

## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

June 6th & 7th - Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
June 13th & 14th - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Office

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### Office Hours

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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. Ambrose 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**

Engaged couples will contact the parish office at least 6 months before they wish to be married.

Corpus Christi is the feast on which we pay special homage to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This solemnity is a splendid opportunity to reflect on God's most striking gift to us and a timely reminder to renew our faith and deepen our appreciation of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. He is the living bread sent down from heaven as food for our souls to satisfy our deepest spiritual hunger. The Eucharist proclaims that Christ died for our sins so that we might have life and salvation. The Son of God could not have given us a greater proof of his love.

As pilgrims on the road of life we suffer from many hungers but the greatest hunger of all is the yearning for a deeper meaning to life. This is something that no earthly bread can satisfy. In our struggle to find purpose, the Eucharist is of great help because it is an invitation to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. By setting out on the road he travelled and by doing our utmost to imitate his life of caring and sharing we are gradually brought to see the importance of placing the common good of people before our own self-interest.

If sharing in the Eucharist is to mean more than going to Mass and providing nourishment for our private spiritual lives, we must rise above the divisions and injustices of society which keep us apart and prevent us forming a closer bond within the community. This will mean opening the doors of our hearts and of our homes and accepting people as they are.

In our daily round we are asked to forgive, overlook weaknesses and understand the failure of friends especially when they hurt us. The Eucharist means to live as brothers and sisters of Jesus. There is no way we can offer ourselves to God in the Eucharist and not try and love our neighbour who has failed us during the week. For God to love through us we must try to be loving also. We are to go out and touch the lives of others, to be the healing presence, the helping hand, the voice of sympathy and words of encouragement when they are needed. In this way we will be shaped and formed by what we celebrate.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

Sun 7	First Communion	10:30 am
Sat 13	Communications & Respectful Spaces Workshop	10:30 am
Sun 14	Confirmation	10:30 am
Sun 14	Spanish Mass	5:00 pm
Sun 21	Father's Day	



### ELECTRONIC BULLETINS -

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



We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God **Andrea Gomes** 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

## FROM THE VATICAN

### Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical Letter Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity)

*Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence* was released on May 25th. It's underlying premise: technology is not "a force antagonistic to humanity", nor is it "inherently evil". However, "technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it.

Please visit the Vatican's website to read the encyclical in it's entirety: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

## FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



### 2026 First Communicants

Leila Naig	Nuj Sayson
Ricci Dy	Nash Lernowicz-Barth
Mathew Shijin	Emilia Lernowicz-Barth
Aamiya Bibin	Elvis Bejoy
Haniel Rico	Arely Tapia Rangel

*Dear Children, we hold you in our prayer, as you prepare your hearts to become a pure dwelling place - a 'tabernacle' - to receive the Most Holy Body & Blood of Jesus for the first time. May you always yearn for the Lord Jesus in your heart, through the Holy Eucharist.*

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is on Sunday, June 7th.**



### 2026 Confirmands

Cruiz Lernowicz	Jude Lernowicz
Harrison Zettler	Celina Zettler
Alex Licea	Alice Gonzalez

*Dear Children, we hold you in our prayer as you continue to prepare your hearts and journey toward the celebration of Confirmation. May you joyfully accept this anointing, and commit to a life of love and service to the Lord and all God's people.*

**Confirmation is on Sunday, June 14th. Celebrated with Most Reverend Archbishop Murray Chatlain.** Reception to follow in the parish hall honoring the newly confirmed.

## FINANCIALS

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

May 23rd & 24th	\$1,530.00
May 30th & 31st	\$ 1,943.80
June 1st Auto Debit	\$2,425.00

### Sharing God's Gifts

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to June 5th	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$ 5,968.00	- \$ 16,451.00

### CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$2,537.35
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## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



**Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate - Friday, June 26th** at St.Mary's Cathedral at 7:00pm.

Six candidates will be ordained into the Permanent Diaconate:

- Mark Coates - St.Vital Parish, Wpg
- Quarino Gilles - St.Ann's Parish, Wpg
- Paul Human - Notre Dame Parish, Selkirk
- Ernesto Samiana - St.Anthony of Padua Parish, Wpg
- Jose Vasquez - St.Patrick's Parish, Wpg
- Maui Zamora - St.Edward's Parish, Wpg

In addition, Rick Debin from St.Helen's Parish in Shoal Lake will be ordained on **Friday, July 17th** at St.Augustine's Parish in Brandon.



### 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.

*A soul that walks in love neither rests nor grows tired.* - St. John of the Cross

## COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

### Roof Repair Building Committee Update:

I hope you are enjoying some summer like weather finally. I want to start by saying that the project is going very well and they are currently on time with their provided schedule. Some key points to make:

#### Interior Work:

- All new ducts have been installed though the penetrations into the exterior walls.
- All new ducts have been connected to the existing ductwork, both feed air and return ducts are completed.

- All new ducts have had their bulk heads installed. (encased within gyproc walls or ceiling)

- All gyproc and taping has been completed in all inner spaces, sacristy, cry room and storage room.

Painting in these 3 spaces will start on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> and hopefully completed in 2-3 days.

- This will COMPLETE the interior construction and these rooms will be handed back over to us for our use.

#### Exterior Work:

- Galvanized steel frames are in place for the new HVAC units.

- A crane will be on site to lift all 4 units into place this week.

- Once in place they will be connected to new ducts, electrical and controls installed and then tested and commissioned.

- Once the new units are commissioned, the old units will be decommissioned and removed by crane from the roof as well as all cement pads.

- The roofing will begin on the south roof and continue north once the roof units have been removed.

I am pleased with the progress and the work that has been completed to date. Please let me know if you have any questions at all.

Thanks & Blessings, Kevin Le Lievre

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b> Saturday, June 6th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of the Zuke & Ryzner Families
Sunday, June 7th	10:30 am 1:00 pm	Good Shepherd St. Ambrose	For the First Communicants ✠Therese Lavallee by the Family
Wednesday, June 10th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of the White & Barney Families
Thursday, June 11th	6:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Deceased Members of the DeRyuck & Partridge Families
Friday, June 12th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Rene Philippot by Friends
<b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, June 13th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Jeff Wollbaum by Marlene Wollbaum & Family
Sunday, June 14th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For the Confirmands
Wednesday, June 17th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Ray Taillon by Mona Harper
Thursday, June 18th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	 Birthday Wishes for Guy Gauthier by Kevin & Bernadette Le Lievre
Friday, June 19th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Debbie Lane by Lori Thompson
<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Saturday, June 20th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Roger McIvor by Faye McIvor
Sunday, June 21st	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For all Fathers

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

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



**Total Oatmeal collected in May - 21 items  
(+ Lots of Other types of foods)**

Thank-you ! Thank-you !



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



**June 6th & 7th** - *“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”* 1 Corinthians

10:17 - Among the compelling Eucharistic themes proclaimed in today’s readings is the notion of “participation” as found in Saint Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Good stewards are part of a Eucharistic family: loving, welcoming, serving. An important part of living as a steward comes about in the many ways we can participate in the life of the Church. No matter how much time we have to give, no matter what our skills or interests, no matter what our level of commitment, there is a way to participate as a good steward to enrich our lives and the lives of others to build up the Body of Christ. How do you participate in the life of your parish?