

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

June 20th & 21st - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 27th & 28th - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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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. Ambrose 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.

This Gospel is a reminder that we cannot expect the community around us to receive the teaching of Christ with open arms. Jesus makes no secret of the fact that bearers of the word of God will suffer ridicule and rejection, yet he urges us to bear witness to him openly and be fearless in making a stand for truth and justice however unpopular this may make us.

Fear is an emotion with which we are all familiar as it often cripples our lives and hinders us from being the people we want to be. We can think of so many situations in life where our response to Christ is feeble and half-hearted. Because of the fear of being laughed at, being out of fashion or regarded as weaklings we often fail to stand up for what we know to be just and right in our hearts. Maybe in the company we keep there's is a danger of losing friends, by going to church, refusing to take part in idle gossip that drags someone's name through the mud, or saying no to drink or drugs. For evil to triumph all that is required is for good people to remain silent. The pressure in the face of temptation to abandon our Christian principles because of the smirks and sneers of others arises daily and challenges our loyalty to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

The mission of Jesus was to proclaim his Father's love and he never failed in carrying out that task. No one can be a follower of Christ without making an act of confidence in his work by announcing the message of the kingdom. If the word of God is to free us to act according to our deeper convictions then we must pray for the grace to overcome our fears. There are many situations in life when it is supportive to remember those words of the Lord, "Fear not." Whatever happens, God is always in control. It is his world. His power and his Spirit are at work in our midst and we can be sure of his steadfast love. When we have completed our earthly journey of professing the Good News, he will claim us as his own before the Father.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

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



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

on Canada Day - Wednesday, July 1st.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

Sun	21	Father's Day	
Thurs	25	Spanish Mass	6:00 pm
Sat	27	Syro Malabar Mass	4:00 pm



A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Heavenly Father,

We Thank You for the gift of fathers.

Bless all Dads with wisdom, patience, and unconditional love. Strengthen them in their daily work and guide them as they lead their families. For those who have gone before us, grant them eternal rest. For fathers who are struggling, bring comfort and peace. May all fathers mirror Your love, faithfulness and compassion.

Amen



CANADA DAY MASS - We will be celebrating our nation's birthday on **Wednesday, July 1st** at **10:00am**. Please Join Us!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of **Lloyd Popko, Ida Lamirande & Francis Godin**. Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Additional Personnel Changes - Effective August 1st, 2026

Reverend Roy George Vazhaplankudiyil becomes Pastor of St.Jude's Parish in Erickson, St.Alphonsus' Parish in Minnedosa and Sacred Heart Parish in Elphinstone

Reverend Marcelino Bandico becomes Sacramental Minister at Good Shepherd Parish in Portage la Prairie and St.Ambroise Parish and limited assistance to Fr. Nepolian's parish in Stonewall

Deacon Richard Ryzner becomes Pastoral Administrator of Good Shepherd Parish in Portage la Prairie and St.Ambroise Parish in St.Ambroise

Reverend Barry D. Schoonbaert retires from full-time ministry. After 37 years in the Archdiocese we wish him well in retirement.

Reverend Kaleab Enman Abdella becomes Parochial Vicar of St.Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Brandon and St.Mary's Parish in Souris.

Reverend Zerresellassie Mahreteab Aswhiek, soon to arrive from Edmonton, becomes the Priest Chaplain of Holy Saviour Ge'ez Rite Community in Winnipeg and will assist at St.Vital Parish in Winnipeg.

Never be in a hurry: do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.

- St.Francis de Sales

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

June 6th & 7th	\$2,543.00
June 13th & 14th	\$ 1,775.00
June 15th Auto Debit	\$2,425.00

Sharing God's Gifts

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to June 19th	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$ 6,543.00	- \$ 15,876.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$2,740.45
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A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES



*Heavenly Father,
Surround our graduates with Your Grace.
Bless them with hope as they step into the future,
with eager and open hearts.
Guide them to use the knowledge, skills and insights they've gained through their education, for the good of all humanity.
Amen*



NEW Summer DAY Camps - In Winnipeg

French and English Day Camps for 8–12-year-olds in Winnipeg this July.

Ages 8–12 French Day Camp – July 13–15

Ages 8–12 English Day Camp – July 27–29

Camps run Monday through Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Cost: \$90**

Camps will be facilitated by Saint Malo Catholic Summer Camp staff and volunteers, will be held at **St. Timothy Parish, Wpg**, and will include the faith, fun, and friendship that campers love. Please check their website at: <https://www.catholicway.net> for registration.

Manitoba's Award Winning Passion Play July 3rd, 4th, 5th and July 10th, 11th, 12th

This Year's Passion Play is scheduled for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30pm nightly, near La Riviere, Manitoba. Bring your lawn chair and experience the Life of Christ unfold before your eyes in a beautiful outdoor setting. Tickets are available online at www.passionplay.ca or by calling 1-888-264-2038. Please see poster in the gathering area.

Archbishop Murray Chatlain will be celebrating an outdoor mass on Sunday, July 5th at 3:30pm, followed by the performance.

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg is also offering a bus to La Riviere, please see the poster in the gathering area for more information.



POPE'S Prayer Intention for June

For the Values of Sports - Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

June 20th & 21st - Jesus minces no words with his disciples: If we acknowledge Jesus publicly, Jesus will remember us before God, our Father. If we deny Jesus, he will forget us. It is very rare that a Christian will denounce Jesus publicly. But we can deny Jesus in more subtle ways. There are many people who conveniently forget all about Jesus Christ and the work of his Kingdom in their daily lives, in moments of weakness, spiritual immaturity or when times get tough. Good stewards strengthen their confession of Christ by praying and attending Mass regularly, examining their lives and going to confession frequently, and reminding themselves daily that Christ resides in them. Take a look at your own daily life. Do you acknowledge Christ before others? How often do you remind yourself that Jesus lives in you?

MASS INTENTIONS

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, June 20th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For all Fathers & ✠ Roger McIvor by Faye McIvor
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For all Fathers
Wednesday, June 24th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For all souls buried in St. Emeric's Cemetery by the Kelemen Family
Thursday, June 25th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Ray Taillon by Mona Harper
Friday, June 26th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Donald Verwey by the Verwey Family
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, June 27th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Michael Rumancik by the Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Tony Peech by the Peech Family
Sunday, June 28th			
Wednesday, July 1st	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	For All Canadians
Thursday, July 2nd	10:30 am	Lions Prairie Manor	For the Staff & Residents at LPM
Friday, June 3rd	10:30 am	Douglas Campbell Lodge	For the Staff & Residents at DCL
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 4th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For All Graduates
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Frank & ✠ Sean Deegan by the Family
	1:00 pm	St. Ambrose	✠ Shirley Allard by the Family



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - 1st Wednesday, of every month, (July 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

For the month of **June** we are collecting:
Dry Pasta & Canned Sauce



Thank-you for your Generosity!

“MEAL - IN - A - BOWL” SUPPER

Wednesday, June 24th

Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of
THICK HOMEMADE SOUP
Served With Homemade Bread, Biscuits &
Desserts

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

17 ROYAL ROAD SOUTH

TAKE OUT or DELIVERY ONLY

PICK UP FROM 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$15.00 AT THE DOOR

To Order, Please See Poster in the Gathering Area