

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

September 26th & 27th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3rd & 4th - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Good Shepherd Church

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

St. Ambroise Parish

2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month 1:00 pm

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.

SEASON OF CREATION

2026 PRAYER

Living Water - Ezekiel 47:1-12



Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honor the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amen.

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!

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Wednesday, September 30th - **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

PRIEST STUDY DAYS - Father will be away from Tuesday, October 6th to Friday, October 9th. The office is open.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Wed 30 National Day - Truth & Reconciliation

OCTOBER

Sun 4	Spanish Mass	5:00 pm
Tues 6	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 8:00 pm
Wed 7	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 8:00 pm
Sun 10	Syro Malabar Mass	4:00 pm
Mon 12	Thanksgiving Day	

"LIVING WITH CHRIST" DAILY MISSAL

For the month of October are available in the gathering area. If you choose to pick up a missal for yourself, these books are now \$ 3.50. This is to help cover the cost of the missal. Thank You.

CATECHISM

CATECHISM REGISTRATION

Please register for this year's catechism program as soon as possible. Classes are scheduled to begin on October 6th & 7th evenings. Please complete a registration form, that can be found at the back of the church or at the office. Please call Monique at 204-856-1176 if you have any questions.



We Joyfully Welcomed Into The Family Of God, **Willow Claire Murray** 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

ST. AMBROISE CHURCH - Please be advised, St.Ambroise Church has several leaks in its roof and now has water damage. Deacon Rick has visited the church and is to report back to the Archbishop regarding his findings. **All masses at St. Ambroise are now on hold until the Archdiocese decides how to proceed.** Please keep the church and it's parishioners in your prayers.

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION is holding a "Life Chain" on Friday, October 4th from 2:00-3:00 pm.

A Life Chain, typically held on the first Sunday of October, "Respect Life Sunday," is an annual peaceful, pro-life public witness. For one hour, Christians line the streets in their local communities to pray quietly for an end to abortion while holding signs with messages like:

- Abortion Kills Children
- Abortion Hurts Women
- Adoption: A Loving Option
- Jesus Forgives & Heals



Please see the poster in the gathering area for details and contact information.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN DANCE

Mark your calendars...**Friday, October 25th** from **7:00 - 10:00 pm** at Good Shepherd Parish Hall. There will be a rainbow auction 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.



FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Monthly August Collections	Monthly Projected (Budgeted)	Monthly Surplus/Shortfall + / -
\$18,524.00	\$ 19,932.00	- \$ 1,407.00
Year-to- Date Collected	Annual Projected (Budgeted)	Year-to-Date Surplus/Shortfall + / -
\$ 134,145.00	\$ 239,188.00	- \$ 105,042.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$ 4,194.10
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FROM THE VATICAN

POPE'S Prayer Intention for October

FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY:

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of September 26/27

Saint Augustine, a doctor of the church, once wrote that he first, second, and third most important attitude in Christianity is humility. In today's second reading, Saint Paul is concerned with how we conduct ourselves in our community of faith. He urges us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel we say that we believe; and that it all begins with humility. He asks us to consider others better than ourselves, and to serve them by looking out for their best interest, not ours. Consider how Saint Paul's appeal to imitating Christ's humility can enhance your relationships.

Love endures everything, love is stronger than death; love fears nothing.

- St. Faustina Kowalska

Together in Mission (Sharing God's Gifts)

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to September 25th	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$ 9,415.00	- \$ 13,004.00

Our Prayer To Be Good Stewards

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness and blessing you entrust to us all that we need to live and move and have our being.

Awaken in us, we pray,
the call to be good and faithful stewards
of our time, our talent and our treasure.

Inspire us to use the gift of our time
to return to you the gift of who we are
and who you have created us to be.

Renew and sustain our minds,
our bodies and our spirits,
that we may live each moment
in deeper awareness of your presence.

Empower us to use
the gifts of our hidden talents
to reveal you, the giver of all gifts,
and to help bring about the promise
of your Kingdom.

Free us from fear and hesitation
in offering the gift of our treasure,
so that we may lift up those in need
and share the blessings you desire for all.

As stewards of your creation,
may we be united in mission and joy,
that we may become a visible sign
of your love and mercy for our good
and the good of the whole world.

We ask all this, most gracious God,
in the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 26th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Paul Wollbaum by Marlene Wollbaum & Family
World Day of Migrants & Refugees Sunday, September 27th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Thanksgiving & Blessings to all Catechists and those helping in this ministry
Wednesday, September 30th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	✠Juanita & ✠Geronimo Rodriguez by the Family
Thursday, October 1st	10:30 am	Lion's Prairie Manor	Communion Service
Friday, October 2nd	10:30 am	Douglas Campbell Lodge	Communion Service
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 3rd	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠George & ✠Florence O'Neil by Shannon Tessier & Ron O'Neil
Sunday, October 4th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	Thanksgiving & Blessings to all Counters
Wednesday, October 7th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	No Mass
Thursday, October 8th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	No Mass
Friday, October 9th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	No Mass
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, October 10th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠Bill Zettler by Florence Zettler & Family
Sunday, October 11th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For the soul of ✠Crescenciana Maranan by Elen Buan

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

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

**Canned Fruit
& Pudding**



Thank-you for your Generosity!



“MEAL - IN - A - BOWL” SUPPER

Wednesday, September 30th

Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of
THICK HOMEMADE SOUP Served with
Homemade Bread, Biscuits & Dessert

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

17 ROYAL ROAD SOUTH

TAKE OUT or DELIVERY ONLY

PICK UP FROM 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$15.00 AT THE DOOR

To Order, Please See Poster in the Gathering Area