

| MASS INTENTIONS                                          |          | Please place donation of \$10.00/Mass Intention in the offertory collection basket clearly marked “Mass Intention” |                                                                               |
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| 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Saturday, September 12th | 7:00 pm  | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | ✠Madelene Provo by Family                                                     |
| Sunday, September 13th                                   | 10:30 am | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | Thanksgiving & Blessings to all Greeters, Ushers & Altar Servers              |
| Wednesday, September 16th                                | 10:00 am | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | ✠John Chudzik by Ruth Mulligan & Michel Touchette                             |
| Thursday, September 17th                                 | 10:00 am | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | ✠Shirley O’Neil by Ron O’Neil                                                 |
| Friday, September 18th                                   | 10:00 am | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | ✠Bob Dionne by Garth & Tracy Bullock                                          |
| 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Saturday, September 19th | 7:00 pm  | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | Deceased members of the Ridder Family                                         |
| Sunday, September 20th                                   | 10:30 am | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | Thanksgiving & Blessings to all involved in the Music & Sound Ministries      |
| Wednesday, September 23rd                                | 10:00 am | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | ✠Debbie Lane by Mona Harper                                                   |
| Thursday, September 24th                                 | 10:00 am | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | ✠Joe Soos by Bernadette, Kevin, Brittany & Sara Le Lievre                     |
| Friday, September 25th                                   | 10:00 am | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | ✠Frank & ✠Sophie Ryzner by Family                                             |
| 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Saturday, September 26th | 7:00 pm  | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | ✠Paul Wollbaum by Marlene Wollbaum & Family                                   |
| Sunday, September 27th                                   | 10:30 am | Good Shepherd                                                                                                      | Thanksgiving & Blessings to all Catechists and those helping in this ministry |

**THE HISTORY OF GRANDPARENTS DAY -** Grandparents Day was recognized in Canada in 1995 as falling on the second Sunday in September to acknowledge the importance of grandparents to "the structure of the family in the nurturing, upbringing, and education of children... [Grandparents play] a critical role in strengthening the family." Commented one member of Canadian parliament speaking on behalf of the motion: I do not hold grandparents to be glorified babysitters but rather as parents' surrogates who bring love, a continuance of generational values, and a sense of the child's worth to the integrity of the family... I was brought up by a grandparent. My parents both worked outside the home for most of my life. They needed to for economic reasons. It was my grandmother who nurtured me, gave me a sense of worth and molded in many ways the course my life was to take. My grandmother was my role model, my mentor, and my confidant. Author unknown.



Grandma says her teeth are like the stars. They come out at night.  
"Mommy knows a lot, but Grandma knows everything."  
Grandparents have ears that listen, arms that always hold,  
love that’s never ending and a heart that’s made of gold!



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

September 12th & 13th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 19th & 20th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST                         |          |
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| <b>Good Shepherd Church</b>                          |          |
| 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 |
| <b>St.Ambroise Parish</b>                            |          |
| 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month                       | 1:00 pm  |
| <b>Lions Prairie Manor</b>                           |          |
| 1st Thursday of the Month                            | 10:30 am |
| <b>Douglas Campbell Lodge</b>                        |          |
| 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Weekend of September 12/13, Today’s Gospel reading continues Jesus’ instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive. **Twenty-Fifth** Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of September 19/20, From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of “fairness”: “I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who’s going to fix it?” We also know the age-old expression: “Who ever said life was fair?” Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today’s Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand “fairness”, or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

**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.  
**Sacrament - Anointing of the Sick**  
For home or hospital visit - Please contact the parish office (during office hours)  
Outside of office hours - call pastor directly on cell phone - 204-801-6376 or at the rectory.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

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

ELECTRONIC BULLETINS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 17 Spanish Mass6:00 pm

COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

As a new church year is beginning, we are looking for, 4 new pastoral council members to be on pastoral council. Would you prayerful consider volunteering your time and talents to help with important ministry. For more information please contact Monique Lubkiski or Deacon Rick Ryzner.

PARISH SHOWCASE

- Blessed, religious articles are available for purchase in the glass case in the gathering area. These items can be purchased Tuesday - Friday, during office hours, after mass on Sunday or please call the office to set up a time.

WHY DO WE NEED SCHOOL?

Music - we have **youtube** for that,  
Sports - there's **wii**,  
Spanish - there's **Dora**,  
English - everything's shortened anyway (**LOL, BRB, IDK**),  
Math - that is why we have **calculators**,  
Geography - I will buy a **globe**,  
Spelling - that is what **spell check** is for,  
And let us not forget there is always **Google**.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Blessings & Congratulations to

Ruth Mulligan

&

Michel Touchette,

who were united in Holy Matrimony at the Good Shepherd Church on July 21st.

“*Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of matrimony, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us.*”

*From Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia*

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord, As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen.

BACK TO SCHOOL 101

Yes, kids love technology, but they also love Legos, scented markers, handstands, books, and mud puddles. It's all about balance.  
Dear Teacher, I talk to everyone, so moving my seat won't help.  
Things I've leaned in School last year: How to whisper, How to text without looking, and how to look like I'm paying attention.

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

|                            |              |                         |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Monthly August Collections | Projected    | Shortfall Surplus + / - |
| \$18,524.00                | \$ 19,932.00 | - \$ 1,407.00           |

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| Year to Date  | Projected     | Shortfall Surplus + / - |
| \$ 134,145.00 | \$ 239,188.00 | - \$ 105,042.00         |

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date

\$ 3,820.25

FROM THE VATICAN

POPE'S Prayer Intention for September

FOR THE CARE OF WATER:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER - Loving and Gracious God, We ask You to open our hearts to your Son's life and ministry and to answer the call to be his disciples. May our response be rooted in the Gospel; may we be ever mindful of the needs of our communities; and may our stewardship flow from a profound sense of gratitude for Your many blessings. By the gift of the Holy Spirit, empower and inspire us to respond in a way that brings hope to others and reveals the love that comes to us through Jesus Christ. We ask this in His Name, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

For the month of **September** we are collecting: **Cold Cereal**



Together in Mission (Sharing God's Gifts)

|                      |                                    |                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Annual Target Amount | Amount collected to September 11th | Year to Date + / - |
| \$22,419.00          | \$ 8,763.00                        | - \$ 13,656.00     |

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Soon, we will join the entire Archdiocese of Winnipeg in our annual appeal, now titled **Together in Mission**.

As people of faith, we are called to be *good stewards* of the many blessings God has entrusted to us. This appeal is an opportunity to respond in gratitude by supporting the mission and ministry of our archdiocese.

Through **Together in Mission**, we help sustain new and developing ministries and strengthen the life of our local parish community.

Each of us has a part to play. Every gift, no matter the size, is a meaningful expression of stewardship and helps build a stronger, more vibrant Church.

Please prayerfully consider how you are called to participate in this year's appeal. Please take time to view a special message from our Archbishop.

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|  | DONATIONS COLLECTED TO DATE    |            |
| January                                                                               | Cold Cereal                    | 42         |
| February                                                                              | Canned Fruit & Fruit Juices    | 152        |
| March                                                                                 | Canned Vegetables              | 153        |
| April                                                                                 | Canned Meat                    | 53         |
| May                                                                                   | Oatmeal                        | 21         |
| June                                                                                  | Dry Pasta and Canned Sauce     | 154        |
| July                                                                                  | Rice, Mr. Noodles              | 89         |
| August                                                                                | Peanut Butter & Jam            | 41         |
|                                                                                       | Soup and Extras                | 120        |
|                                                                                       | <b>Total collected To Date</b> | <b>825</b> |