

August 4, 2019 - 18th Sunday after Ordinary Time

*“You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you;
and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?”*

Luke 12: 13-21

Living one with the poor — you think so . . . ?

What would it take for the average American family to live the life of poverty experienced by so many families in the world?

Begin by stripping the family home of furniture. Beds, chairs, lamps, TV sets, silverware — everything. Leave a few blankets, a kitchen table, and a wooden chair. Take away the clothing bureaus and the clothes. Each family member can keep one article of clothing, and only the head of the household, the family’s principal bread-winner, is permitted a pair of shoes.

In the kitchen, take away all the appliances. Leave a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few moldy potatoes, a handful of onions, and a dish of dried beans. The meat, the canned goods, the crackers, the candy all go.

Next, strip the bathroom, shut off the running water, and turn off the electricity in the house. Then, take away the house itself.

But this is just the start. There’s also the lack of telephone, newspapers, firefighters, hospitals, paved roads, or doctors. The nearest school is three miles away, reachable only by foot, and consists of two classrooms.

Finally, money. Allow every family member a cash hoard of five dollars, which will prevent the family breadwinner from experiencing the tragedy of the Iranian peasant who went blind because he could not afford the \$3.94 he mistakenly thought he needed to receive admission to a hospital where he could have been cured. THIS IS POVERTY IN OUR WORLD.

[Robert Heilbroner, cited in What Jesus Meant: The Beatitudes and a Meaningful Life by Erik Kolbell.]

If we stop to consider how many families live in poverty today, the very idea of building barns and storage units to store our possessions is obscene. In the parable of the rich man’s barns, Jesus is challenging us to realize the riches we possess and to embrace a spirit of gratitude to God for our many blessings that compels us not to store them away but share them with those who have little or nothing. The most tragic kind of poverty is the emptiness of a life filled with “things” but possessing nothing of God — love, forgiveness, compassion, gratitude. God has given us this precious brief but wonderful life in order to discover how to love one another as God loves us: totally and completely, without condition nor limit.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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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

(July 28, 2019)

Regular Collection	\$1735.49
Garden Party Donation	90.00
Building Fund	10.00
Votive Candles	22.75
Mass Stipends	140.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	No Mass
Tues, 7 p.m.	Late Theresa Hunt
Wed, 10 a.m.	Late Roderick Joyce
Thru, 7 p.m.	Late Peter O’Quinn
Fri, 10 a.m.	Late Sarah Ann and Fletcher Joyce
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Late Edward Buckle
Sun	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 10	
Joan Penney Janet Jackson	Mona Specker Art Hall Eileen Moore
August 11	
Calvin Gillis Patsy Payne	Don Gallant Doreen Jones Margaret Dalley
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
Tony Griffin	

BIBLE STUDY: Discontinued for the Summer.

MASS REQUESTS: Our current list is almost exhausted. This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS: To Alexander Thomas Brett, child of Mark Brett and Donna Hayes as well as Eli James Flynn child of Gregory Flynn and Jennifer Taylor. May these children and their families experience a lifetime of faith and hope.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our prayerful condolence to the family of Wayne Brake. His funeral was celebrated Monday, July 29. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

PILGRIMAGE: You are invited to a special mass at our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church in Port au Port West. This takes place on the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 at 7 p.m. Archbishop Hundt will be the presider and many priests will be concelebrating. Everyone is welcome.

SAINT DOMINIC: August 8 is the feast day of Saint Dominic. Saint Dominic was such a good speaker that people came from all over to listen. Dominic travelled through the region of Languedoc in France, preaching and converting many back to Catholic Christian faith. It was in this region that Dominic established a convent, which became the first Dominican house. Saint Dominic founded the religious order which bears his name, the Dominicans, the Order of Preachers. Dominic’s motto was “to praise, to bless, to preach” because he wanted his followers to always praise God, to bless everyone they community, sharing all they had. Even today, Dominicans dedicate their lives to telling people the Good News and they live together in community.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION:

In the Roman Catholic Church, the transfiguration was once celebrated locally in various parts of the Catholic world on different days, including August 6, but was not universally recognized. In 1456, The Kingdom of Hungary repulsed an Ottoman invasion of the Balkans by breaking the Siege of Belgrade. News of the victory arrived in Rome on August 6. Given the importance to international politics at that time of such battles between Christian and Muslim nations, in celebration of the victory Pope Callixtus III elevated the Transfiguration to a Feast day to be celebrated in the entire Roman rite. In 2002, Pope John Paul II selected the Transfiguration as one of the five Luminous Mysteries of the rosary.

PRAYING AND WORKING FOR PEACE: On August 6 and 9, 1945, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were ravaged by atomic bombs. Speaking to victims of this atomic warfare, Saint John Paul II said “It is with deep emotion that I greet today all those who still carry in their bodies the signs of the destruction that was visited on them the day of the unforgettable fire. What you endured has also inflicted a wound on the heart of every human being on earth. Your life here today is most convincing appeal that could be addressed to all people of good will again war and for peace.... We are all indebted to you for the living and constant appeal for peace that you are.” (Nagasaki, February 26, 1981)

MASS INTENTION FORMS: Now available at the church are mass intention forms and envelopes for your convenience.

SUMMER BLESSING:

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.
May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others
enjoy the blessings of the summertime.
Lord God, Creator of all things,
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer vacation.
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.
May we constantly strive
to make a meaningful difference
in the lives of our loved ones
and in the world around us
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

HUMOR:

What should you do if you were attacked by a group of clowns?
Go straight for the Juggler!

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY: The Centre for Life is a networking with the Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland to bring a greater awareness to increase support for families in NL with an upcoming webinar on August 13 at 12:30 p.m. The Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is seeking your help to expand our family support groups to various communities across the province. The family support groups are for caregivers and family to improve the quality of life. These groups provide a safe environment where you can learn, laugh and help each other through mutual understanding. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the Alzheimer Society at 709-576-0608 or email to: jflynn@alzheimernl.ca