

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Wednesday, December 31st Adoration Mass	10:00 pm 11:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For Peace in the World
Mary, Holy Mother of God Thursday, January 1st	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For Peace in the World
Epiphany of the Lord Saturday, January 3rd Sunday, January 4th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	For All Parishoners of Our Parish For a safe & restful holiday for Father Roy George by your parish community
Thursday, January 8th	10:30 am	Lions Prairie Manor	Communion Service
Friday, January 9th	10:30 am	Douglas Campbell Lodge	Communion Service
Baptism of the Lord Saturday, January 10th Father Abel Alate Sunday, January 11th Father Anji	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Bill Zettler by Sharon & Vince Zettler & Family †Louis, †Julia, †Janet, †George & † Philip Kelemen by the Kelemen Family
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, January 17th Sunday, January 18th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	Communion Service Communion Service



MASSES AT THE MANOR & LODGE - On the 1st Thursday and Friday of each month, masses are held at Lions Prairie Manor and Douglas Campbell Lodge at 10:30am. Masses are open to the public. Please join us!

SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

Throughout the year, our parish has collected a total of 942 items for those in need in our community. The Salvation Army would like to Thank-you for your contributions throughout the year. Your donations are making a difference!



January	Cold Cereal	61
February	Canned Fruit & Fruit Juices	78
March	Canned Vegetables	98
April	Canned Meat	66
May	Oatmeal	33
June	Dry Pasta and Canned Sauce	131
July	Rice, Mr. Noodles	105
August	Peanut Butter & Jam	50
September	Cold Cereal	35
October	Canned Fruit / puddings	116
November	Canned Vegetables	62
December	Canned Meat	23
	Soup and Extras	84
	Total collected	942

The Roman Catholic Parishes of GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE



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WELCOME - Good Shepherd Parish would like to welcome all visitors to our parish. Love, joy and peace are the ingredients for a wonderful Christmas. We hope you find them all festive season. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

PARISH OFFICE - will be closed Wednesday, December 24th to Friday, January 2nd, 2026.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE
All are welcome after mass for coffee and fellowship in the parish hall. Please join us!

PARISH POTLUCK - For the month of January has been **Cancelled** to give us all an opportunity to rest and recover from the busyness of the Christmas season.

THANK YOU Thank-you to all parishioners who contributed to the Prairie Welcome House Christmas Celebration. Christ's Love is shining through you. Yours in Christ, Shawn Rawlings

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Wed 31 Adoration & Rosary 10:00 pm
New Year's Eve Mass 11:00 pm

JANUARY

Thurs 1 New Year's Day Mass 10:30 am
Tues 6 Catechism Classes 5:00 - 7:45 pm
Wed 7 Catechism Classes 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Wed 7 Confirmation Class 7:00 pm
Thurs 8 Spanish Mass 6:00 pm
Sat 10 Syro Malabar Rite Mass 4:00 pm
Tues 13 Catechism Classes 5:00 - 7:45 pm
Wed 14 Catechism Classes 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Wed 14 Confirmation Class 7:00 pm

Pre-Authorized Debit Plan - Through pre-authorized debit you can contribute to our General Funds, Building Fund, Prairie Welcome House and Sharing God's Gifts on a monthly or semi-monthly basis. When you contribute through the Pre-authorized Debit Plan, the better the Parish is able to manage the monthly expenditures and any funding for special projects during the year. Please consider enrolling in our Parish's Pre-authorized Debit Plan by contacting Bernadette at the Parish Office.

COLD & FLU SEASON - Hand Sanitizer stations have been placed throughout the church and gathering area, please use them to protect yourself and those around you from cold and flu viruses.

Dedication to Mary, Mother of God

O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, we offer ourselves to your loving care. Today we choose you as our mother, guide and friend.

May we always be faithful to you, and desire, say and do only what is pleasing to you.

O most tender and loving mother, we beg you through the goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Divine Son, to keep us especially dear to you and to obtain for us the strength to lead a holy life,

a life of goodness, purity and love, offered to God in thanksgiving and praise.

Be present with us at all times, O Blessed Virgin Mary,

and especially at the hour of our death.

Then Mary protect us from the Evil One, the enemy of our souls.

Guide us safely into the presence of Jesus, the Risen Lord, so that we may, with you and all the saints, share His life, happiness and love, forever. Amen.

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 13th & 14th	\$1,383.85
December 15th Auto Debit	\$2,545.00
December 20th & 21st	\$1,649.50
Christmas Collections	\$6,548.20
December 27th & 28th	\$866.50

Sharing God's Gifts

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to December 28th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 22,021.00	\$13,746.00	- \$8,275.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE

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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

January 7th, 2026 - St. Ann's Church, Wpg
The joy of the Christmas season can feel overwhelming for those grieving the loss of a loved one. For many, this time of year can be one of the loneliest. To offer comfort and hope, a special Blue Christmas Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM at St. Ann's Church (271 Hampton Street, Winnipeg). This Mass will be offered for the souls of departed loved ones and for all who mourn their loss. Attendees are encouraged to invite someone who has been a source of support or someone they know who is grieving.

Lord, help me to be like You: give me the grace of tenderness in the most difficult of circumstances of life, give me the grace of closeness in the face of every need, and the grace of meekness in every collect.

FROM THE VATICAN

MESSAGE FOR THE 59th WORLD DAY OF PEACE - January 1st, 2026

The theme Pope Leo chose is: "Peace be with your all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace". The theme of Pope Leo XIV's first World Peace Day message invites humanity to reject the logic of violence and war, and to embrace an authentic peace based on love and justice.

Scan the QR Code with your cell phone camera to see Pope Leo XIV's full message.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
January 4, 2026: Epiphany of the Lord "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

