

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

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Office Hours

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

**September 20th & 21st, 2025 -
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 27th & 28th, 2025 -
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The saying 'Money is the root of all evil', contains a certain element of truth. When money dominates our lives, we easily forget the distant goal of life's destiny. Our values become muddled and our Christian commitment to God is drained of all its strength. Greed creeps into our hearts, deadens our conscience and dulls our sense of responsibility to the poor in the community. This gospel seeks to discover whether God is taking first place in our lives or whether the pursuit of riches is a more important consideration. If we are using our earthly wealth to attain our heavenly goal, then we are on the right road. This is the only real possession worth striving for, as death cannot take it away.

Our life is not made secure by material wealth because we have a heavenly destiny. We are here today and gone tomorrow, but we are here for a purpose. The closer we come to eternity the more material possessions lose their value. When life draws to an end, riches prove worthless and have got to be left behind. We can take nothing with us from this life except the good, we have done. The gospel message is summed up in the quote, 'Money is an instrument that can buy everything but happiness, and purchases a ticket to every place but heaven.'

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!

DAILY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BOOKS



Living with Christ & Word Among Us books for October are available for purchase at a cost of \$2.50/issue.



SPANISH MASS - Sunday, October 5th at 5:00 pm. Mass will be celebrated in Spanish. All are welcome to join in the celebration of song, prayer and worship.

EAST INDIAN MASS - Saturday, October 11th at 4:00 pm. Mass will be celebrated in the language of Malayalam. All are welcome to join in the celebration of song, prayer and worship.



Baptism Course - Saturday, September 27th at 11:00am - We invite all parents who are planning on having their child baptized within the next 6 months, to attend this class.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING



For those parishioners who have signed up to be Eucharistic Ministers AND were unable to attend the meeting on September 11th, please attend a meeting on **Thursday, September 25th, at 7:00pm** in the hall.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Joseph Allard & Philip Kelemen. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

CATECHISM

Catechism Registration

Please register for this year's catechism program as soon as possible. Classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Please complete a registration form, that can be found at the back of the church. Youth over 12 who are interested in preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are also encouraged to register.

Classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 23rd** for **NEW** children and their parents and **Tuesday, September 30th** for **ALL** children.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will begin on Thursday, October 16th at 7:00pm. Please use the sign up sheets in the gathering area, if you wish to have your child confirmed in 2026.

“KNOW YOUR FAITH” - Study Group

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in September, October & November. 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 14 years old who have received Confirmation, are welcome to attend to expand their knowledge of the Catholic faith.



FAMILY HALLOWEEN DANCE

Friday, October 24th from 7:00 - 10:00 pm at Good Shepherd Parish Hall.

Admission is \$5.00 per person & preschoolers \$ 3.00. There will be a rainbow auction and lunch will be served. Bring a friend and come and join us and remember to wear a costume. Children must be accompanied by parents.

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

September 6th & 7th	\$2,103.87
September 13th & 14th	\$2,043.00
September 15th Auto Debit	\$2,620.00

Sharing God's Gifts

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to September 15th	Year to Date + / -
\$ 22,021.00	\$ 9,184.00	- \$ 12,837.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Month of September	\$138.00
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

JUNIOR PRAIRIE VOX CHOIR



Offering children grade 5 to grade 8 the opportunity to explore their vocal talent in a supportive and fun environment!

Practices are at Prairie Vineyard Church on Tuesdays from 4:45pm to 5:45pm every week. The cost is \$25.00 for the year. There is a special Christmas Concert featuring both Junior and the Adult Prairie Vox Choir on Tuesday, December 9th at Good Shepherd Parish. For more information or to ask questions, please email: prairievox@gmail.com.



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

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



Total Food Items collected to date: 655

Thank-you for your generosity!



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Presentation on St. Carlo Acutis - The "Saint in Sneakers"

Carlo was canonized as a saint of our youth on Sunday, September 7th, 2025.

You're invited to a special evening for youth and young adults filled with praise and worship, a powerful talk, and an inspiring multimedia presentation on the life of St. Carlo Acutis - the "Saint in Sneakers." **Saturday, September 28, 2025 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.**

Discover how this millennial, who loved soccer, video games, and computers, lived a life deeply rooted in his love for the Eucharist. The evening will also feature a Eucharistic Miracles exhibit with a guided reflection, the opportunity to venerate a relic of St. Carlo, and a time of Eucharistic Adoration to encounter Jesus Himself. Come and be inspired by the witness of a modern saint and grow deeper in your love for the Lord in the Eucharist!

This event will take place at Mary, Mother of the Church (85 Kirkbridge Dr., Winnipeg, MB R3T 5S7).



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

September 21 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money through stewardship frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 20th Sunday, September 21st	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	✠Bill Zettler by Ron O’Neil ✠Philip Kelemen by Bernadette & Kevin, Brittany & Sara Le Lievre
Wednesday, September 24th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Joe Soos by Bernadette & Kevin, Brittany & Sara Le Lievre
Thursday, September 25th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Florence Hartman by Florence Zettler
Friday, September 26th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Partridge & DeRuyck Families
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 27th Sunday, September 28th	7:00 pm 10:30 am	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	✠Frank & ✠Sophie Ryzner by the Family Happy 2nd Birthday Joseph & Happy Birthday Rosanna by the Family
Wednesday, October 1st	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	For Thanksgiving by Deacon Rick Ryzner
Thursday, October 2nd	10:30 am	Lions Prairie Manor	For Staff & Residents of LPM
Friday, October 3rd	10:30 am	Douglas Campbell Lodge	For Staff & Residents of DCL
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 4th Sunday, October 5th	7:00 pm 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	Happy Birthday Fe Lizen by the Family ✠Bill Zettler by Florence Zettler & Family ✠Mel St. Goddard by the Family



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

1st Wednesday, of every month, (October 1st) 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 Douglas Campbell Lodge at 10:30am. Masses are open to the public. Please join us!



Thank-you to all who attended the Blessing of the Pets! All Pets were well behaved and Father Roy was happy to meet your four-legged friends!