

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

**November 1st & 2nd, 2025 -
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 8th & 9th, 2025 -
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Gospel depicts the heart-rendering scene of a widowed mother weeping over the body of her son. Even the supportive presence of her community cannot lighten her solitary grief.

This picture is tragically familiar to our modern eyes. The daily news repeatedly confronts us with photos bereaved mothers and lifeless children around the globe - young lives cut short by war, climate disasters, disease, violence or addictions. These scenes seem to symbolize all that is broken in our world. It is easy to feel overwhelmed and to look away.

Ever compassionate, Jesus never looked away from suffering people. Not only does he comfort the woman, he restores her son to her and her anguish is transformed into tears of joy.

The God of whom Jesus is the incarnation is characterized in today's other readings as a God who listens, who shows mercy, who protects and saves - culminating in the vision in Revelation of a new creation where death is no more.

Today as we remember those who have gone before us, we reflect on the many tragedies afflicting our world. May our loving God deepen our trust and sustain our hope that a new and better world is possible, and guide us in working together to realize that vision.

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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.

Pastor - Rev. Roy George Vazhaplankudiyil

Cell Phone: 1 (204) 218-9372

Rectory: (204) 857-8490

Deacon - Reverend Rick Ryzner

Catechism Coordinator - Monique Lubkiwski
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Parish Council Chair - Monique Lubkiwski

Finance Council Chair - Irene Souque Hewitt

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Good Shepherd Church

Wednesday 10:00 am

(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 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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

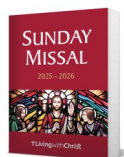
All are welcome after mass for coffee and fellowship in the parish hall. Please join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

2	Spanish Mass	6:00 pm
4	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 7:45 pm
5	Catechism Classes	5:30 - 8:00 pm
5	"Know Your Faith"	7:00 pm
6	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
11	Remembrance Day Mass	7:00 pm
11	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 7:45 pm
12	Catechism Classes	5:30 - 8:00 pm
12	"Know Your Faith"	7:00 pm
13	Spanish Mass	6:00 pm
13	Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
15	Syro Malabar Rite Mass	4:00 pm

MISSALS AND COLLECTION



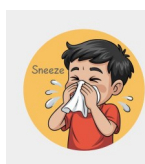
ENVELOPES



Will be ready for **November 15th & 16th** for pick up. 2026 Missals are \$5.00 each. **Please try to have the correct change. Thank you.**



POTLUCK - Sunday, November 16th after 10:30 am Mass. Please come and join us. Everyone is welcome. **Please bring your favorite potluck dish item or a desert, (enough for your family plus one more).**



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.



MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

In our Catholic tradition, November is the month of Remembrance. We remember, honor and pray for our deceased family members, friends and loved ones who have influenced and shaped our lives by their love and presence. ****You are invited to write the name of your loved one in the Book of Remembrance located in our gathering area.** At each Mass for the month of November, we will be praying for all those written in our book.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen



O God, by whose mercy the faithfully departed find rest, look kindly on our departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of our country. Grant that through the passion, death and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you and your saints forever. Amen.



HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS

The following parishioners have been approved by the His Most Reverend Archbishop Murray Chatlain as Holy Communion Ministers for a period of 3 years. Their installation as Eucharistic Ministers will occur on November 8th & 9th during mass.

Ruth Deegan	Jins Joy
Anju Regimon	Margaret Whiteley
Ramon Fernandez	Manju Mathew
Stan Lambert	Kriztofer Cuesta
Shibu Philip	Tara Ryzner
Edgar Cuesta	Shawn Rawlings
Joel Martin	Donna Lynn Barnett
Pauline Calder	Kevin Le Lievre
Audree Peech	Kim Dengate
Guy Gauthier	Helena Kot
Rosemary Barney	David Barney
Joanne Voesenek	Ron O'Neil
Zennia Semchshyn	Neenu Shibu



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNION BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Calling all parishioners!! On **Sunday, November 30th**, the members of Good Shepherd Knights Of Columbus will offer a communion breakfast after the Sunday 10:30 Mass. Menu will include Pancakes, sausages and baked beans with coffee, tea and juice.

Suggested price for the Breakfast will be \$8.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children aged 6-12. Children under 5 are free. This will be a CASH ONLY event. All Brother Knights and their families who attend will be offered a free breakfast. There will be a Third Degree Exemplification at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary. All NEW Knights and their families are asked to please attend this 30 minute ceremony to become ACTIVE Knights so we can form a new Knights Of Columbus Council in Good Shepherd. Hope to see you all there.



HALLOWE'EN FAMILY DANCE

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Halloween family dance. We had about 130 in attendance. Everyone had a great time. Special thanks to everyone who helped.

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

October 18th & 19th	\$1,600.00
October 25th & 26th	\$1,930.00

Sharing God's Gifts

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to October 26th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 22,021.00	\$ 10,456.00	- \$11,565.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Month of October	\$403.50
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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total collected to date	\$330.00
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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



SHARING GOD'S GIFTS - Annual Appeal

As we celebrate All Saints' and All Souls' Day, we remember those who shared God's love through their faith and generosity. Through the Sharing God's Gifts annual appeal, we too are invited to join in this communion of love and service. To explore the many ministries and causes supported through Sharing God's Gifts, visit the Archdiocese's website and discover how your gift can make a real difference in the lives of others. Please visit <https://archwinnipeg.ca/donate> to prayerful consider what you can do today.

NOW HIRING...

A Manager of Communications Services

This role supports the pastoral ministry of the Archbishop of Winnipeg. The Manager collaborates with Catholic Centre staff, parishes, volunteers, and other parties, to identify, develop, and implement effective internal and external strategic communications aligned with Archdiocesan priorities and the mission of the Catholic Church.

Please see the parish office for a full job description and required qualifications if you are interested.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK



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

Canned Vegetables

Total Food Items collected to date: **790**

Thank-you for your generosity!



MASS INTENTIONS

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

All Souls Day Saturday, November 1st Sunday, November 2nd	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St.Ambroise	For The Faithfully Departed For The Faithfully Departed †George & †Marie Flamand by the Family
Wednesday, November 5th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Elise Gautron by Family
Thursday, November 6th	10:30 am	Lions Prairie Manor	For all Staff and Residents
Friday, November 7th	10:30 am	Douglas Campbell Lodge	For all Staff and Residents
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, November 8th Sunday, November 9th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Frank Deegan by Ruth & Family †Irv Wegleitner and †Dal Bilkowski by Edie Wegleitner
Tuesday, November 11th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For all Veterans
Wednesday, November 12th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Crescenciana Maranan by the Maranan Family
Thursday, November 13th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Partridge & DeRuyck Families
Friday, November 14th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Mark Williams by Family
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, November 15th Sunday, November 16th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	†Juanita & †Geronimo Rodriguez & †Aracelita Prado Baltazar by Fe Lizen For all Souls in St.Emerics Cemetery by the Kelemen Family



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - 1st Wednesday, of every month, (November 5th) during Mass (10:00 am), there will be anointing of the sick. The Sacrament can bring comfort and peace to many. All parishioners, whether one desires anointing or not, are invited to come and pray as a community for those receiving this Sacrament.

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!



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: For the prevention of suicide – Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.