



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 2 & 3	Collections Required Per Week	Weekly Collection + / -	Year to Date Collections + / -
\$ 3,833.35	\$ 3,465.00	+ \$ 368.35	+ \$ 559.01

SEPTEMBER

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



Thank you for all the fresh vegetables and fruit I have received. Father Gerald

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.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Charles Richard & Denise Boudreau. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.



GATHERING & FELLOWSHIP - coffee every Sunday after Mass, every Sunday. 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.

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			

ARCHDIOCESE OF WINNIPEG

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

PORTAGE & AREA REFUGEE COALITION

On **Tuesday, September 26**, 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 26 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."*



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

Little Johnny - Teacher!
 Teacher - Yes?
 Little Johnny - Would you punish me for something I didn't do?
 Teacher - Of course not.
 Little Johnny - I didn't do my homework!!!

HAPPENINGS IN OUR PARISH

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.

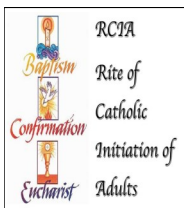
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH FIRE PROTECTION UPGRADES - Over the past few months I have been reviewing our Fire Alarm System in our church with various agencies. I have also been reviewing and updating our Fire Safety Plan and Fire Drill Plan, which will all be reviewed and authorized by the Portage Fire Department. 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



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.

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 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 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.



11th Annual Grandmothers Giving Fall Dinner - which will take place on **Sunday September 10** at the **Herman Prior Centre**. The African marketplace will open at 4:30 p.m. with Dinner at 5:30 p.m. **Tickets are \$15 for Adults, and \$6 for children 6-12, 5 and under are free.** This is always a very popular event - you may reserve tickets up until 2:00 p.m. Sunday by calling Donna at 204 857-3242. Barb Palmer, Grandmothers Giving

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 9th Sunday, September 10th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†John Assenmacher by the Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Lillian Huberdeau by The Bibliotheque Tache Library
	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For the Migrant Workers & Their Families
Tuesday, September 12th	2:00 pm	Lions Prairie Manor	†William, †Julia & †Peter Gwozd by Mary Kohut & Family
Wednesday, September 13th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	†José Cabral Cordeiro by the Bullock Family
Friday, September 15th	9:00 am	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Kathy by Margaret Peech
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 16th Sunday, September 17th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Lillian Huberdeau by Norbert & Donna Rey
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Alfred & †Anita Ammeter by the Lupkowski Family
	1:00 pm	St. Ambroise	Celebration of the Word with Communion

Friendly Reminders

Saturday, September 16th

- Greeters** - Pauline Puff, Irma Gobert
- Ushers** - Bob Dionne, Zennia Semchyshyn
John & Doris Nichol
- Gift Bearers** - Don & Cecile Scott
- Lectors** - Kim Dengate, Terry Giercke
- Eucharist Ministers** - Bernadette Gnanapragasam,
Anita Kowarchuk, Jane Hebert, Tara Ryzner,
Linda Leafloor

Friendly Reminders

Sunday, September 17th

- Greeters** - Alvin & Antonia Rossnegal
- Ushers** - Michel Dufault, Sharon Murkin
Sinto Sebastian, Brenda Franke
- Gift Bearers** - Art & Cheryl Windsor
- Lectors** - John Chudzik, Jeannette Houle
- Eucharist Ministers** - Mickey Cuthbert, Karen McLeod,
Rose Marie Neault, Garth Bullock, Pauline Calder,
Lidia Garcia de Garcia



THE HISTORY OF GRANDPARENTS DAY - National Grandparents Day falls each year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It's not a holiday invented to sell cards and flowers. It was initiated at the grassroots level by West Virginian Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, with the behind-the-scenes support of her husband Joseph L. McQuade. They had 15 children, 43 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. After being married for over 60 years, Mr. McQuade passed away in 2001. Mrs. McQuade passed away in 2008 Mrs. McQuade started her campaign for a day to honor grandparents in 1970. She worked with civic, business, church, and political leaders to first launch the day in her home state in 1973. Then, after many years, much persuasion, and unending persistence, she finally achieved her bigger goal. It was in 1979 that President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the first Sunday after Labor Day each year as National Grandparents Day (September was chosen to signify the "autumn" years of life). **Grandparents Day was recognized in Canada in 1995** as falling on the second Sunday in September to acknowledge the importance of grandparents to "the structure of the family in the nurturing, upbringing, and education of children... [Grandparents play] a critical role in strengthening the family." Commented one member of Canadian parliament speaking on behalf of the motion: I do not hold grandparents to be glorified babysitters but rather as parents' surrogates who bring love, a continuance of generational values, and a sense of the child's worth to the integrity of the family... I was brought up by a grandparent. My parents both worked outside the home for most of my life. They needed to for economic reasons. It was my grandmother who nurtured me, gave me a sense of worth and molded in many ways the course my life was to take. My grandmother was my role model, my mentor, and my confidant.



Grandma says her teeth are like the stars. They come out at night.

"Mommy knows a lot, but Grandma knows everything."

Grandparents have ears that listen, arms that always hold, love that's never ending and a heart that's made of gold!



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