

September 15, 2019
24th Sunday after Ordinary Time

*The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin,
and the prodigal son.*

Luke 15: 1-32

The day I stood simmering in shame . . .”

In an essay in the National Catholic Reporter [January 2014], the late writer and poet Brian Doyle lamented a “sin” he committed that had a sobering and lasting effect on him.

His ten-year-old son had been fighting with his brother for what seemed like an eternity. Dad’s demands that he cool it were met with either indifference or snark. Finally, Dad had had enough.

“I roared at my son, I grabbed him by the shirt collar, I frightened him so badly that he cowered and wept, and when he turned to run, I grabbed him by the arm so roughly that he flinched, and it was that flicker of fear and pain across his face, the bright, eager, holy-riveting face I have loved for ten years, that stopped me then and haunts me [still] for I am the father of his fear, I sent it snarling into his heart, and I can never get it out now, which torments me.”

As soon as Brian let go of his arm, the boy “sprinted away and slammed the door and flew off the porch and down the street, and I stood there simmering in shame. Then I walked down the hill into the laurel thicket as dense and silent as the dawn of the world and found him there huddled and sobbing. We sat in the moist, green dark for a long time, not saying anything, the branches burly and patient. Finally, I asked quietly for his forgiveness and he asked for mine and we walked out of the woods, hand-in-hand, changed men.”

Most of our struggles to forgive are the stumbles we make in hurting those we love most. In the same awkward situation, we can be both the aggrieved father whose discipline is more than justified and the self-centered son who hurts deeply the ones who love him the most. As Brian Doyle learned in his encounter with his son, we all possess the grace to forgive; the love of God empowers us to seek forgiveness and make right what our selfishness has broken or shattered.



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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: Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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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 8, 2019

Regular Collection	\$1732.55
Votive Candles	48.00
Building Fund	60.00
Bingo Proceeds	489.20
St. Vincent de Paul	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 p.m.	Late Joe and Agatha Joyce
Wed, 10 a.m.	Late Mary Russell
Thur, 7 p.m.	Late Brian Griffin
Fri, 10 a.m.	Deceased Members of the English Family
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Gallant and Quigley Families
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 21	
Joan Penney Dennis Bruce	Mona Specker Donna Eldridge Eileen Moore
September 22	
Patsy Payne Don Gallant	Ameila Dicks Wayne Dicks Calvin Gillis
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
Joan Penney	

ADORATION AND

BENEDICTION: Our regular Adoration and Benediction takes place this Sunday, September 15. Adoration begins at 2 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m. Come, pray with us.



FALL CONCERT: Sacred Heart Parish will be holding their Fall Concert on Friday, September 27. Performers include: Kyra Adey, Earl Butt, Brenda Hall, Jack Joyce, Joe Lynch, Jim Parsons, Lisa Reid and The Griffins.



MEN'S GROUP MEETING: There will be a meeting of the men's group on Wednesday September 18, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Church meeting room. Please make every effort to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL: Current members of our parish council are: Carl Bennett, Art Hall, Brian Sparkes, and Bill Brake. The members finishing their term this year and who can be nominated for another term are: Don Gallant, Mike Leonard, and Barb Neville. There are two other vacancies that need to be filled. That means **we need five nominations** to complete our membership. Please nominate persons for these positions. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: On Sunday, September 22, parishes throughout the Diocese will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Flowing from the Bishop's ministry as teacher, catechesis is the process of "echoing the Gospel", the passing on of the essentials of our faith. Today the focus is on those people in parish communities who are involved in catechesis in a special way as well as the parents or grandparents of the children involved in those programs. Let us pray for all involved as they continue to be bearers of the Good News. To learn more, visit Catechists Go Forth" at www.rcchurch.com

4 YOUTH: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27.) Saturday, September 21 is the International Day of Peace. The purpose of this day is to encourage everyone to work in cooperation for world-wide peace. In 2015 the United Nations unanimously adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The belief is that achievement of these goals will lead to lasting peace in our time, since development and peace are interdependent. The theme this year, which is based on Goal 13, is "Climate Action for Peace". Pope Francis has also highlighted the links between development and peace in his encyclical *Laudato Si*. To find out more check out these videos on You Tube: Sustainable Development Goals: Improve Life All Around the Globe and *Laudato Si* animation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM: The Responsible Ministry Protocol states that there should be two adults present with children at all times. This requirement is now common practice in any group which involves children. We would like to invite adults or confirmed young adults to consider being present during the Children's Liturgy program at our Church. For more information please contact Father Jim or the Parish office. 785-5025.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: The study group is moved to Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome.

HUMOR:

A man buys his friend an apricot. His friend asks, "Why did you buy me an apricot?" The man replies, "Because I heard you had trouble finding a date!"

BINGO THANKS: It is only with the support of parishioners that our Parish Bingos can be the success that they are. Thank you to Mike Basha, Donna Beales, Evelyn Beales, Sharon Bennett, Marjorie, Blanchard, Colleen Boland, Cathy Bolt, Bill Brake, Dorothy Brake, Edward Brake, Mary Brake, Michelle Brake, Sherry-Lynn Brake, William Brake, Eileen Buckle, Karen Buckle, Sandy Buckle, Nora Burton, Hilda Butt, Joan Butt, Marie Byrne, Roberta Canning, Cathy Carroll, Linda Cashin, Marina Cashin, Christine Chadderton, Helen Cook, Linda Corbett, Lena Curnell, Gertrude Daye, Theresa Dobbin, Rosemarie Doody, Madonna Elford, Madonna English, Don Hynes, Bill Peddle, Mary Gallant, Lynn Coombs, Dennis Blackwood, Eileen Hearn, Derm Travers.

K OF C 4TH DEGREE - BISHOP O'REILLY

ASSEMBLY #624: There will be a meeting at All Hallows' Parish on Humber Road, Corner Brook this Tuesday, September 17 at 7:45 P.M. All Sir Knights should try to attend.

DIOCESAN ACCOUNTING CLERK PART TIME:

The Diocese currently requires an Accounting Clerk. This part time position is located in Corner Brook and reports directly to the Financial Administrator. For more information please go to the Diocesan website at <http://www.rcchurch.com>.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The society will be holding its monthly meeting in the basement of the Cathedral Priest House at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18. All members are asked to attend and new members welcome. The Society is in real need for beds, tables and chairs, and other furniture items. If you have anything to offer, please call 638-9010.