

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

July 4th & 5th - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11th & 12th - 15th 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

Lions Prairie Manor

1st Thursday of the Month 10:30 am

Douglas Campbell Lodge

1st Friday of the Month 10:30 am

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.

From time to time, as the problems and worries of the moment overpower us, we all find life difficult and discouraging. As the signs of stress and tension become visible on our faces, we sit up and listen to those reassuring comforting words of Jesus: 'Come to me all you who labor and are overburdened and I will give you rest.' Jesus presents himself as the friend and consoler of the weary and oppressed. In the middle of trying situations he seems to invite us to come to him with our worries saying all will be well. This giving of our hearts to Christ implies complete trust and childlike dependence, qualities which are missing in our adult world. When we were young we spent our childhood days in a simple carefree setting, relying completely on the love of those who cared for us. Growing up meant casting aside this childlike trust and exchanging it for reliance on material possessions. We have lost our paradise of childhood innocence and as a result find it difficult to cast our cares upon the Lord with the confidence that he will sustain us.

Christ leaves us in no doubt that humility is vital in our search for God. The humble person does not have to complicate matters by projecting a false self-image or deceiving himself with the trappings of grandeur. He realizes that without God he is nothing. Because we are lacking in humility, we are robbed of that inner peace which comes from putting our hand in the hand of God. Humility enables us to let go of self and make space for God in whom we find our strength. When we come to Mass on Sunday morning laden down with the problems and troubles of the past week, Christ meets us at our own level. As we unload our difficulties and sufferings before him, he makes them into an acceptable offering to his heavenly Father.

This gospel speaks to us of the tender personal and human qualities of Christ's love for us. God is full of mercy and compassion and a great comfort in times of sorrow and distress. There is a great capacity for goodness in each one of us, provided we accept the invitation to build up our lives with Christ as our model.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

Sun	12	Spanish Mass	5:00 pm
Sat	25	Syro Malabar Mass	4:00 pm



ELECTRONIC BULLETINS

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



SUMMER PRAYER



Lord, Thank You for the warmth of the sun, the beauty of nature and the joy of long days. Bless our families with rest, laughter and safe adventures. Help us see Your grace in every sunset and feel Your peace in every summer breeze. May this season refresh our souls and draw us closer to You. Amen.



POPE'S Prayer Intention for July

For respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God **Zacchaeus Guerrero & Deniel Tagapan** who were baptized, in our parish community. May God grant them, their 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

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of **Fred Beamer & Robert Dionne**. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.



NEW Family Camps 2026 - The Catholic School of Evangelization (CSE) invites your family to join us for an extended weekend of fun, faith, and fellowship as we explore how family values, rhythms, and priorities can make space for God in everyday life.

Games, prayer, family sessions, beach time, and more await!

Location: Catholic School of Evangelization (CSE), St. Malo, Manitoba

Camp Dates

- Camp 1: July 9–12, 2026
- Camp 2 (French): July 16–19, 2026
- Camp 3: July 30 – August 2, 2026

Schedule: Thursday, 6:00 pm - Sunday, 3:00 pm

Register or Ask Questions Today

Website: CatholicWay.net/camps

Email: Nicole@catholicway.net

Phone: 204-930-9486



****Please see poster in the Gathering Area****

***Holiness consists simply in doing God's will
and being just what God wants us to be.***

St. Therese of Lisieux

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

June 20th & 21st	\$ 2,227.25
June 27th & 28th	\$ 1,440.00
July 1st Auto Debit	\$3,475.00

Sharing God's Gifts

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to July 3rd	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$6,614.00	- \$ 15,805.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$2,957.25
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FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



A new Stewardship & Mission initiative is being introduced this weekend called **"Together in Mission"**. Together in Mission is a call to renew our discipleship, both as individuals and as parish communities. Guided by the principles of Stewardship, the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, and the leadership of Pope Leo XIV and our own Archbishop, Archbishop Chatlain, we will strive to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and deepen our understanding of what it truly means to live as his disciples.

Awakened to the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure, may we become a flame of faith that brings hope and light to our community and to the world.

Please take a few moments to watch this important message from our Archbishop to learn more about Together in Mission. Follow the link below or scan the QR Code.

<https://archwinnipeg.ca/stewardship-and-mission/>



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

July 5th – *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light..."* Matthew 11:28- 29 Generosity is not a burden, but a liberating experience. It liberates because the generous person is walking in the yoke with Christ sharing gifts and challenges.

Our Prayer To Be Good Stewards

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness and blessing you entrust to us all that we need to live and move and have our being.

Awaken in us, we pray, the call to be good and faithful stewards of our time, our talent and our treasure.

Inspire us to use the gift of our time to return to you the gift of who we are and who you have created us to be.

Renew and sustain our minds, our bodies and our spirits, that we may live each moment in deeper awareness of your presence.

Empower us to use the gifts of our hidden talents to reveal you, the giver of all gifts, and to help bring about the promise of your Kingdom.

Free us from fear and hesitation in offering the gift of our treasure, so that we may lift up those in need and share the blessings you desire for all.

As stewards of your creation, may we be united in mission and joy, that we may become a visible sign of your love and mercy for our good and the good of the whole world.

We ask all this, most gracious God, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 4th Sunday, July 5th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For All Graduates
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠Frank & ✠Sean Deegan by the Family
	1:00 pm	St.Ambroise	✠Shirley Allard by the Family
Monday, July 6th	11:00 am	Good Shepherd	Funeral Mass for ✠Bob Dionne
Wednesday, July 8th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Debbie Lane by Lorie Thompson
Thursday, July 9th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Louis, ✠Julia, ✠Janet & ✠George & ✠Philip Kelemen by the Kelemen Family
Friday, July 10th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Rene Philippot by Friends
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 11th Sunday, July 12th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For the Health of Florence Zettler by Church Friends & Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	🎂 Birthday Wishes for Norm Winters by Bernadette & Kevin LeLievre
Wednesday, July 15th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Blessings for Dave & Rosemary Barney by Friends
Thursday, July 16th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Partridge & DeRuyck Families
Friday, July 17th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Debbie Lane by Mona Harper
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 18th Sunday, July 19th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Bob Dionne by Bernadette & Kevin LeLievre
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	💖 Happy Anniversary Sajan George & Rose John

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

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



**Rice &
Mr. Noodles**



Thank-you for your Generosity!

	DONATIONS COLLECTED TO DATE	
January	Cold Cereal	30
February	Canned Fruit & Fruit Juices	150
March	Canned Vegetables	150
April	Canned Meat	49
May	Oatmeal	21
June	Dry Pasta and Canned Sauce	105
	Soup and Extras	95
	Total collected To Date	600