

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

August 15th & 16th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 22nd & 23rd - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
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Friday	10:00 am
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Saturday	7:00 pm
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Sunday	10:30 am
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St. Ambroise Parish

1st Sunday of the Month	1:00 pm
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Lions Prairie Manor

1st Thursday of the Month	10:30 am
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Douglas Campbell Lodge

1st Friday of the Month	10:30 am
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Sacrament of Baptism

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

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples wishing to be married in the church, should contact the parish office at least 6 months before they wish to be married.

August 15th - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the Apostles' Creed, we profess our faith in the "Resurrection of the body" and in "life everlasting". This is the ultimate goal and meaning of our life's journey. This promise of faith is already accomplished in Mary, who is the "sign of sure hope and comfort". It is a privilege granted to Mary and closely connected to her being the Mother of Jesus. Since death and the corruption of the human body are consequences of sin, it was not right that the Virgin Mary - who is free from sin - should be affected by this natural law. Hence the mystery of her "Assumption into heaven". The fact that Mary has already been assumed into heaven is a reason to celebrate, to rejoice, to hope in the "already and the not yet". One of God's creatures - Mary - is already in heaven. With her, and like her, we too, who are God's creatures, will one day be there too. Mary's destiny, united to the transfigured and glorious body of Jesus, is, therefore, the destiny of all those who are united to the Lord Jesus in faith and love. It is interesting to note that the liturgy - through the biblical texts taken from the Book of Revelation and the Gospel according to Luke - help us, not so much to reflect, as to pray. In fact, the Gospel suggests that Mary's mystery be read in the light of her prayer, *The Magnificat*, that is through the lens of gratuitous love that extends from generation to generation, and the predilection of the least and the poor. Its choicest fruit, you could say its masterpiece, is Mary, a mirror in which the entire people of God can see its own features reflected.

Today, the Virgin Mary, with her Magnificat, teaches us how to praise and glorify God. It is an invitation through which the Virgin Mary, today contemplated in glory, invites us to go beyond our usual mode of magnifying problems and difficulties. Mary is able, and today she teaches this to us, to look on life through another lens: our hearts are greater than our sins. And even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts! (cf. 1 Jn 3:20) This is not, therefore, illusory, as if to say there are no problems in life. It is about appreciating what is beautiful and good in life and knowing how to thank God for it! This way, even problems are seen in their proper light.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE PARTY



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



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.



ELECTRONIC BULLETINS

If any parishioner wishes to have the bulletin emailed to them, please either call the office or send us an email.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Thurs 20 Spanish Mass 6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

Sun 6 Spanish Mass 5:00 pm



We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God, **Erika Samoy** who was baptized, in our parish community. May God grant her, her parents, family and godparents many blessings! *"Think of the love that God has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's own children; and that is what we are."* — 1 John 3:1



Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Mathew Shijin**, who received his first Holy Communion on Saturday, August 1st, during the Syro Malabar Mass.

Happy Are We Who Come to His Table!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of **Gerald Masson** and **John Chudzik**. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

CATECHISM

As I prepare for fall and the new catechism year, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Marilyn Fraser for serving as catechist in our parish over the past 8 years. Your gentleness has helped many children grow in their relationship with the Good Shepherd. Marilyn has decided it is time to pass the torch on to someone new.

That means that we are in great need of catechists and assistants to serve in this ministry. It is a great gift to journey with children and help them come to know the love of the Good Shepherd and grow in their relationship with Him.

If you feel called to help in this ministry and to get more information, please contact me, Monique Lubkiwski, catechism coordinator at 204-856-1176 or email: qlubqski@gmail.com

Faith is a beam radiating from the face of God.

- St. John Eudes

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

August 1st & 2nd	\$ 2,598.00
August 8th & 9th	\$ 1,635.95
August 15th Auto Debit	\$ 2,420.00

Together in Mission (Sharing God's Gifts)

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to August 14th	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$ 8,093.00	- \$ 14,326.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$ 3,568.85
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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



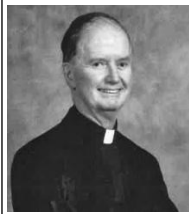
Please Note: The Archdiocese Annual Appeal, currently called *Sharing God's Gifts (SGG)* is being rebranded to *Together in Mission (TIM)* as of September 1st, 2026.

Those currently donating to the annual appeal will receive a tax receipt and letter from the Archdiocese on or before September 30th for gifts made between January 1st, 2026 and August 31st, 2026 under the name of *Sharing God's Gifts*. Gifts made between September 1st and December 1st will be issued a tax receipt by the Archdiocese under the name *Together in Mission* in February of 2027.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of August 15/16, 2026

In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political upheaval and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God's judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.



Request for Prayers for the repose of Reverend Msgr. Michael Moore who passed away on August 7th, 2026 in Morris, MB at the age of 85 years. Michael was born to Milton and Jean (Carmichael) Moore on November 20, 1940, in Winnipeg. The family attended St. Ignatius Parish where Michael was baptized and later attended St. Ignatius School, and then St. Paul's High School. Michael worked for a number of years for the City of Winnipeg audit department before studying for the priesthood at St. Boniface Seminary and St. Augustine's Seminary (Toronto). Michael was ordained a priest by His Eminence George B. Cardinal Flahiff on May 16, 1970, in St. Ignatius Church. Father Michael served the following parishes in Winnipeg: St. Edward's, St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Patrick's, St. Peter's, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Charles, and St. Anthony of Padua. He also served St. Michael's Parish and Missions (Gimli) and Sacred Heart Parish and Missions (Virden). Father Michael served as chancellor and financial administrator of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. On January 16, 1984, Father Michael was invested as "Prelate of Honour" with the title of Monsignor. He also served as chaplain in the Canadian Army Reserve Force, chaplain for the Serra Club, spiritual advisor for the Catholic Women's League Provincial Council, and state chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. After retirement, Monsignor Michael served as sacramental minister at St. Ann's Parish (Winnipeg) for six years. The funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, August 14th, at St. Ignatius Parish, Wpg, followed by interment in the Priest's Section at Assumption Cemetery.



The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba

Grants at the Catholic Foundation of Manitoba support a range of charitable organizations that care for the needy and underprivileged, educate youth, and promote Catholic values within the province of Manitoba.

New Youth Fund - This year, we are also pleased to offer a Youth Fund specifically supporting initiatives that help youth in Manitoba grow in their Catholic faith. The **application deadline is October 31, 2026.**

Grant guidelines and applications are available at:
www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 15th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Florence Zettler by Barbara J. Jardine
Sunday, August 16th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	🎂 Happy Birthday Ahaana Sajan & Janvi Sajan
Wednesday, August 19th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	🎉 Happy 9th Birthday Kyrie Sabastian Lizen from your family
Thursday, August 20th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Joyce McIvor by Irene Souque Hewitt
Friday, August 21st	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Larry Harder by Dave & Rosemary Barney
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 22nd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Gerald Masson by Melvina Hartling
Sunday, August 23rd	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Thaniel Nino from the Family
Wednesday, August 26th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Brett Matheson-Maytawashi by Garth & Tracy Bullock
Thursday, August 27th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Louis, ✠ Julia, ✠ Janet & ✠ George and ✠ Philip Kelemen by the Kelemen Family
Friday, August 28th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Gerald Masson by Mary Kalberg
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 29th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	💍 Happy Anniversary Deacon Rick on your Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate
Sunday, August 30th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	💍 Happy 64th Wedding Anniversary to Mike & Mary Hordeski from your Family

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

For the month of **August** we are collecting:



**Peanut Butter
& Jam**



We have collected **794** items so far this year!
Thank-you for your Generosity!

	DONATIONS COLLECTED TO DATE	
January	Cold Cereal	31
February	Canned Fruit & Fruit Juices	152
March	Canned Vegetables	153
April	Canned Meat	53
May	Oatmeal	21
June	Dry Pasta and Canned Sauce	150
July	Rice, Mr. Noodles	89
August	Peanut Butter & Jam	25
	Soup and Extras	120
	Total collected To Date	794