

The view from three feet high

A mother volunteered to serve as a parent-helper in her four-year-old's pre-school class. The class was taught by Mrs. Dee, a gifted teacher who had taught for more than 25 years. The mom learned as much from Mrs. Dee as her preschooler did.

On her first day, the mom watched in horror as a group of four-year-olds discovered their shared passion for glue. As pools of white gushed across the table, the mom cautioned the children against wasting school supplies, but to no avail.

As the mom struggled to keep up cleaning the mess, Mrs. Dee came over. Mrs. Dee noticed immediately that the children were running low on glue and asked the mom to pour more. *Did I hear her correctly?* the mom thought, incredulous, as Mrs. Dee knelt and asked them about their artwork. But while the mom saw a mess of glue, Mrs. Dee saw children creating.

In time, the mom began to understand that the magic of Mrs. Dee lay in the respect she accorded the children and the world as they saw it. One day, a child imagined seeing a leprechaun running up a wall. Mrs. Dee stepped aside and let the child lead the class on an animated hunt around the room. Her lesson on hibernation involved building a cave for the children's teddy bears. Imagination prevailed, and the miniature became larger, more important.

Mrs. Dee set limits that made sense to kids. When the energy level at lunch grew too high, she dimmed the lights, put on classical music, and told her students they were in a restaurant. Legos simply went on vacation when sharing became too challenging. There was no need for demands or timeouts.

The mother remembers, "I took her lessons home. I began to kneel down. At three feet high, I saw things differently. Magna-Tiles can create actual skyscrapers. Glue is for exploring. Sharing is sometimes painful. Mrs. Dee taught me that nearly all the problems of this world can be worked through with the help of the right picture book. She reminded me that a bit of creativity can turn a problem on its head."

Mother and children have now all moved on from Mrs. Dee's pre-school class. They'll miss the delightful chaos she inspired, but, this mother believes "I've attended preschool long enough to utilize my daughter's opinion matters now far more than my own. She is ready . . . When I kneel to meet her eye level, a 'big kid' school stretches in front of us . . . We move toward it hand in hand, my daughter leading us forward."

[From "Teaching Superheroes" by Janet Damaske, **The Boston Globe Magazine**, September 17, 2017.]

Christ-like servanthood begins with our kneeling down; it requires us to climb down from our towers of authority and perches of privilege to see life from another's reality. Mrs. Dee mirrors the ideal of the servant-leader taught by Jesus in today's Gospel. Jesus exalts those whose leadership and influence over others are centered in humble service, in selfless integrity, in respect for the hopes and dreams of others, in the ability to empathize and reach out to the suffering and struggling, the poor and forgotten. Jesus, who welcomed to his side the rejected and scorned of society, who lifted up the "little ones," who washed the feet of his friends and taught them to do the same, leaves the legacy of such "greatness" to us, his Church.

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A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



Parish Information

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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: **No Weekday Mass Next Week**

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.

November 5, 2017

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (October 28 & 29)

Regular Collection	2112.65
Building Fund	15.00
Votive Candles	22.00
Sunday Missal Sales	10.00
In Memoria	25.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Bingo Proceeds	696.50
Fall Fair Proceeds	3578.25
St. Vincent de Paul Donations	20.00
World Mission Sunday	85.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 6	No Mass
Nov 7	No Mass
Nov 8	No Mass
Nov 9	No Mass
Nov 10	No Mass
Nov 11	Deceased Members of the Rumbolt and Lowe Families
Nov 12	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
November 11	
Victoria Murphy Gen Quigley	Frank Lewis Donna Mitchell Marie Byrne
November 12	
Patsy Payne Donna Eldridge	Brian Sparkes Margaret Dalley Elizabeth Carew
Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore	

WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATION

There will be no weekday masses next week due to the absence of Father Jim. We thank you for your understanding.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting takes place on **November 6th at 7pm**

FALL CRAFT SALE AND SUPPER RESULTS

Thank you to all who generously donated to our fall sale and supper, and to those who attended! Also a big **THANK YOU** to our ladies group for organising and hosting this event.

Together we made:

Cabbage Roll Supper	\$ 1272
Craft Table	\$ 1040
Bake Table	\$ 715
Ticket Items	<u>\$ 552</u>
Total	\$3579

VARITY CONCERT SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who supported our Fall Variety Concert on Friday, and a special thanks to our brave entertainers!

**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.

BIBLE STUDY The group will meet in the Church archive room on **Sunday, November 5 at 7pm**. We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word'

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet at All Hallows on Tuesday November 7, 2017 at 7:45 P.M. This meeting will take place after 7:00 P.M. mass at All Hallows.

All Knights are asked to please attend.

HUMOUR: MARRIED FOUR TIMES

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time.

The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation... "He's a funeral director," she answered. "Interesting," the newsman thought... He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

This past weekend the following amounts were collected through the Poor Box collection.

Holy Redeemer Cathedral	\$ 831.79
All Hallows	226.50
Sacred Heart Parish	198.35
St. Brendan's	78.85
Total	\$1335.49

Thank you for your most generous support.

4YOUTH

This week we celebrate Remembrance Day, a time to remember and honour those who died in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War as well as in military operations and peacekeeping missions around the world. Our military actions have always been driven by a commitment to protect human rights, freedom and justice both at home and abroad. Sometimes a peaceful solution to a problem cannot be found. Evil must be resisted and the vulnerable protected, by force if necessary. As we remember those who died so that we might live in freedom and peace, let's also make a commitment to try and bring peace to our own little corner of the world. If everyone tried to find a peaceful solution to their differences, there would be no need for war. As Jesus taught, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God". (Mt 5:9)

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR THE POOREST OF THE POOR

Dear friends, Jesus tells us, 'Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me'. With this in mind, we would like honor and obey Jesus's words, but putting them into practise. You will find Christmas Shoe Boxes in the rear of the church. Please take one and fill it for a poor child. These children have little or nothing, and most likely, it will be the ONLY gift they receive. As Catholics, we admire Mother Teresa for all her work for the poor. Let us then, imitate her, this Christmas. Instructions are in each box, and grateful if you could return your filled shoe box to the church, by Nov 19th.