

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

October 10th & 11th, 2026 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17th & 18th, 2026 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastoral Administrator - Deacon Rick Ryzner

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.



Traditionally invoked as a "safe refuge amid life's difficulties," Mary is a source of consolation for a world wounded by war, Pope Leo said. Speaking at the General Audience, the Pope once again urged the faithful to turn to her with the prayer of the Rosary.

He did so on Wednesday, October 7th, as the Church celebrated the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. In Lourdes, France, the Pope had invited the faithful to pray the rosary throughout October, "with the particular intention that wars may end and peace be established among peoples in conflict."

He called for this prayer to be translated into action, accompanied by "concrete acts of penance and mercy" and a commitment to "always promote dialogue and reconciliation."

PRAY THE ROSARY -

Every Thursday morning following the 10:00 am mass we gather in the gathering area to pray as a community. Hope you will join us.

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Mon 12 Thanksgiving Day
Tues 13 Catechism Classes 6:30 - 7:45 pm
Wed 14 Catechism Classes 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Thurs 15 Spanish Mass 6:00 pm
Fri 16 CMYC Concert 4:00 pm
Tues 20 Catechism Classes 6:30 - 7:45 pm
Wed 21 Catechism Classes 5:00 - 8:00 pm

CENTRAL MANITOBA YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT - Good Shepherd Church

Friday, October 16th at 4:00 pm

Admission is \$5.00 - Public is welcome to attend. Please see poster in the gathering area.



CANADIAN LIONS CLUB **EYE GLASSES RECYCLING** **PROGRAM**

As a new school year has started and new glasses have been purchased. Please don't throw out your old pair, but donate them to this amazing organization.

Please see the collection box in the gathering area for more information and for you to put these items in.

FAMILY DANCE

Friday, October 23rd from 7:00 - 10:00 pm at Good Shepherd Parish Hall. Admission is \$5.00 per person & preschoolers \$3.00. There will be a rainbow auction, tickets will be 10 for \$5.00 and lunch will be served. Bring a friend and come and join us and remember to wear a costume. Children must be accompanied by parents.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Greetings:

At Father's request, in an effort to RESTART an ACTIVE Knights of Columbus Council here in Portage La Prairie at Good Shepherd Parish, we need our new Brother Knights to participate in a 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony to be recognized as ACTIVE members. We need 30 active members to restart our Council, we currently have 17 only. There are 2 ceremonies planned: after 7 PM mass on **Saturday October 17th** and after the 10:30 AM mass on **Sunday October 25th**. I invite all NEW Brother knights and their families to please plan to attend one of these beautiful ceremonies and share some refreshments afterwards in the parish hall. I look forward to seeing you and your families there. Please let me know if you have any questions at all.

Kevin Le Lievre 204-870-1646

Happy Thanksgiving



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Weekend of October 10/11**

There are a number of Bible verses Christians have memorized. One of them is in Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians found in this weekend's second reading: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Phi. 4:13) Most people define themselves either by their problems or their possibilities. Fearful people wake up each morning ensnared by their problems. Christian stewards wake up reflecting on their possibilities with confidence and hope. Some stewardship reflection questions for the week: What challenges do you back away from because you doubt that you are up to them? What would you attempt tomorrow if you were sure God would help you?

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Monthly September Collections	Monthly Projected (Budgeted)	Monthly Surplus/Shortfall + / -
\$ 15,663.00	\$ 19,932.00	- \$4,269.00

Year-to-Date Collected	Annual Projected (Budgeted)	Year-to-Date Surplus/Shortfall + / -
\$ 149,465.00	\$ 239,188.00	- \$ 89,723.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$ 4,387.80
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*Go courageously to God along the way
he has traced out for you, steadfastly
embracing the means he offers you.*

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Prayer for Mission Month 2026

Father, make us one in Christ,
rooted in his love that unites and renews.
May all members of the Church be united
in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit,
courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel,
proclaiming and daily embodying
your faithful love for all creatures.

Bless all missionary men and women,
support them in their efforts,
and watch over them in hope.

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our
work of evangelization in every corner of
the Earth: make us instruments of peace,
and grant that the whole world may
recognize in Christ the light that saves.

Amen.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot, pray for us.
Pope Leo XIV

Together in Mission (Sharing God's Gifts)

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to October 4th	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$ 9,972.00	- \$ 12,447.00

FROM THE VATICAN

100th WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 18th

“One in Christ, United in Mission”

World Mission Sunday stands as a powerful testament to our shared Catholic identity. Held annually on the second to last Sunday of October, this special day unites Catholics across continents in a singular purpose: supporting the Church where it faces its greatest challenges. Instituted by Pope Pius XI nearly a century ago, this collection remains unique as the only worldwide effort directly sustaining 1,124 mission territories where the Church is nascent, vulnerable, or facing persecution.

World Mission Sunday calls Catholics worldwide to support the Church where it's young or challenged. Your prayers and donations provide essential resources for communities that cannot sustain themselves—funding church construction, pastoral care, education, and healthcare. When your parish participates, you join Catholics everywhere in making possible the work of missionaries who build churches, train seminarians, support catechists, and serve vulnerable communities. Together, we fulfill our baptismal call to share the Gospel and become one Church bringing hope to all peoples.

**Please scan the QR code to view
a special message from Pope Leo
or visit www.missionsocieties.ca**



A SPECIAL COLLECTION on October 17th & 18th will be sent to the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith for this cause.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 10th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Bill Zettler by Florence Zettler & Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For the soul of ✠Cresciana Maranan by Elen Buan
Wednesday, October 14th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Frank & ✠Sophie Ryzner by Family
Thursday, October 15th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Special Intentions of Gerald Buan
Friday, October 16th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	🎂 Happy Birthday Joseph & John Mathew by the Family
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 17th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Antonio & ✠Camille Alinsod by The Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠Louis & ✠Julia, ✠Janet & ✠George and ✠Philip Kelemen by The Kelemen Family
World Mission Sunday Sunday, October 18th			
Wednesday, October 21st	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Patridge & DeRyuck Families
Thursday, October 22nd	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Gerald Masson by Mary Kalberg
Friday, October 23rd	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	For the souls of ✠Alicia Malobago & ✠Rey Esperancilla
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 24th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Apusen Family
	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠Heinz Ridder by The Family
Sunday, October 25th			

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

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

**Canned Fruit
& Pudding**



Thank-you for your Generosity!



Prairie Pregnancy
SUPPORT CENTRE

Trivia Night - Friday, October 16th - 7:00-9:30pm - Herman Prior Centre. A table of 8 people is \$100 (or you can be assigned to a table of new friends for \$15). Register online at www.prairiepregnancy.com/trivia-night by October 12th.

Bring food and friends, and we'll bring the fun!