THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

November 21st & 22nd, 2026 - Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 28th & 29th, 2026 - 1st Sunday of Advent

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Good Shepherd Church

Wednesday	10:00 am
Thursday (followed by the Rosary)	10:00 am
Friday	10:00 am
Saturday	7:00 pm
Sunday	10:30 am

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.

The feast of Christ the King brings the church's year to a close and with it comes a reminder that the cycle of our own lives here on earth will also reach its completion. The end of the year is review time and affords us the opportunity to take stock of our behavior as members of God's household. The gospel points out very forcibly that admission into our eternal home depends on the effort we make to aid and comfort the needy. We will be assured of a place in Christ's kingdom only if we treat others as Christ treats them. This is a challenging gospel which takes on exceptional importance as it portrays a powerful image of judgement and presents us with the stark choice of being for or against Christ. There is no in between. None of us can reflect upon it without seeing areas of our lives where change and improvement are needed.

What the church is emphasizing is the importance of turning our lives and hearts to Christ and trusting in his teaching, otherwise we run the danger of being rejected. God is going to judge us on the works of mercy we perform which is our response to human need. One thing is for certain - there will be no excuses accepted on the last day. No one will be granted the luxury of the sin of omission saying: 'I minded my own business and did nobody any harm. I passed by on the other side of the road.' Christ will not be deceived by appearances. He will look at nothing but the human heart, so all pretense will be wiped away, all falseness exposed and our real selves brought into light. In a glance we will be recognized as his friends, or disowned as strangers.

As the world around us is put into our hands in trust and stewardship, Christianity lays great stress on involvement in the community. Jesus is still walking the earth in the guise of our neighbor who is suffering and in want. Christ becomes real to the people around us only in so far as we reach out and show concern for their welfare and commit ourselves to fostering their dignity. Whatever good or evil we do to others is done to him. Christ rules in our hearts and in the world around us when we give of our time, energy and love in performing practical acts of charity.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

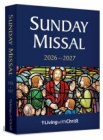
NOVEMBER

Mon 23 Sacramental Prep Class 6:00-7:30pm
Tues 24 Catechism Classes
Wed 25 Catechism Classes
Thurs 29 Spanish Mass 5:00 pm
Mon 30 Confirmation Class 6:00 - 7:30 pm

DECEMBER

Tues 1 Catechism Classes
Wed 2 Catechism Classes
Thurs 3 Sacramental Prep Class 6:00-7:30pm

MISSALS AND COLLECTION ENVELOPES



Are available for pick up in the gathering area.



2027 Missals are $5.00 each. **Please try to have the correct change. Thank you.**



NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

In our Catholic tradition, November is the month of Remembrance. We remember, honor and pray for our deceased family members, friends and loved ones who have influenced and shaped our lives by their love and presence. ****You are invited to write the name of your loved one in the Book of Remembrance located in our gathering area.** At each Mass for the month of November, we will be praying for all those written in our book.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



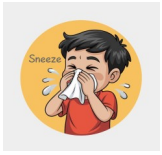
Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of **Jess Galarneau and Annette Simone Merrick.** Please remember them in your prayers. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

KIDS FOR CHRIST CHOIR



These spirited young people will be singing during mass on Sunday, November 29th.

Come and worship with us!



COLD & FLU SEASON - Hand Sanitizer stations have been placed throughout the church and gathering area, please use them to protect yourself and those around you from cold and flu viruses.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Weekend of November 21/22

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

May Christ be heard in our language, may Christ be seen in our life, may be be perceived in our hearts.

- St.Peter Damian

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Monthly October Collections	**Monthly** Projected (Budgeted)	**Monthly** Surplus/Shortfall + / -
$ 15,469.00	$ 19,932.00	- $4,463.00

Year-to-Date Collected	**Annual** Projected (Budgeted)	**Year-to-Date** Surplus/Shortfall + / -
$ 179,236.00	$ 239,188.00	- $ 59,951.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE

Year-to-date	$ 5,345.95

Together in Mission (Sharing God's Gifts)

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to November 20th	Year to Date + / -
$22,419.00	$ 11,592.00	- $ 10,827.00

FROM THE VATICAN



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
For November

FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH:

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put to the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

PRESS RELEASE: Catholic community urged to raise its voice in support of separating the two measures in Bill C-41

Archbishop Murray Chatlain is asking Catholics to send a letter to their Member of Parliament. This is part of a national campaign led by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). The more Catholics who send letters, the clearer it will be to all political parties that Catholics are engaged citizens with a significant voice in our beautiful country of Canada.

Parliament began the second reading of Bill C-41 on Monday, November 16, 2026. Bill C-41 is made up of two parts. The first part maintains the exclusion of mental illness as the sole underlying medical condition for medical assistance in dying (MAID). The Catholic Church supports this part, which protects vulnerable citizens, and encourages it to proceed. The Church does not support euthanasia or MAID.

The second part is problematic. It would permit advance requests for euthanasia, meaning a person could ask in advance to be euthanized if they later lose the capacity to decide for themselves. This raises concern because it gives another person the legal right and responsibility to make that decision on the individual's behalf. The Archbishop urges Catholics to send a letter to their Member of Parliament through the link below, provided by the CCCB and to act together as one Church, in respect of the dignity of life. The letter asks the government to:

- separate the two measures in Bill C-41;
- maintain the exclusion where mental illness is the sole underlying medical condition;
- oppose the advance request provisions; and
- advocate for care that upholds the dignity of people living with illness or disability.

"Someone may ask for this out of fear for what the future holds," said Archbishop Chatlain. "Many people who are struggling with progressing illness or other challenges often find it not as bad as they feared. If the decision has already been made, it leaves people vulnerable to being euthanized when they are not able to revisit the question.", he added. "It is very delicate who decides how to follow through on the advance care directive. There needs to be more safeguards and protections clearly in place."

The Archbishop concluded with a prayer that God bless all those involved in health care and grant courage and wisdom to the nation's leaders.

Sample letter to Member of Parliament: https://actionbutton.nationbuilder.com/share/SPK-Q0FBQEE=

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Saturday, November 21st	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✞George & ✞Marie Flamand by the Family
Sunday, November 22nd	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Prepofi Family by Theresa Apusen
Wednesday, November 25th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✞Betty Conrad by Rosemary & Dave Barney
Thursday, November 26th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✞Mary Carton by Eileen Rumancik
Friday, November 27th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✞Peter Semenchyshyn by Zennia & Family
1st Sunday of Advent Saturday, November 28th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✞Edgar Langevin by Marlene Wollbaum & Family
Sunday, November 29th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✞Louis, ✞Julia, ✞Janet, ✞George & ✞Philip Kelemen by the Kelemen Family
Spanish Mass	**5:00 pm**	Good Shepherd	For the Spanish Community
Wednesday, December 2nd	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✞Glen Surzyshyn by Bernadette & Kevin Le Lievre
Thursday, December 3rd	**10:30 am**	**Lions Prairie Manor**	✞Alice & ✞Don Riggs by Family
Friday, December 4th	**10:30 am**	**Douglas Campbell Lodge**	Deceased members of the Partridge & DeRuyck Families
2nd Sunday of Advent Saturday, December 5th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✞Jane Hebert by Rosemary & Dave Barney
Sunday, December 6th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Happy Birthday Mariam James From your Family

SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

For the Month of **November** we are collecting:



Canned Vegetables

Thank-you for your Generosity!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

18 Shoe boxes were assembled & donated this year by The Good Shepherd Parish!

Thank-you all for blessing these children and showing them the Love of Jesus Christ !