\$ 3,330.25	\$ 3,465.00	- \$ 134.75	+ \$ 190.66

SEPTEMBER

3	Coffee after Mass	
7	Douglas Campbell Mass	2:00 pm
10	Spanish Mass	7:00 pm
12	Lions Prairie Manor Mass	2:00 pm
14	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:00 pm
16	Baptism Preparation	9:00 am - 1:30 pm

SPANISH MASS - Sunday **September 10th, at 7:00 pm**, Mass will be celebrated with our Mexican migrant workers who are working in and around the Portage Community. All are welcome to join in the celebration of song, prayer and worship. **They will be celebrating Independence Day.** Following Mass, there will be a reception in our parish hall.



BAPTISM PREPARATION - is planned for Saturday, September 16th from 9:00 am till 1:30 pm (lunch is provided). To register please call the parish office or Dawn at 204-872-2897.

We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God **Miya & Paris Racette** who was baptized in our parish community. May God grant them, their parents, family and godparents many blessings!

"Think of the love that God has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's own children; and that is what we are." —1 John 3:1



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Sharing God's Gifts Goal - \$ 18,910.00
Total collated to date - \$ 15,856.78

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



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - will be the second collection on **September 2 & 3**.

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 a Level 1, 5 & 6.** Please feel free to contact myself, Stan Lambert @ [204-872-0648](tel:204-872-0648) or Father Gerald to discuss how you can help.

COME & GO TEA - Kay Pelechaty is celebrating her **103rd Birthday** - please come and join us at 311 Brandon Avenue on **September 3rd from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**. Refreshments served, no gifts or flowers please. Bring your own lawn chair.



A donation can be made to Sunset Palliative Care. Everyone is welcome.



HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH



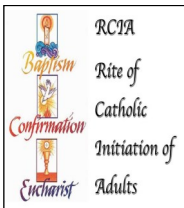
On the Labour weekend, **Sunday, September 3rd**, 2017, we will move the mass time to **10:30am** on a permanent basis. As you will note, the 10:00 am mass time was for the summer. Last year, following the census/survey results, the mass times chosen in order were 10:00 am, 10:30 am, and 11:00 am. So why the change?

- ◆ The extra half hour will allow for a little bit later start of catechism (9:30 am).
 - ◆ For those who are traveling further distances, it will allow some extra time during the winter months.
 - ◆ Following the Archbishop's request to continue more frequent masses at St. Ambroise, the time will still allow me some visiting time prior to my departure for the 1:00 pm mass. There are no perfect solutions and no real best times. Nevertheless, let's try our best to make this work.
- Respectfully, Fr. Gerald Langevin, Pastor

CHURCH EXTENSION UPDATE - The building committee has had numerous meetings with the Archdiocese, Harold Funk, and the general contractor over the past months. We are still working on some details with our Architect and proposed General Contractor to iron out some final details. A further update will be provided by the end of September.



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Ministry for children aged 3-12 years that is based on the Bible and liturgy of the church. This Ministry provides: An opportunity for children to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in a child-friendly space called an atrium. Good Shepherd Parish would like to offer this program beginning this fall and have begun preparations for this. At the back of the church a bulletin board is set up. Please come and have a look. If you have any questions please feel free to give Monique-856-1176 or Marilyn-856-0288 a call.



R.C.I.A. - Are you seeking meaning in your life? Are you un-baptized but wish to learn more about Jesus Christ? Are you a baptized Christian who wishes to learn more about the Roman Catholic Church? Are you a Roman Catholic who has not completed his or her sacramental initiation? Do you feel God inviting you into a deeper relationship with Him? Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. To inquire about RCIA at Good Shepherd please contact Father Gerald or Tracy Maloney-Bullock (243-2062 or tracymbullock@gmail.com) Please take time to pray about this and rest assured we will be praying for you.

PRAIRIE WELCOME HOUSE - We wish to acknowledge the wonderful generosity of our Good Shepherd Parishioners in providing ongoing assistance at the drop in centre. Your visits, volunteer hours, treats, supplies and prayers are much appreciated. **Supplies of sugar, coffee whitener and juice crystals (Ice Tea) are low at this time.** The summer attendance has been steady; our guests are glad to have a 'cool' spot to visit, play cards and experience community. Donations of supplies may be dropped off at 133 Saskatchewan Ave. E. during open hours or left in the bin in the gathering area of the church. Monetary donations can be put in with collection in separate envelope identified with Prairie Welcome House. Thank you.



BACK TO SCHOOL 101

Yes, kids love technology, but they also love Legos, scented markers, handstands, books, and mud puddles. It's all about balance.
Dear Teacher, I talk to everyone, so moving my seat won't help.
Things I've learned in School last year: How to whisper, How to text without looking, and how to look like I'm paying attention.

WHY DO WE NEED SCHOOL?

Music - we have **YouTube** for that,
Sports - there's **Wii**,
Spanish - there's **Dora**,
English - everything's shortened anyway (**LOL, BRB, IDK**),
Math - that is why we have **calculators**,
Geography - I will buy a **globe**,
Spelling - that is what **spell check** is for,
And let us not forget there is always **Google**.

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 2nd Sunday, September 3rd	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambroise	†Margaret & †John Hebert by Andy Loucks & Family †Leona Jackson by the Family †Edna Ducharme by the Family
Wednesday, September 6th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Cathy by Zennia Semchychyn
Thursday, September 7th	2:00 pm	Douglas Campbell Lodge	†Dave Samolesky by Dave & Rosemary Barney
Friday, September 8th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Timothy Norman by Tom & Marjorie Norman
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 9th Sunday, September 10th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 7:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†John Assenmacher by the Family †Lillian Huberdeau by The Bibliotheque Tache Library For the Migrant Workers & Their Families

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, September 9th

- Greeters** - Louis Lasson, Estelle Sinclair
- Ushers** - Norbert & Donna Rey
Paul Seguin, Carolyne Roberts
- Gift Bearers** - Gerri & Gerry Masson
- Lectors** - Dave & Rosemary Barney
- Eucharist Ministers** - Lynda Jones, Bob Dionne,
John & Doris Nichol, Kim Dengate

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, September 10th

- Greeters** - Kristi McLeod, Brenda Franke
- Ushers** - Terry Giercke, Irene Souque Hewitt
Joan McCallister, Mary Hordeski
- Gift Bearers** - Kristi McLeod, Brenda Franke
- Lectors** - Ruth Deegan, Sylvia Gauthier
- Eucharist Ministers** - Suzanne Borisenko, Stan Lambert,
Elaine Harder, Gary & Dawn Lernowicz,
Joe & Marie Wermie

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." At the end of the reading Jesus suggests there is great hope in the cross. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross and that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost is to themselves. Reflect this week on the cross you bear in order to reveal God's glory. How do you embrace that cross? How, at times, do you shirk that cross when it is not convenient?

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER - Lord Jesus Christ, As we begin to shift from summer schedules to autumn demands, teach us to recognize you, and help us follow you amidst our busy life. Open the Scriptures to us... that we may know you, see you, hear you – in the voices of friends and family, in the ministries of our parish, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the Breaking of the Bread. Teach us to be good stewards, that we may use your gifts wisely and care for all those you place in our path. Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed. Strengthen us, when we are frightened. Challenge our complacency. Help us make this new season a time of spiritual renewal, hope, and action to proclaim the Gospel in our words and in our deeds. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



GATHERING & FELLOWSHIP - coffee every Sunday after Mass, starting **September 3rd**. We look forward to having all parishioners stay and get to know one another better! Please come and join us. Looking for a team to host one Sunday a month. If you are interested give Bernadette a call at 204-239-6696.

Coffee and Friends make the perfect blend.