

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

August 29th & 30th - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5th & 6th - 23rd 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
Friday	10:00 am
Saturday	7:00 pm
Sunday	10:30 am

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 28th - Feast Day of St. Augustine

"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future." This was Oscar Wilde's observation. Wherever you are in your journey, wherever you have been and whatever you have done, the lives of saints such as Augustine remind us that God never gives up on us—even if at times we give up on ourselves or give up on him.

Augustine had given himself over to just about every pleasure and ambition that this world has to offer, but they all left him dissatisfied. His own words sum up his journey and his destination in a single line: "Our hearts are restless Lord, until they rest in you." We all have restless hearts. How often have we fallen into the trap of thinking the things of this world are more important than they are? How often have we mistakenly believed that certain things, pleasures, or experiences would make us happy for longer than they did? We have all made these mistakes, and yet God waits for us, like a patient father.

Throughout the Bible we read powerful stories imbued with relentless invitations to turn back to God. Most of us have not abandoned him altogether, but we have abandoned him in one area of our lives.

Augustine and so many of the saints are great beacons of hope for ordinary people like you and me. I look at Augustine and draw hope and strength from his story. I think to myself, "If he can turn it all around, surely God will work with me to turn my life around."

Yes, there may have been times in our lives when we tried with all our might to overcome a self-destructive habit and failed. Maybe we weren't ready, our hearts weren't really in it, or it just wasn't time.

Today is a new day, and every moment is a chance to turn it all around. Imagine that moment when Augustine finally surrendered. Weary of the world's broken promises, empty in his heart and in his soul, he finally turned to God. In that moment Augustine turned his whole life around.

We all have moments like that in our lives—perhaps not as dramatic as Augustine's, but we all have turning points. Do you need one now? This might be the beginning of a new season of grace in your life. I hope it is. I pray it is. And somehow, somewhere, Augustine is hoping and praying for you too.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE PARTY



We will be resuming Coffee party,
Sunday, September 6th.
Please join us!



ELECTRONIC BULLETINS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sun	6	Spanish Mass	5:00 pm
Sat	12	Syro Malabar Mass	4:00 pm
Thurs	17	Spanish Mass	6:00 pm

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Father will be in the confessional 1 hour prior to
Saturday evening mass (5:30-6:00) for the
sacrament of reconciliation. If an alternate time
is needed, please call the office to make an
appointment.



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Weekend of August 29/30, 2026

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus brings up
the topic of the cross to his followers.
They would not realize the cross was part
of God's plan and was to be their legacy
until after the Resurrection. Today's followers of
Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire lega-
cy, including his cross; that through their mutual sac-
rifices God's glory is
revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only
when it is convenient for them. They make a deci-
sion to take up their cross and carry it, no matter
what the cost. In the midst of the uncertain
times we live in, what crosses do we bear in order to

September 5th: Feast Day of St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa 1910-1997)

"We still have it." This is ultimately what Mother
Teresa's life announced to the world. Christians
can still completely captivate the people of their
time by embracing the profoundly simple
teachings of Jesus in a practical way each day. Just
as the first Christians intrigued the people of their
time, Mother Teresa intrigued the whole world in
the last quarter of the twenty-first century. Her life
announced to all men and women of goodwill,
Christian and secular alike, that holiness is
possible.

It has been said that people find their way to God
via truth, beauty, and goodness. Why were people
fascinated with Mother Teresa?

Truth. There was a foundational truth to her life
that boldly reminded everyone that people were
created to be loved, and that our love of others is
not based on what they can do for us or what
special talents they have. Rather, our love of others
is based on the intrinsic value of each human being
and springs from God alive within us.

Beauty. There was also a foundational beauty to
her life. Her overflowing joy in the face of life's
most desperate situations animated beauty in very
real and tangible ways. This was especially
apparent when placed side by side with the
ugliness and cruelty we hear about every day in the
world news.

Goodness. Her goodness became a worldwide
symbol of selfless service in a culture obsessed
with comfort and self-gratification.

Mother Teresa was a champion of truth, beauty,
and goodness. She didn't have to wake up each day
and remind herself to be so. She had a powerful
set of routines and rituals that she practiced with
unerring discipline. These daily routines and rituals
were habits of the heart, mind, body, and soul, and
they kept her grounded and focused. They
reminded her of what mattered most and
protected her from getting distracted, seduced, and
mesmerized by shiny illusions.

What are the daily routines and rituals that keep
you grounded and focused on what matters most
each day? Do you notice the difference between
the days when you are faithful to those habits and
other days when you neglect them?

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

August 15th & 16th	\$ 1,820.45
August 22nd & 23rd	\$ 1,992.85

Together in Mission (Sharing God's Gifts)

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to August 28th	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$ 8,408.00	- \$ 14,011.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$3,792.85
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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Milestone Marriage Anniversary Mass Celebration

Sunday, November 15th @ 11:15 am
St. Paul the Apostle Church (2400 Portage Ave, Wpg)

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg will be having a special Mass for married couples celebrating their major milestone anniversaries for their Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church. His Grace, Archbishop Murray Chatlain will preside and warmly invite those celebrating their milestone marriage anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 50 years and above) to register and attend.

After the mass celebration, all are welcome in the parish hall for a simple reception.

Please scan the QR code to register before November 2nd.



POPE'S Prayer Intention for September

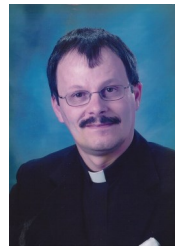


FOR THE CARE OF WATER:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Love transforms you into what you love.

- St. Catherine of Siena



Request for Prayers for the Repose of Father Alcide Bisson who passed away on Saturday, August 22nd after a 3 year battle with cancer. After farming for 40 years, he had a change of profession and attended the seminary and became Father Paul. He served the people of Russell for many years and always kept farmers in his prayers. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 28th at St. Augustine's Parish in Brandon with His Grace, Archbishop Murray Chatlain presiding. May he Rest in the Peace of Christ.



His obituary can be read at: <https://www.braendlebrucefs.ca/obituary/FrPaul-Bisson>

Children's Corner

We hope you are enjoying your Summer holiday in God's awesome and wondrously creative and gracious gift of nature. Remember to read a passage of God's holy Word in your bible and pray each day, to help you grow in your relationship with our Lord God. Always ask Holy Spirit for guidance, inspiration and help. Find these words in the puzzle box below:

**AWE BEAUTY COURAGE CREATION DREAM
 FAITHFULNESS GENTLENESS GOOD JUDGEMENT
 GOODNESS GROWTH HOPE JOY KINDNESS
 KNOWLEDGE LOVE MINDFUL NATURE PATIENCE
 PEACE PRAYER RAIN RENEWAL REST
 UNDERSTANDING SELF CONTROL STRENGTH
 SUMMER SUNSHINE THANKFUL TRUTH VISITS
 WISDOM WONDER**

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, August 29th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	☪ Happy Anniversary Deacon Rick on your Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	❤️ Happy 64th Wedding Anniversary to Mike & Mary Hordeski from your Family
Wednesday, September 2nd	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	☪ John Chudzik by Friends
Thursday, September 3rd	10:30 am	Lion's Prairie Manor	☪ Joyce McIvor by Garth & Tracy Bullock
Friday, September 4th	10:30 am	Douglas Campbell Lodge	☪ Bob Dionne by Irene Souque Hewitt
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 5th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Joanie O'Leary by Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Thanksgiving & Blessings to all Eucharistic Ministers & Readers
	1:00 pm	St. Ambrose	☪ Catherine & Emile Allard by the Family
Wednesday, September 9th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	☪ Catalina Bartilad by The Family
Thursday, September 10th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	🎂 Happy 95th Birthday to Margaret Peech from Allan & Genny Morris
Friday, September 11th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	☪ Theresa Lambert by June Anne Furmanie
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 12th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	☪ Madelene Provo by Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Thanksgiving & Blessings to all Greeters, Ushers & Altar Servers

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

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

Cold Cereal



The Portage Learning & Literacy Centre are holding a:

Ride for Refuge on October 3rd and are encouraging all families to ride/walk to support local charities that support people who are seeking hope, safety and freedom. Please visit rideforrefuge.org and see the poster in the gathering area for more information.