

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF GOOD SHEPHERD & ST. AMBROISE

February 28th & 29th, 2026 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

March 7th & 8th, 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Good Shepherd Church

Wednesday 10:30 am

(1st Wednesday of the month
- Anointing of the Sick)

Thursday (followed by the Rosary) 10:30 am

Friday 10:30 am

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

St. Ambrose 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

The story of the transfigurations is a good example of the strength and assurance we can derive from prayer while facing the difficulties of life. The purpose of Christ's ascent was to seek divine guidance in quiet prayer. If we are to get away from living the half-life, under cover of darkness, and discover what God's plan is for us, we need periods of peace and tranquility so that God's voice is not crowded out. It always happens that the more we come to know God the better we come to know ourselves. Prayer is about being in the presence of God, listening to him and experiencing his strength in our movement through life. It gives us courage and confidence and helps us to confirm that, as we journey on our pilgrimage from youth to age there is a purpose and an end in view, that God is calling us home. He may not call us to unknown places as Abraham was called but he does summon each of us to trust him as we meet the challenges of daily living. Prayer helps us to see the world through the eyes of God. While it does not remove or take away our problems it helps us to face them bravely. We are all on the road to Calvary and are constantly tested by disappointments and trials on the way. Christ promises a heavenly future to all willing to share the hardship on that pathway. We can only be true disciples by sharing our faith and assisting others making the journey in our company. God encourages others through us - not in a mysterious way but in the human words and kindly actions we show them. In this way the glory of the Lord shines through our lives and we grow brighter as we are turned into the image of the one we are to reflect.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Weekend, 45 minutes prior to mass or by appointment.

Sacrament - Anointing of the Sick

1st Wednesday of the Month during mass

For home or hospital visit - Please contact the parish office (during office hours)

Outside of office hours - call pastor directly on cell phone or at the rectory.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to arrange baptismal classes, preparation and to set a date.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples will contact the parish office at least 6 months before they wish to be married.

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

MARCH

Tues	3	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 7:45 pm
Wed	4	Catechism Classes	5:30 - 8:00 pm
Fri	6	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
Tues	10	Catechism Classes	5:00 - 7:45 pm
Wed	11	Catechism Classes	5:30 - 8:00 pm
Thurs	12	Reconciliation	10:30am-12:00pm 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Fri	13	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
Sat	14	Malabar Rite Mass	4:00 pm



SPRING FORWARD - daylight saving time starts, remember to turn forward your clocks by 1 hour on **March 8th, at 2:00 am.**



Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Adon & Ayden Niju** who received their first Holy Communion on Sunday, February 15th.

Happy Are We Who Come to His Table!

COUNTER SCHEDULES New counter schedules are available - please pick one up in the mailboxes.



LENT & HOLY WEEK COMPANION BOOKS

are available in the gathering area. A goodwill offering is requested.



ELECTRONIC BULLETINS - If any parishioner wishes to have the bulletin in electronic form, ie. emailed to them, please send an email to the office at shepherd@mymts.net and we will add you to the list.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 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.



FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to make a donation towards this year's Easter Flowers please use a Visitor's Envelope and mark it **"Easter Flowers"**. All donations are greatly appreciated. Donations will be added to your tax receipt at the end of the year. Thank you.

SEDER MEAL - On **Sunday, March 29th beginning at 6pm**, our parish will be having a Christian Seder Meal. The purpose is to understand with greater clarity the celebration of Passover – its meaning and significance, and to celebrate the Passover meal which Jesus celebrated at the Last Supper. It will also provide us greater understanding of the signs and symbols of the Old Testament and its connection to our celebration of the Eucharist. The focal point of Passover is a communal meal, called the Seder (meaning "order," because of the fixed order of service), which is a time of rejoicing and celebration at the deliverance for the Hebrews that God accomplished in the Exodus. Please sign up at the back of the church to show your interest.



FINANCIALS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

February 15th Auto Debit	\$2,385.00
February 14th & 15th	\$1,910.00
February 21st & 22nd	\$1,856.45

Sharing God's Gifts

Annual Target Amount	Amount collected to February 22nd	Year to Date + / -
\$22,419.00	\$1,663.00	- \$ 20,756.00

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION - CHALICE



Year-to-date	\$562.50
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

March 1st - 2nd Sunday of Lent
"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." GENESIS 12:1 - God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

FROM THE VATICAN



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2026:

For disarmament and peace - Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

"Nothing Great is ever achieved without much enduring" - St.Catherine of Siena

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**”

Please Note: Weekday masses are now at 10:30 am

2nd Sunday of Lent Saturday, February 28th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	🕯️ Happy Birthday Wishes to Monce Monichan Joseph by Nancy Joseph For deceased members of the Alinsod Family by Myla & Adrien Alinsod & Family
Sunday, March 1st	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	
Wednesday, March 4th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠ René Philippot by Bryan & Yvonne Dion and Family
Thursday, March 5th	10:30 am	Lions Prairie Manor	✠ Carl St. Goddard by the Family
Spanish Mass	6:00 pm	Good Shepherd	For the Spanish community
Friday, March 6th	10:30 am	Douglas Campbell Lodge	✠ Annette Bruneau by Friends
3rd Sunday of Lent Saturday, March 7th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Frank & ✠ Sophie Ryzner by Family ✠ Norbert LeFloch by Lorie & Arthur Rey
Sunday, March 8th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	
Wednesday, March 11th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	For Special Intentions of the Dion Family
Thursday, March 12th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Jim & ✠ Helen Mulligan by Friends
Friday, March 13th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	✠ Walter Hickman by Friends
4th Sunday of Lent Saturday, March 14th	7:00 pm	Good Shepherd	✠ Olive Lavalee by Family ✠ Louis, ✠ Julia, ✠ Janet, ✠ George & ✠ Philip Kelemen by the Kelemen Family
Sunday, March 15th	10:30 am	Good Shepherd	



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - 1st Wednesday, of every month, (March 5th) during Mass (10:30 am), there will be anointing of the sick. The Sacrament can bring comfort and peace to many. All parishioners, whether one desires anointing or not, are invited to come and pray as a community for those receiving this Sacrament.



SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK



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



Canned Vegetables

Total canned fruit and fruit juices collected in February - 93 items

Thank-you for your generosity!



Share Lent 2026 Collection on Sunday, March 22nd

This Canadian Catholic Organization supports those affected by poverty in the Global South. We invite the Catholic faithful to reflect, pray, act and generously give to Development and Peace to support the work that they do with the most vulnerable. Envelopes are in the gathering space.