

**The parable of the two sons.
Matthew 21: 28-32**

Please leave your name and number . . .

Phone call number one:

The caller ID says it's Jen. *Oh no*, you say to yourself. *Not Jen. Poor woman is going through a rough time, but I just can talk to her today.* The ringing stops. Whew, you dodged a bullet. But you stare at your phone. You wonder if she's OK. So you redial her number. "Hi, Jen. Sorry I missed your call but I was in the middle of hauling groceries. What's up?"

Phone call number two:

It's Frank, one of the dads in the neighborhood. "We're putting a crew together for Saturday morning to go over and fix up the ball field behind the school - you know, rake it out, repair the fences, paint the scoreboard."

You say: "That's a great idea. We've been worried about the kids getting hurt on that field. Anything we can do to help. Let me check my calendar for Saturday and if I can be there I will. Thanks for putting this together, Frank. We all appreciate it."

But Saturday morning is your weekly golf game and you have no intention of missing it. Hey, Frank's got it all under control.

The "two" sons in Jesus' parable can be the same person. Sometimes our sense of empathy manages to overcome our busyness; at other times, we're happy to say the right thing at the moment, with no intention of following through. But compassion and gratitude are only words until we live them in acts of generosity and kindness. Discipleship begins with realizing Christ's presence in our midst and then reflecting that presence in the compassion and peace we extend.

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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

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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

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: Celebrated at Weekend Mass after preparation session.

October 1, 2017

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (September 23/24)

Regular Collection	\$ 1649.35
Building Fund	\$ 65.00
Parish Insurance	\$ 20.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 30.00
Word Among Us	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles	\$ 26.40
Baptism Stipends	\$ 30.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 210.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 2	No Mass
Oct 3	Todd Manning
Oct 4	Margaret Lacey
Oct 5	Molly Brake
Oct 6	Molly Brake
Oct 7	
Oct 8	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
October 7	
Wayne Dicks Don Gallant	Hedy Kenny Donna Eldridge Calvin Gillis
October 8	
Dennis Bruce Calvin Gillis	Barbara Neville Art Hall Patsy Payne
Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore	

BIBLE STUDY The group will meet in the Church archive room on **Sunday, October 1 at 7:00 pm**. We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word.'

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting takes place on **October 2nd at 7:00 pm**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet at All Hallows on **Tuesday October 3** at 7:45 pm

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS to Elise Sarah Rose Dyer and her family. Elise was baptised into our church last weekend. May God's blessings remain on her and her family.

FALL SALE Our Ladies Group is planning our annual Fall Sale! We are in need of donations of handmade goods, crafts, etc.

CONGRATULATIONS to recently elected members of municipal councils. It was heartening to see so many people offering their service for the good of our communities.

4YOUTH October 1 is the feast day of St. Therese de Lisieux, who is also known as the "Little Flower". St. Therese knew that, due to her young age and very poor health (she died at the age of 24), she would not be able to do really great things for God. So she decided to spend her life scattering flowers. What are St. Therese's little flowers? They are little sacrifices that nobody would really notice, except God, who notices everything we do. So when we smile at someone we really don't like too much or help out someone in our family when we'd rather be chatting online with our friends, we are scattering flowers as St. Therese did. We can pray to St. Therese for her help in living out this simple and beautiful approach to spirituality. By the way, did you know that St. Therese is one of our Diocese's patron saints?

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 100TH ANNIVERSARY The Knights of Columbus and Immaculate Heart of Mary students will be hosting a rosary procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at 12 noon Friday, October 13 at Jubilee Field. All faiths are welcome to attend. In case of inclement weather, procession will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

St. Paul offers a formula for living the way we are supposed to live as Christians in the Second Reading. Paul writes, "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." Doing that is a challenge for most all of us. Yet, that is one of the secrets to being a good steward and living as Christ wants us to live.

To truly live that way requires a dramatic conversion. All of us know people who are so self-centered that they often are not even aware that they are totally unwilling to compromise or to even recognize the value of those around them. Achieving this kind of self awareness, of what kind of a person we are, is a significant step on our faith and life journeys.

Screenwriter and playwright William Nicholson once wrote, "God does not necessarily want us to be happy. He wants us to be lovable, worthy of love, able to be loved by Him. What makes people hard to love? It is called selfishness. Selfish people are hard to love, because so little love comes out of them."

That is our challenge, to love others in such a way that we become lovable as well. Christ told us over and over that the secret to being His disciple and the secret to being a good steward is to "Love your neighbor." That is how to be the kind of person Paul calls us to be as well.

BELVEDERE ORPHANAGE FUND Provides assistance for orphans and half orphans who are in need. To obtain further information or to make application, contact Fr. Jim.

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 and applications under scholarships on the State Council website at www.kofcni.org.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi and marks the end of the five-week period known as the Time for Creation. St. Francis of Assisi was born into a wealthy family and, as a young man, enjoyed a life of luxury and good times. He served as a soldier for Assisi but was captured by his opponents and held for ransom as a prisoner of war for more than a year. After his return to Assisi, he heard God's call and went on to live a devout life which made of him one of Catholicism's most venerated saints. In his final years, after spending most of his adult life in poverty, he experienced blindness and much suffering. It was during this time that he wrote his beautiful Canticle of the Sun. Francis is considered the founder of all Franciscan orders and is the patron saint of ecologists and merchants. Pope Francis I chose his papal name in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

HUMOUR: LATE FOR CLASS

A little girl, dresses in her "Sunday best" was late and running to her Sunday school class. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear God, please don't let me be late. Dear God, please don't let me be late." Then she fell. She got up, dusted her self off and saw that her dress was now dirty and had a little tear. She started running again, still praying, "Dear God, please don't let me be late." But this time she added, "But please don't push me, either!"