

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

October 24th & 25th, 2026 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31st & November 1st, 2026 - 31st 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
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Douglas Campbell Lodge

1st Friday of the Month	10:30 am
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Loving our neighbor as ourselves is a necessary element in giving our hearts and minds to God and that is where the challenge lies. It is wonderful in theory but difficult to put into practice. To love one's neighbor can be challenging especially when the people next door are inquisitive and their children downright bad-mannered, not to mention the work-mate who is trying on our nerves. To show love in such circumstances is dreadfully difficult and demands great effort and yet, more often than not, we meet God in such an encounter. Make no mistake our religion becomes an escape and our holiness an illusion if we pray daily, go to church on Sundays, yet cut ourselves off from the people who are worshipping under the same roof as ourselves. God cares about how we treat others. Everyone is made in his image and likeness.

This morning we are being asked to have a good look at those shadowy nooks and crannies of our lives which are sealed off from God. To profess that we love God while remaining indifferent to the plight of others is a contradiction. We all want love to be a thornless rose, smooth and velvet to the touch, but if we are following Christ we will find that it involves sacrifice and the shadow of the cross. Love is, waiting upon the aged, nursing the sick, patching up quarrels and taking the time to listen to the broken-hearted. Very few expect to discover love in weakness, powerlessness and suffering and yet that is the heart of Christ's message to the world. This gospel is not an ideal to be admired but a way of life to be lived if we are to walk humbly with our God.

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.

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!

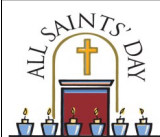
UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Mon 26	Confirmation Class	6:00 - 7:30 pm
Tues 27	Catechism Classes	6:30 - 7:45 pm
Wed 28	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 8:00 pm

NOVEMBER

Sun 1	Spanish Mass	5:00 pm
Tues 3	Catechism Classes	6:30 - 7:45 pm
Wed 4	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 8:00 pm



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 1st - when we remember in a special way our dearly departed brothers and sisters, who, with the help of our prayers will eventually be gathered in eternal happiness with all the saints at the heavenly banquet. On this day we light a candle in our cemetery in memory of our dearly departed, whether they are at rest in our cemeteries or elsewhere with these words: *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them,"*



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 **Edgar Langevin** (Father Gerald Langevin's father). Please remember him in your prayers. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Handicraft of Holy Land Christians

November 7th & 8th, after mass - parish hall

A representative from this organization will be in the parish hall with a variety of items all handmade by the Christians in the Holy Land, specifically in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. These items are hand carved from the olive tree and are for sale in support of the people living in the Holy Land.

The catholic community residing in the Holy Land is at an alarming rate on ONLY 1% of the population. It's important to maintain a Christian presence in the land our Lord once walked and prayed. This organization helps do just that.

For more information about this organization, please visit www.holylandchristians.ca.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of October 24/25

There is one command that summarizes this weekend's Gospel: to love. For Jesus there is no distinction between these two commands of loving God and neighbor. One naturally flows from the other. In fact, for Jesus, these commands constitute a way of life for Christian stewards; a unique approach to life and to their relationship with others. Our neighbors include everyone with whom we come into contact: family members, friends, people we don't like, strangers and particularly those most in need of our love and compassion. Love calls us to open our hearts and do more to help others grow closer to the Lord. How might we follow Christ's love command more fervently?

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 + / -
\$ 163,118.00	\$ 239,188.00	- \$ 76,070.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date

\$ 4,674.20



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 will be available in the gathering area in early November. Or you can pick one up at multiple other locations in town... please see poster 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 October 23rd	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$ 10,335.00	- \$ 12,084.00

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.

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, Our Lord Jesus asks us to give him our hearts, offer him our thoughts, our actions of kindness and love, and our thanks throughout each day. Let us go out to live and share the Gospel by serving others in need !



How do I spread the love of Jesus?

**ACTIONS ALWAYS BELOVED CHOSEN COIN
FAITH FULL GOSPEL LABOR LAW LOVE
MESSAGE MISSION NAME NEAR PEACE
POWER PRAYERS REMEMBER SEEK SERVE
STEADFAST THANKS TOIL TRUE
WORD WORKS**

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 24th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Apusen Family
Sunday, October 25th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Heinz Ridder by The Family
Wednesday, October 28th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Edgar Langevin by Bernadette & Kevin LeLievre
Thursday, October 29th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Ralph Lamirand by The Family
Friday, October 30th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Rene Philippot by Friends
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 31st	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Frank Deegan by The Family
All Saints Day Sunday, November 1st	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For the Faithfully Departed
Spanish Mass	5:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For the Spanish Community
Wednesday, November 4th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deacon Ernie Samiana & Family by Friends
Thursday, November 5th	10:30 am	Lion's Prairie Manor	†Joyce McIvor by Irene Souque Hewitt
Friday, November 6th	10:30 am	Douglas Campbell Lodge	†Bob Dionne by Dave & Rosemary Barney
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

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

For the month of **October** we are collecting: **Canned Fruit & Pudding**

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



Canned Vegetables



Thank-you for your Generosity!



Youth for Christ
Youth Unlimited™ PORTAGE

Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet

Friday, November 6th from 6:30 - 8:30pm at The Herman Prior Centre

Please see the poster and pamphlets in the gathering area and contact the office at 204-239-6763 for tickets.

