

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

February 14th & 15th, 2026 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 21st & 22nd, 2026 - 1st Sunday of Lent

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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

1st Sunday 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

One of the main criticisms levelled at church-goers is that their Sunday worship has little influence on their weekday lives. We have only to think of the glaring credibility gap created when members of a congregation, who have not been speaking for years, can gather around the table of the Lord and receive his body, or, on going home from church, refuse to pay outstanding debts, or see nothing wrong with conducting shady business deals. Sincere worship cannot arise from corrupt hearts. Such behavior by a few can leave an entire congregation open to the accusation that its religious practice is insincere, pure lip-service, and not from the heart.

Jesus is telling us in this gospel that getting by within the letter of the law is not what he has in mind for his followers and spells out clearly what he expects of all those who profess to believe in him. He does not lay down rules and regulations for every situations in life but he asks us to keep a check on our inner attitudes, on our motivation. Thoughts are just as important as deeds. What we say and do must express what is in our hearts because good attitudes produce sincere actions. Anyone can easily perform an outwardly good deed to impress friends, but God is not so readily fooled by such an action. Jesus gives the commandments a deeper meaning, stating that they are to be written into our hearts and into the innermost part of our being. The commandments are a blessing from God and a sign of his care for us. They are for our own welfare and pave the path to inner freedom. If our goal is merely to avoid breaking them then we are not striving for any measure of perfection but simply fulfilling the basic minimum required for salvation. Our approach should be based on what pleases God rather than on what we are bound to do. We are not going to be judged on the evil we have avoided but on the good works we have carried out.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

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



Charitable Donation Tax Receipts

All donation receipts for the 2025 year have been mailed. **Sharing God's Gifts** receipts are mailed out by the Archdiocese.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Tues	17	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 7:45 pm
Wed	18	Ash Wednesday Mass	10:30 am
Wed	18	Catechism Classes	Cancelled
Wed	18	Ash Wednesday Mass	7:00 pm
Fri	20	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
Sun	22	Pancake Breakfast	After Mass
Sun	22	Spanish Mass	5:00 pm
Tues	24	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 7:45 pm
Wed	25	Catechism Classes	5:30 - 8:00 pm
Fri	27	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm

PARISH POTLUCK - For the month of February has been **Cancelled**.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 22nd after mass

Menu will include Ham, scrambled eggs, baked beans & hash browns with coffee, tea and juice.

Adults	\$8.00
Children (ages 12 and up)	\$8.00
Children (ages 6 to 12)	\$5.00
Children under 5	FREE

This will be a CASH ONLY event. All Brother Knights and their families who attend will be offered a free breakfast. All proceeds to go to Building Fund. Hope to see you all there!



LAST YEAR'S PALMS - there is a basket in the gathering area to place last years palms in. Ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. They are then used on Ash Wednesday.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - the stations of the cross is a popular devotion used by individuals or groups who wish, through prayer and reflection, to follow Jesus Christ on His way to Calvary. It is one of the most important devotions honoring the passion of Jesus. What matters most in the stations of the cross is to follow Jesus Christ in his passion and to see ourselves mirrored in him. To face life's dark side in ourselves and in our world, we need images of hope, and Jesus offers images of hope in his passion. **Starting February 20th** and each Friday evening of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be led by various individuals of our parish, beginning at **7:00 pm**. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this special Lenten devotion. **If anyone is interested in leading the stations, please contact the office at 207-857-5172 or Terry Giercke at 204-857-3358**



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.



FRIENDLY REMINDER
The Church is a Scent-free Facility
Many of our parishioners are sensitive to strong scents including perfumes, colognes, aftershave, body sprays and scented hand lotions. These scents cause immediate sinus congestion, headaches or migraines and can cause a persistent cough as well. Please be mindful of your fellow parishioners when preparing for mass. Thank-you

FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 1st Auto Debit	\$3,410.00
January 31st & February 1st	\$2,175.25
February 7th & 8th	\$1,596.25

Sharing God's Gifts

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to February 8th	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$1,399.00	- \$ 21,020.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$562.50
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

February 14th - *"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."* MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.



"Let us acknowledge what we are: dust loved by God - and that, thanks to Him, we will be reborn from the ashes of sin to new life in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit." - Pope Francis

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



CHRISM MASS - March 31st at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral

All Parishioners are invited to attend the Chrism Mass. During this mass the Bishop consecrates the Sacred Chrism (used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders) and blesses the Oil of Catechumens (for Baptism) and the Oil of the Sick (for anointing the seriously ill). Priests from across the diocese gather with the bishop to renew their ordination promises, demonstrating unity. It marks the unity of the Church and the role of the bishop as a shepherd, with the oils symbolizing the Holy Spirit's presence in the sacraments. A reception will follow in the parish hall.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday, March 5th at 6:30PM
St. Eustache Church

Tuesday, March 10th 2:00PM - 4:00PM

St. Francois Xavier Church

Wednesday, March 11th 6:30PM

St. Paul the Apostle Church

2400 Portage Ave, Wpg

Good Shepherd Parish

Thursday, March 12th at

10:30AM - 12:00PM & 7:00 - 8:00PM

Friday, March 13th at 1:00PM - 4:00PM

St. John XXIII

Friday, March 20th at 6:30PM

St. Mary's Cathedral

Thursday, March 26th - 6:30PM

St. Patrick's Church

Friday, March 27th at 6:30PM

St. Charles Church,

320 St. Charles Street, Wpg

MASS INTENTIONS

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, February 14th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†Marina Lesage by Sharon & Vince Zettler & Family
Sunday, February 15th	10:30 pm	Good Shepherd	†Lyla Thevenot by family
Ash Wednesday , February 18th	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Good Shepherd Good Shepherd	For all Parishoners For all Parishoners
Thursday, February 19th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Betty Conrad by Rosemary & Dave Barney
Friday, February 20th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Partridge & DeRyuck Family
1st Sunday of Lent Saturday, February 21st	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	†George & †Florence O’Neil by Ron O’Neil & Shannon Tessier
Sunday, February 22nd	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	†Louis, †Julia, †Janet, †George & †Philip Kelemen by the Kelemen Family
Wednesday, February 25th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	Deceased members of the Piano Family
Thursday, February 26th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Alice & †Don Riggs by family
Friday, February 27th	10:00 am	Good Shepherd	†Shirley O’Neil by Ron O’Neil
2nd Sunday of Lent Saturday, February 28th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	🕯️ Happy Birthday Wishes to Monce Monichan Joseph by Nancy Joseph
Sunday, March 1st	10:30 pm	Good Shepherd	For deceased members of the Alinsod Family by Myla & Adrien Alinsod & family

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK

Every Saturday & Sunday Mass during the month we will collect one specific food item.

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



**Canned Fruit,
Fruit Juices
& Baby Food**



Thank-you for your generosity!

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

(CCCB) presents *Journey Through Lent*. This video series, a joint project of the CCCB’s National Liturgy Office and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, provides weekly Lenten spiritual reflections.

Reflections based on the readings for Sunday Mass will be available weekly from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday. Designed for individuals, families, and communities, *Journey Through Lent* encourages viewers to reflect on the Sunday readings.

Please visit their website at: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/2026-journey-through-lent-weekly-video-reflections/>