

August 26, 2018 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

John 6: 60-69

"In it, for the long haul . . ."

She's been working a long string of double shifts at the hospital. It's after 1 a.m., and she should have been gone hours ago. But she can't leave. This young woman was brought just after 11 - another opioid overdose. Her chances of making it through the night are nil. As yet, the hospital has not been able to track down anyone in the woman's family. So, she's doing what she can to keep her comfortable until the end. She's been a nurse for ten years, and helplessly watching these kids die so senselessly is taking its toll. She's thought about quitting - but deep within her she knows that what she does on nights like this is important.

Why did she ever take this on? She doesn't need the extra work. Her evenings are full enough without the hassle of trying to organize this project for the parish. It would be one thing if people would just return her calls and e-mails - but this has been like trying to herd cats. Tomorrow she calls the pastor and hands this back to him. But then one of her prospective volunteers does call back. "Yes," she says, "I'd love to help. This is important work. Thank you for organizing this." OK, so maybe she'll put off that call to the pastor.

The past month has been a strain on both of them. The stress of his new job has turned him into a demanding, thoughtless jerk; trying to negotiate life in a new city has left her depressed and angry. This is not what they bargained for when they said, "I do." Maybe their friends are right: better to walk away before they really hate each other. But they promised they would never lose hope in one another - and that hope, they know, will lead them to a brighter day. Together.

In today's Gospel, Peter has heard Jesus' difficult words that we have read these past four Sundays and, like those who have walked away, Peter, too, is struggling. He has just heard Jesus say things he doesn't understand, and what he does understand he can't accept. Jesus' words do not sound like life but death. But Peter's answer is a paradigm of maturity and sustained commitment. In effect, Peter says to Jesus: *Yes, I would like to walk away. Except I know better. What I have just heard, I'd don't get - and what I get, I don't like. Except I know, deep down, that I am better not getting it with you than getting it from some other place. In any long-term commitment, there are days and seasons when that commitment looks like death and we'd like to walk away - except that we're smart enough and possess enough faith to know that, long range, this is bringing meaning and wholeness to our lives. May we always know the grace of God to hear Jesus' "words of eternal life" when eternity seems too long and life feels like a death sentence.*

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ
Parish Information



Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week:
Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Aug 19,2018)

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| Regular Collection | 1,438.00 |
| Parish Dues | 300.00 |
| Building Fund | 30.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | 15.00 |
| Votive Candles | 44.00 |
| Garden Party Proceeds | 5.00 |
| In Memorium (Marie Samms) | 40.00 |
| Mass Stipends | 20.00 |
| Wedding Fee | 100.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon, Aug 27 | No Mass |
| Tues, Aug 28 | Late Molly Brake |
| Wed, Aug 29 | Late Mary Evoy |
| Thur, Aug 30 | Late Peter O'Quinn |
| Fri, Aug 31 | Late Edna Dwyer |
| Sat, Sept 1 | Late Marie Samms |
| Sun, Sept 2 | Parish Community |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| September 1 | |
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| Gen Quigley Art Hall | Eileen Moore Joanne Connolly Joan Penney |
| September 2 | |
| Wayne Dicks Amelia Dicks | Hedy Kenny Margaret Dalley Donna Eldridge |
| Communion to the Sick | |
| Joe Byrne & Marie Byrne | |

WELCOME: Sacred Heart Parish warmly welcomes anyone who may be visiting our Parish this weekend. Whether you are visiting us just by chance or returning home, you're always a part of our family.

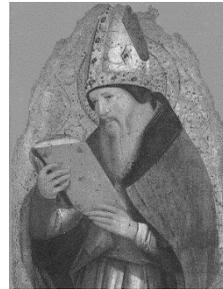
BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm at the parish house. Everyone is welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Matthew Glover and Debra Callahan on their marriage celebrated on August 18th, 2018. May their lives be blessed with many years of love and happiness.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mary's Kitchen is now on Summer hours of noon to 1:00 pm for the months of July and August. Here's to good Summer weather!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The regular Sunday morning Children's Liturgy will begin again at Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday, September 16. All children are encouraged to attend.

SAINTE AUGUSTINE: Catholics believe that



saints are holy people who live their lives according to the teachings of Jesus. We are all called by God to be saints. But many people feel that they cannot be saints because they are not good enough or holy enough. On August 28 the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Augustine. As a young man, Saint Augustine lived a life filled with parties, women, false beliefs and pride over his intelligence and his accomplishments. His mother prayed for many years that he might find his way to God. He did convert and was baptized shortly before her death. He went on to become a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer and one of the greatest saints who ever lived. His life shows that any one of us can be a saint if we only turn our lives over to God.

SAINTE MONICA: Saint Monica was a woman of great faith who led many members of her family to Christianity through her prayers and by her example. Her son, Augustine, however, lived a very worldly life and resisted his mother's requests to be baptized. Saint Monica prayed



constantly for Augustine's conversion and, after many years, her prayers were answered. Augustine was baptized, became a priest and then a bishop, as well as a great teacher of our faith. Saint Monica is the patron saint of wives and abuse victims.

TIME FOR CREATION: The five-week period between September 1 and October 4 is known as Time for Creation. September 1, the beginning of the Orthodox Church Year, is the date when, since 1989, the Orthodox Church commemorates God's Creation by observing a Day of Prayer for the Environment. In August 2015, Pope Francis announced the establishment of a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be observed annually on September 1. October 4 was chosen to mark the end of the Time for Creation as it is the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology. We are encouraged during this time, especially to pray, to organize practical initiatives to combat the environmental crisis facing our planet and to reflect on ways to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the environment.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Parishioners are reminded this weekend, August 25/26, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taking up its Poor Box Collection. Please support generously their very worthwhile work.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE

CARE OF CREATION: On Saturday, September 1, the Catholic Church will celebrate the fourth annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Francis prepared a message for the celebration of this day of Prayer in 2016, entitled *Show Mercy to Our Common Home*, which may be read on the Diocesan web page. Additionally, the period of September 1 - October 4, designated as the "Time for Creation", is a good time for us to reflect upon our interactions with the wonders of God's creation and consider how we might be better stewards of those gifts. For more information, visit the Diocesan web page at www.rcchurch.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: St. Vincent de Paul Society is desperately in need of mattresses for people who don't have a bed to sleep on. Twin, double, or queen preferred. Frames and box springs appreciated also. If you have any to offer please call 638-9010, we will pick up.

HUMOUR: A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

CHASE THE ACE: Chase the Ace is started in Humber Arm South again. Draws will take place Sunday evenings at 6 pm at the Humber Arm South community hall. This is a joint event between Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and the Town of Humber Arm South.