

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Good Shepherd Church

Wednesday (For the Summer Months) 7:00 pm
(1st Wednesday of the month
- Anointing of the Sick)

Thursday (followed by the Rosary) 10:00 am

Friday 10:00 am

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

St.Ambroise Parish

1st and 4th Wednesday of the Month 7:00 pm

1st and 4th Sunday of the Month 1:00 pm

Lions Prairie Manor

1st Thursday of the Month 10:30 am

Douglas Campbell Lodge

1st Friday of the Month 10:30 am

**August 9th & 10th, 2025 -
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 16th & 17th, 2025 -
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It is God's world and he knows what he is doing with it. This is our belief - it is our faith. It is not something we can really describe. Faith is a type of window we look through which helps us to see life from a viewpoint beyond this world, enabling us to take God at his word when he makes promises about the future and calls us to be his people in a special way. The call from God to go forward into the unknown, moving step by step as light or darkness allows, is made to all of us. We are called to leave behind the old ways of sin and selfishness and to put our trust in God, who calls us to walk the way he has planned for us. We cannot settle down in this world. Each day we have countless opportunities of showing our faithfulness as Christians. To have faith in Christ, we must live his life and do the works appointed by him, willing to expose ourselves to the wear and tear of caring for others.

Everyday we are presented with opportunities of demonstrating our faithfulness as followers of Christ. If we avail of them we will be prepared and ready for the arrival of the master of the house at whatever hour he chooses to come.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Weekend, 45 minutes prior to mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to arrange baptismal classes, preparation and to set a date.

Sacrament - Anointing of the Sick

1st Wednesday of the Month during mass
For home or hospital visit - Please contact the parish office (during office hours)
Outside of office hours - call pastor directly on cell phone or at the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples will contact the parish office at least 6 months before they wish to be married.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Office Hours

PARISH OFFICE - the parish office will be going to reduced hours for the months of **July and August**. Hours will be from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesday - Friday**. Our parish bulletin will continue to be published every two weekends.

SUMMER WEEKDAY MASSES - For the months of **July & August - Wednesday Mass** will change to **7:00pm**

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE PARTY



For the months of **July & August**, we will be taking a break from Coffee party and resume again in September.

PARISH SHOWCASE - Blessed, religious articles are available for purchase in the glass case in the gathering area. These items can be purchased Tuesday - Friday, during office hours, after mass on Sunday or please call the office to set up a time.



POTLUCK - We are taking a break for the summer months and will start again in September.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Cathy Allard. Please remember her in your prayers. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

CONFIRMATION

Father would like to offer the Sacrament of Confirmation every year. Please call the office to sign up to have your child confirmed in 2026. Classes will begin in the Spring 2026, and Confirmation will be June 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"KNOW YOUR FAITH" - Study Group

Wednesday evenings starting in September Father Roy will be leading a weekly study group focusing on different topics each week including: the Mass, the Sacraments, the Gospel, the books of the bible and any other questions you may have wondered or forgotten since taking catechism as a child.

All parishioners, including youth 12 years old who have received Confirmation, are welcome to attend to expand their knowledge of the Catholic faith.

Family Festival at the Catholic School of Evangelization – August 24, 2025

Join us at the CSE for a day of fun and entertainment that will create cherished memories for the whole family! There will be food and drinks, ice cream and desserts, square dancing, live performances, bouncy castles, games, and so much more! All ages welcome! Donations in support of camps are gratefully accepted. The fun begins at 3 pm, at 60, Nadeau Place in St. Malo, next to St. Malo Parish.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

August 10, 2025 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." LUKE 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? Stewards invest more in the things of heaven. You must let go of some of the things of this world.

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

July 26th & 27th	\$ 1,400.00
August 1st Auto Debit	\$3,245.00
August 2nd & 3rd	\$2,848.00

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Annual Target Amount	Amount Collected To Date
\$22,021.00	\$ 7,348.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Month of July	\$386.00
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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Summons 2025/26 - is a 10-session (Sept –May) Archdiocesan faith formation process designed for ANY adult who desires to grow spiritually and personally in our Catholic faith. We gather on one Saturday per month (9:00am -3:30pm) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Winnipeg with like-minded adults to search and go deeper into our Catholic faith. Please see the brochures in the gathering area for more information and how to register.

Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage

August 11th - 14th, 2025

All are invited to join the 7th Annual Pilgrimage, starting in Yorkton, SK on August 11th and finishing at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Rama, SK on August 14th. The guided pilgrimage has rest stops, meals, support vehicles and a trailer carrying tents and sleeping gear to each overnight stop.

For more information, please visit the website at stphilomena.ca, phone 306-728-5525 or

Speak with Michel Touchette after mass or at 204-871-0822 as he is helping organize this year's event and attends the pilgrimage annually.



Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 is an opportunity for all people to enter into a pilgrimage of hope.

Several local pilgrimages are being planned that all are invited to attend:

Sunday, August 24th - Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Ste-Rose-du-Lima Catholic Church in Ste-Rose-du-Lac, MB at 1:30pm.

Please visit the Archdiocese website at <https://archwinnipeg.ca/jubilee-2025> to learn more.

Pastoral Appointments - Archbishop Murray Chatlain has advised of the following appointments throughout the Diocese

Reverend Nepolian Suvakin, HGN - Parochial Administrator of Christ the King Parish in Stonewall, St. Joseph's Parish in Stony Mountain and St. John Vianney in Teulon. (May 1st, 2025)

Reverend Michel Nault continuing as Chaplain at Misericordia Health Centre and St. Francis de Sales Church of the Deaf in Winnipeg, becomes Sacramental Assistant at St. Vital Parish in Winnipeg. (July 1st, 2025)

Reverend Darius Biliran becomes Parochial Administrator of St. Dominic's Parish in Neepawa and Assumption of Our Lady in Carberry. (July 1st, 2025)

Reverend Christopher Pugh becomes Pastor of St. Antoninus' Parish in Delorain, St. Joseph's in Boissevain and Sacred Heart in Melita. (July 1st, 2025)

Reverend Marc-Andre Veselovsky, S.J. becomes Pastor of Paroisse du Sacre-Coeur in Winnipeg. (August 15th, 2025)

Reverend Peter Bisson, S.J. as Parochial Vicar of St. Ignatius Parish in Winnipeg. (August 15th, 2025)

Please pray for these priests as they continue their ministries in their new locations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please place donation of \$10.00/Mass Intention in the offertory collection basket clearly marked “**Mass Intention**”

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 9th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Grace Griffith by Sharon, Vince Zettler & Family
Sunday, August 10th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Happy 60th Birthday Maggie Cronk by the Family
Wednesday, August 13th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Danilo Lino, ✠Ana Camba Cambe, ✠Elias Oruga Oruga, ✠Julia Oruga Oruga by Family
Thursday, August 14th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Rachael Murray by Ron O’Neil
Friday, August 15th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Best wishes to Sara LeLievre on the 5th Anniversary of her stroke recovery by Bernadette & Kevin LeLievre & Family
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 16th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Happy Birthday Ahaana Sajan & Janvi Sajan by the Family
Sunday, August 17th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Happy Birthday Dimple Alinsod & Kyrie Lizen from the Family
Wednesday, August 20th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Kelly Verwey by the Verwey Family
Thursday, August 21st	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Leanne Kamphis by the Bullock Family
Friday, August 22nd	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Clifford Szweczyk by Rick & Tara Ryzner
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 23rd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions & Birthday wishes for Elen Buan by the Family
Sunday, August 24th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠Imelda Malobago by Family & Friends



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

Every Saturday & Sunday Mass during the month we will collect one specific food item. For the Month of **August** we are collecting : **Peanut Butter & Jam**



	DONATIONS COLLECTED TO DATE	
January	Cold Cereal	61
February	Canned Fruit & Fruit Juices	77
March	Canned Vegetables	98
April	Canned Meat	66
May	Oatmeal	32
June	Dry Pasta and Canned Sauce	96
July	Rice, Mr. Noodles	88
	Soup and Extras	40
	Total collected To Date	558