

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 22nd & 23rd, 2018

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Collection September 15 & 16	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,276.80	\$ 3,860.00	- \$ 583.20	- \$ 10,897.60

Sharing God's Gifts

2018 Target Amount	Collected As of September 16	Year to Date + / -
\$ 19,210.00	\$ 13,236.50	- \$ 5,973.50

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



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - will be the second collection on **October 6th & 7th.**

SEPTEMBER

24 Blood Donor Clinic 3:00 - 8:00 pm
@ Canad Inn - Ball Room

30 Blessing of Pets 2:00 pm

OCTOBER

3 Parish Pastoral Meeting 7:00 pm

4 Douglas Campbell Lodge Mass 2:00 pm

7 Children's Liturgy - during Mass

8 Happy Thanksgiving

9 Lions Prairie Manor Mass 2:00 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 company of other parishioners and a visit.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES - copies of the minutes will be on the bulletin board (in hallway) for anyone who would like to read them. Please return when finished for someone else to read. Thank you.



WORD AMONG US REFLECTION

BOOKLETS - for the month of October are available in the gathering area. If you choose to pick up a booklet for yourself, these books are now \$2.50. This is to help cover the cost of the booklet. Thank You.



Advice from a pumpkin: be well-rounded, get plenty of sunshine, give thanks for life's bounty, have a thick skin, keep growing, be outstanding in you field and think big!

*Walking Together
In God's Embrace*



*Don't walk behind me; I may not lead.
Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow.
Just walk beside me and be my friend, by Albert Camus.*



BUILDING CONSTRUCTION - As the

construction has begun for the parish offices and meeting spaces, we trust in your patience throughout the duration of the project and any inconveniences we may face. Please take note that the fences have been installed for our safety and protection. Let us pray for the success of this project and the benefits it will provide our parish and community.



YOU HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE LIFE -

There will be a blood donor clinic on **Monday, September 24th from 3:00 - 8:00 pm, @ Canad Inn - Ball Room.** Thanks to all of you for saving lives with your donation of blood. Your efforts have helped us to make a huge difference in the lives of patients in area hospitals. Appointments preferred or Walk-In (If Available) please call 1-888-236-6283.

Great Presbyterian Pie Sale



First Presbyterian Church
17 Royal Rd. S. (Downstairs)

SEPTEMBER 28 - 12:00 - 2:00 pm.



All Pies \$8.00

Come and enjoy a piece of pie and beverage - \$3.50

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 7th** during Mass and continue for the first Sunday of each month. We are blessed to have Amy Lambert lead the children during their time together.



THE BLESSING OF PETS - Pets and their owners are invited to the Blessing of the Pets at **2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 30th** — 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. Following the service, treats will be available for the pets.

SAINT FRANCIS: A STEWARDSHIP SAINT FOR OUR TIME - Scientists say that most of us will never experience the full wonder of the star-filled nighttime sky because of the "light pollution" which keeps our modern world too bright to see true night. No doubt, this would have saddened **St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrate October 4th**. The saint who embraced the glory of creation, Francis is the patron saint of ecology and a model steward for our present age. Always one of our most popular saints, you need only visit a garden shop to find that, even in the midst of secular commerce, you can find a lawn statue of the 12th century native of an Umbrian hill town. Yet like many famous folk, Francis has become somewhat stereotyped, those statues always adorned sweetly with little birds. In reality, Francis was a bold and inspired man, a good steward of creation, who embraced it as bountifully good, emphasizing the original outpouring of God's love into the world (at a time when the emphasis was often placed heavily on the stain of original sin.) Francis was a good steward of his neighbor. He famously embraced a leper he met on the roadway, even though he deeply feared the disease. When the man appeared to vanish, Francis felt he had encountered Christ himself which strengthened his belief that God is found in all of creation. Francis heard the words "Rebuild my church" while visiting the worn-down chapel at San Damiano. Only later did he and others regard those words as a challenge not to repair a structure but to reinvigorate Christian spirituality. Today, in a time of environmental crisis, Pope Francis is the first pontiff to take the saint of Assisi's name as his own. The Holy Father's encyclical, *Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home*, speaks to the need to be good stewards of creation, to protect and cherish God's great gift. St. Francis left us, along with a deep love for creation, with a spirituality that embraces simplicity and love for the poor. October offers Christian stewards an opportunity to pray outdoors in the beauty of autumn, the changing leaves, the early dusk. Be a good steward of your prayer life: Take a prayer walk, as St. Francis would. Ask the saint to help you recommit to a simpler lifestyle, recycling, reusing, honoring resources, to seeing the earth and its poor as holy. Perhaps we might even venture out to the garden late at night, to see as many stars as we can.

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 5 & 6 Catechist**. Please feel free to contact myself, 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.**



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 Fr. Gerald or Tracy

Maloney-Bullock (204-243-2062 or tracymbullock@gmail.com) Please take time to pray about this and rest assured we will be praying for you.

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 22nd Sunday, September 23rd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Pauline Dionne by Laura Ratte
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠Alfred & ✠Anita Ammeter by the Lupkowski Family
Wednesday, September 26th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Don Weber by the Bullock Family
Thursday, September 27th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deacon James & Monica Frater & Family By Friends
Friday, September 28th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Fran Parynuick by Chris & Greg Paulson
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 29th Sunday, September 30th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Geronimo & ✠Juanita Rodriguez by the Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For Tony Bouchard & Family by Sally Martin

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, September 29th

Greeters - Zennia Semchyshyn
Ushers - Raymond Smith, Paul Seguin
 Doris Nichol, Estelle Sinclair
Gift Bearers -
Lectors - Helena Kot, Terry Giercke
Eucharist Ministers - Audree Peech, Kim Dengate,
 Bernadette Gnanapragasam, Donna Rey

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, September 30th

Greeters - Appah Family
Ushers - Armand Tanguay, Jo Laurans
 Francisco Gonzalez-Cortez, Candida C Mattinez-deGonzalez
Gift Bearers -
Lectors - Gary van der Zweep, Irene Souquet Hewitt
Ministers - Garth Bullock, Mickey Cuthbert, Guy Gauthier,
 Pauline Calder, Jacklin Jackson, Rose Marie Neault

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - In today's Gospel, we learn that the disciples of Jesus had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. Jesus is about to turn their idea as well as our society's idea of "greatness" upside down. He embraces a child and tries to help the Twelve understand that to be great is to be focused on something other than themselves. Jesus teaches that true "greatness" lies in being a good steward of those who are not great: welcoming one who is not viewed as great by our society's standards, like the child, the innocent, the vulnerable, the suffering, those who are outside our comfortable circle of family, friends, companions and colleagues, those who need a welcome. Jesus redefines our notion of greatness. How do we define greatness? Is our notion of greatness consistent with the teaching of Jesus Christ?

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD - This is a catechism program for children 3-12 years of age. We will be offering this program again in the fall. **Are you interested in volunteering as an assistant in the program here in our parish?** For more information, please contact Monique Lubkiwski 204-856-1176 or Marilyn Fraser 204-856-0288. We are also looking for the following materials for fall: a handful wheat seeds and a real plant with large leaves. If you can help out with this please let Monique or Marilyn know.

Raffle Tickets!

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - will be having their annual Raffle for really good prizes again this year. The Money raised from the draw will go towards purchasing furnishings for the new offices and vestments for our Parish. **Tickets will be available after mass on September 22/23 and September 29/30.** Please pick up a couple of books after mass to sell to your friends and family. **Tickets need to be back by October 29th.** Sold Tickets can be placed at the back or the church in a box marked "tickets". **We also would appreciate assistance with selling tickets at the Co-op each weekend from September 29th to October 13th, if anyone is available to help please call Irene at 204-857-5015 or sign up at the back of the church. Each shift will be 3 hours. The Draw will be made at the Parish Coffee Party after mass on November 4th.** Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile project. Sincerely,
 Bernadette Le Lievre - Council President, Irene Souquet Hewitt - Raffle Chair

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