

October 6, 2019 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Ordinary Time

*“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you . . .*

*“When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we are obliged to do.’”* Luke 17: 5-10

### **The best retirement gift ever . . .**

FBI agent Troy Sowers recently retired after 22 years of service. He expected nothing more than “doughnuts and coffee” at his retirement party. But his colleagues arranged something much bigger.

When Sowers was a rookie agent working in Seattle, he and police were called when a baby was kidnapped from a Washington hospital by a woman impersonating a nurse. The kidnapper was soon apprehended, and Sowers managed to convince her to lead him to the baby. She had left the infant in a box next to a restaurant dumpster. Sowers rushed to the restaurant hoping the baby was still alive when they found him. “We knew [the baby] had been out there for several hours. When I picked him up, he was not crying, but just nuzzled right into my neck and I knew he was fine.” The medical crew arrived shortly and took the baby away.

A senior agent told rookie Sowers, “Troy, I’ve got to tell you, something like that — you’ll never do anything better than that.”

The case stuck with Sowers and, over the years, he wondered what had happened to the child he rescued.

At his retirement, he found out. His fellow agents tracked down the “baby” — now 22 years old — and invited him to the retirement party. And so, FBI Agent Troy Sowers was reunited with Stewart Rembert, now a corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

“My parents wanted me to give you a hug,” Rembert told the stunned FBI agent. “Thank you for giving me an opportunity to have a life.

“It’s crazy to think that without his efforts, I wouldn’t even be here today. I wouldn’t be a Marine. My family wouldn’t be the same . . . I’m just super excited and honored to meet this man today,” Corporal Rembert said.

Agent Sowers said the reunion was “probably one of the best surprises I’ve ever had.”

“I’m glad [to see] what you’ve done with your life,” he told Rembert. “Pass it on.”

[NBC News, August 9, 2010.]

***Mustard-seed faith enables us to do many more important things than uprooting mulberry trees. Such faith is the unshakable conviction that every ordinary act of selfless kindness can re-create and transform; that the smallest act of forgiveness can lift up and heal; that the simplest act of compassion, done in faith and trust in God’s providence, can transform our world in the justice and peace of God. Agent Sowers’ dedication, compassion and empathy resulted in the blossoming of a great “mulberry” in the life of the child he fought to save. Christ calls us to embrace such “mustard seed” faith: to believe that whatever generosity and kindness we are capable of, done in the spirit of Gospel reconciliation, justice and peace, will one day yield the harvest that is the reign of God.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



### Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** By request

**Mass During the Week:** Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m.  
Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.  
First Fridays - 2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex

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

**Marriages:** Six months’ notice 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**

September 29, 2019

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Regular Collection           | \$1849.80 |
| Parish Dues                  | 91.90     |
| Building Fund                | 200.00    |
| Votive Candles               | 40.00     |
| Sunday Missals               | 79.40     |
| Needs of the Canadian Church | 190.00    |
| St. Vincent de Paul          | 45.00     |
| Concert                      | 1768.25   |
| Memoriam (Annetta Hackett)   | 150.00    |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| Tues, 7 p.m.                   | Late Rita Moore                                  |
| Wed, 10 a.m.                   | <b>NO MASS</b>                                   |
| Thur, 7 p.m.                   | Late Mary & Percival Joyce<br>Late Edward Buckle |
| Fri, 10 a.m.<br>Lohnes Complex | Late Annetta Hackett                             |
| Sat, 4:30 p.m.                 | Thanksgiving St Jude                             |
| Sun, 11 a.m.                   | Parish Community                                 |

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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| <b>October 12</b>                      |  |
| Victoria Murphy<br>John Carroll        | Marie Byrne<br>Art Hall<br>Mona Specker    |
| <b>October 13</b>                      |  |
| Mike Leonard<br>Debbie Allen           | Calvin Gillis<br>Anna House<br>Patsy Payne |
| <b>Communion to the Lohnes Complex</b> |  |
| John Carroll                           |  |

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** October 7, at 6:30 p.m.

**HUMOR:** What do you get when you cross a vampire with a snowman? Frost bite.

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS:** To Warren James Hackett, the child of Jamie Hackett and Samantha Park. May this child and his family experience a lifetime of faith and hope.

**FALL CONCERT THANK YOU:** Thank you to all who offered their talents as performers. Thank you to the Ladies group and other volunteers that organized the concert. Thank you to those who donated prizes. Lastly a big thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. Total proceeds were \$1768.25.

**THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE:**

Once again, we are holding our annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drive. Last year, we collected \$23,803.36 in food and monetary donations to feed families on our area.

Our parish is hoping to create a Thanksgiving food drive display in front of the altar. You are asked to bring non-perishable food items to be placed in this display. Please take you items out of bags, boxes etc. and place those items along with the other goods. You are asked to do this on the weekend of Thanksgiving holiday October 12-13.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Welcome two new members Sherry-Lynn Brake and Victoria Murphy. They will join members Mike Leonard, Art Hall, Carl Bennett, Bill Brake, and Brian Sparkes, Joe Byrne and Jack Pennell to give us a full parish Council. We are looking forward to another great year for our parish and our parish council.

**LADIES GROUP BINGO:** Our next parish bingo will be held today Sunday, October 6. It will start at 2 p.m. Please support this important fundraiser.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

**4YOUTH:** Climate change and the use or misuse of the earth’s resources has become a major concern for many members of our society. As Catholics, we believe that care for God’s creation is an everyday thing. The Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church (YouCat, for short), which is written in question-and-answer format, speaks of the environment in Paragraph 436. “How should we treat the environment? We fulfill God’s commission with regard to creation when we care for the earth, with its biological laws, its variety of species, its natural beauty, and its dwindling resources, as a living space and preserve it, so that future generations also can live well on earth.” It goes on to explain that, while God gave humanity dominion over the earth, this does not mean that God wants us to use nature and its creatures in a selfish way. It means that we should use the earth’s resources and creatures wisely and that we should save them from destruction.

**THE ROSARY:** The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best-known and most popular forms of prayer that we have as Catholics. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Over the centuries, the Rosary has grown into a timeless family prayer, one that has been prayed by billions of souls in countless languages around the world

In our Parish Church the Rosary will be prayed every Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. for the month of October. Come join us in Prayer.



**MASS REQUESTS:** This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

**LADIES GROUP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

The following is a list of upcoming events; Nov. 2, Cabbage Roll Dinner (info to follow) Nov. 3, Bingo Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Mary’s Kitchen Nov. 30, Fall Sale Dec. 1, Bingo [ham or turkey] Our Ladies Group will be looking for assistance from all parishioners in the form of donations and/or service for the above events.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:**

“Go! Make disciples of all nations.” (Mt 28:19) These words—the imperative mission of Christ—call each baptized Catholic to action. The Church has a lasting mission to perform in this world, a mission that is ever more apparent, and the need for it is ever more urgent. In fact, mission isn’t something the Church does. It is what the Church is!

This year, World Mission Sunday is on October 20. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church that offers emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war-torn countries, provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It offers financial support of the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

**OKTOBERFEST MERCHANDISE BINGO:** All Hallows will be holding a merchandise bingo in their church basement on Sunday, October 13 at 2 p.m. Excellent prizes and canteen services available. We hope to see you there.