THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

November 7th & 8th, 2026 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14th & 15th, 2026 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

In a strangely appropriate way, the church has associated the end of the liturgical year with the month of November. The leaves have fallen, nature is dying there is no more growth. Winter has arrived. In a world of uncertainties the one thing we can be sure of is death. While we do not know the day or the hour, it is the one appointment we cannot cancel. To dismiss the thought of death, pushing it to the back of our minds as something to be faced at a later date, is the type of foolishness Christ condemns in this gospel. If we live with no thought as to where the journey of life is taking us, we are neglecting to make elementary preparations for the coming of the kingdom. Death will catch us unaware and God will enter unexpectedly into our lives. We will be found empty inside with no oil in our spiritual lamps and the result will be disaster.

An essential part of the Christian life is to cultivate a personal relationship with God, which each one must possess, work at and live because it cannot be borrowed at the last minute. We do this by developing a calm and believing attitude as we go about our normal work. There is no better way of achieving this than by using those spare moments during the day to share our thoughts, plans and worries with Christ, in prayers, telling him what's on our mind and asking him to guide us. Christ is always prepared to meet us, so we, on our part, must be prepared to meet him. He does not give us an appointment but comes as he wills into our lives. The gospel brings home the importance of being ready and prepared while we wait, by loving God and our neighbor. We are not to take the change of going through life relying on the minimum of holiness. When the call comes, what will count are the qualities of character we have developed, not the riches we possess or the fortune we have gathered. Staying awake must be the axis around which our whole being and life rotate.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Saturday of every month, there will be reconciliation at 6:00 pm or by appointment. Please call the office to make an appointment.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE



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



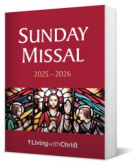
PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

on Wednesday, November 11th to observe **Remembrance Day.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Tues	10	Catechism Classes	6:30 - 7:45 pm
Wed	11	Remembrance Day	
Wed	11	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 8:00 pm
Thurs	12	Spanish Mass	6:00 pm
Tues	17	Catechism Classes	6:30 - 7:45 pm
Wed	18	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 8:00 pm



MISSALS AND COLLECTION ENVELOPES



Will be ready for **November 14th & 15th** for pick up.

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



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.

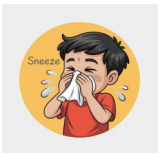
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.



We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God, **Arabella Cate Nate** 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*



O God, by whose mercy the faithfully departed find rest, look kindly on our departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of our country. Grant that through the passion, death and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you and your saints forever. Amen.



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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Weekend of November 7/8

Jesus' parable of the ten virgins, some prepared, others unprepared, is directed at those who profess to be believers in Christ and await his return. His teaching is not directed to unbelievers. The stewardship issue turns on spiritual preparedness for the Lord's return. Good stewards prepare for Christ's return daily, in their life of prayer, worship, and acts of compassion and generosity. A stewardship reflection for the week: Are we preparing ourselves for the Lord? Are we open to the Holy Spirit's work within us? Are we ready?

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 + / -
$ 171,083.00	$ 239,188.00	- $ 68,105.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE

Year-to-date	$ 4,883.65

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Total collected to date	$475.00

SHOE BOXES

Operation Christmas Child provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on project of Samaritan's Purse that focuses on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ - God's greatest gift. Each shoebox is filled with hygiene items, school supplies, and toys and is given to children regardless of gender, race, religion, or age. Please note that there will be shoeboxes in the gathering area that you can use to send out to children in 3rd world countries. There is a pamphlet in them explaining what can go inside to be shipped. You can bring back the shoebox to the church by **November 15th** and we will make sure it gets to the mall or you can drop it off during the dates below.

Empty shoeboxes are available in the gathering area.

Visit www.samaritanspurse.ca for a list of ideas of what to pack or for more information.

Together in Mission (Sharing God's Gifts)

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to November 1st	Year to Date + / -
$22,419.00	$ 11,252.00	- $ 11,167.00

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.

SAINT OF THE DAY - November 10th

Saint Leo the Great (A.D. 400- 461)

Are you a person of possibility? Our world is full of skeptics and cynics. Our age is defined by a spirit of criticism and impossibility. But as Christians we are called to something higher. Because with God, anything is possible.

Leo the Great was a pope who is still remembered today for the many things he did for the Church. Because he invited God into his life, he was able to stand against heretics, political powers, and even Attila the Hun! Attila was a vicious warrior who had threatened to take over Rome. But Leo went out to the city gates and spoke to him. No one is exactly sure what happened, but Attila was convinced to leave the city quietly in peace.

Sometimes God asks us to do things or face things that seem impossible, but when we invite him into our lives, amazing things become possible. God wants to fill you with great hope so he can send you out into the world with that hope. God wants us to be people of possibility.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, November 7th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Avecilla Family
Sunday, November 8th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions for Len & Helen Roy
Wednesday, November 11th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	For all Veterans & Soldiers
Thursday, November 12th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Partridge & DeRuyck Families
Spanish Mass	**6:00 pm**	Good Shepherd	For the Spanish Community
Friday, November 13th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deacon Maui Zamora & Family by Friends
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, November 14th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions & Thanksgiving by a Family
Sunday, November 15th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✞Irv Wegleitner & ✞Dal Bilkoski by Edie Wegleitner
Wednesday, November 18th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✞Joe & ✞Frances Fashoway, Sisters Ann, ✞Mary, ✞Carol & ✞Joyce and Uncle ✞Peter Merrick by Walter Fashoway
Thursday, November 19th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✞Bob Dionne by Irene Souque Hewitt
Friday, November 20th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✞Joyce McIvor by Rosemary & Dave Barney
Solemnity 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

SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

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



Canned Vegetables

Thank-you for your Generosity!



Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.

- St. Thomas Aquinas