

## "Pale Blue Dot"

Twenty-six years ago, NASA's Voyager 1 was about to leave our solar system. For 13 years it traveled to the edge of our galaxy taking pictures and collecting data. On February 14, 1990, as the tiny spacecraft moved on to infinity, astronomer Carl Sagan, then a member of the Voyager imaging team, convinced NASA to turn Voyager's cameras around to take one last look at Earth. The photograph of Earth, from almost four billion miles away, was hardly beautiful - but this grainy, low-resolution photograph showed the immeasurable vastness of space, and our undeniably small place within it.

Sagan later wrote of the image in his book **Pale Blue Dot**:

"Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every 'superstar,' every 'supreme leader,' every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there - on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

"The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner, how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds.

"Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark . . .

"The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand . . .

"There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known."

**The perspective of that remarkable photograph is the ultimate answer to the question the Pharisees pose to Jesus: What is NOT of God? All good things - from a stream of clear, cool water to a parent's love for a small child - begin with God, the Author of all that is right and good and compassionate. In his confrontation with the Pharisees over the Caesar's coin, Jesus challenges us to behold our "pale blue dot" from a perspective of gratitude for its goodness, resolving to respect and protect it for the good of all our fellow space travelers to eternity.**

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# Sacred Heart Parish

## A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



### Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tues, Thurs 1:00 pm to 5 pm

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

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

Mass During the Week: Tues at 7:00 pm Wed, Thurs, 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.

## October 22, 2017

## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS** (October 14 & 15)

Regular Collection	2133.95
Parish Insurance	10.00
Building Fund	35.00
Votive Candles	27.00
Sunday Missal Sales	10.00
In Memoria	950.00
Mass Stipends	175.50
Wedding Stipends	100.00
Baptism Stipend	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Oct 23	No Mass
Oct 24	Captain Anthony Connolly
Oct 25	Captain John Roy Hackett
Oct 26	Deceased Gallant Family
Oct 27	Jim Park
Oct 28	Jack & Joan Hearn
Oct 28	James Park
Oct 29	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>October 28</b>	
Mike Leonard Hedy Kenny	Elizabeth Carew Brian Sparkes Margaret Dalley
<b>October 29</b>	
Donna Eldridge Lynetta Taylor	Hedy Kenny Donna Eldridge Calvin Gillis
<b>Communion to the Sick – Gerard Brake</b>	

**MASS STIPENDS / INTENTIONS**

We currently have very few mass intentions on our books. This is a good time to schedule masses for our departed family members and friends. As well, there is always a need to have masses for those who are sick. Pick call the parish office to schedule masses.

**FALL FUNDRAISING IS IN THE AIR!**

<p><b>FALL HARVEST SALE</b>  <b>Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm</b>                  Sacred Heart School Cafeteria                  Come on in and get your share of hand made gifts, baked goods, preserves, and more!</p>
<p><b>FALL CABBAGE ROLL SUPPER</b>  <b>Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in the School Cafeteria</b>  <b>Take Out: 430-5pm Eat In: 530pm</b>                  A generous helping of cabbage rolls, seasonal veggies, tea or coffee, and desert.  <b>Tickets on sale NOW!</b>                  Contact Joan, Pat, or Veronica.</p>
<p><b>FALL VARIETY CONCERT</b>                  The date is set in stone!  <b>Friday, November 3<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm</b>  <b>Sacred Heart Elementary Auditorium.</b>                  Admission is \$5 at the door.                  Stay tuned for this year's lineup.</p>

<p><b>DONATIONS NEEDED</b>  <b>Our Fall Harvest Sale needs your help!</b>  <b>We are looking for handmade items and Baked goods to fill our sale tables. Let us know if you are able to donate!</b>  <b>BAKE TABLE</b> To donate baked goods/preserves please contact Donna Beales 785-2067.  <b>CRAFT TABLE</b> To donate any homemade crafts please contact Patsy Hall 785-2556.</p>
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**BINGO**

Our next monthly Bingo will be held on **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm** in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria. We are asking for prizes from parishioners whose last name begins with N to Z.

**BIBLE STUDY** The group will meet in the Church archive room on **Monday, October 16 at 7pm.** We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word'

**PARISH COUNCIL** The next meeting takes place on **November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY** Our Ladies Group will be reciting the rosary **each Tuesday in October at 630pm.** All are encouraged to participate.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS** Available to students who graduated Grade XII with Honours in June 2017 and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. **Application deadline: October 31, 2017.** Information at [www.kofcnl.org](http://www.kofcnl.org).

**HUMOUR: THE 10 COMMANDMENTS**  
 A Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments to her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"  
 One little boy shouted, "Thou shall not kill."

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
 The monthly St. Vincent de Paul poor box collection will take place next weekend, October 28-29. We are grateful for your continued support. There will be a Commissioning ceremony held at the 5 PM Saturday Mass, October 28th, in the Cathedral for the members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR THE POOR**  
 Again this year, Sacred Heart Church will be participating in the annual Shoe Box campaign, to help the very poor. Boxes are available at the back of the church and the instructions are in each box. Last year we collected about 80 boxes and I guarantee you, that was 80 poor children, who's lives were lit up by your

generosity!! As the Bible says, 'He who is kind to the poor, lends to God, and God will reward him' Please return your filled shoe box to the church by Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. If any questions, please call 388-1048.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October, which this year is October 22. The theme this year is Mission at the heart of the Christian faith. On this day we are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Jesus. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. We would encourage you to be as generous as possible in the special collection taken up in support of the Church's missionary work.

**4YOUTH**  
 Why do we Catholics consider it so important to go to Mass every Sunday? Well, first of all, God told us in the commandments that we should keep holy the Sabbath Day. We don't need to be in Church to pray; we can – and should – pray everywhere and anywhere, whether we are in the privacy of our own home or in a special place in nature or gathered with our friends. But when we participate in the Eucharist on Sundays, we have the opportunity to praise God through song, prayer and the Scriptures. We get an opportunity to get together with the other members of our Catholic faith community, kind of like a family gathering. And most importantly, we get to receive the body and blood of Christ. That's what makes the Mass so important and so special!