

September 2, 2018 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"... the things that come out from within are what defile."

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

"A Better Neighborhood Than You Think ..."

She was driving home late one rainy evening; her kids were asleep in the back seat. When she exited the highway and was approaching her street, she saw a car stalled on the side of the road. The hood was up, the car's flashers were on and a man was bent over the engine. A few feet away, a young woman held an infant in her arms and a toddler clung to her legs, shivering. She pulled over and asked if she could help or call someone.

The man looked to his wife, whose eyes were wide with fear, and then focused his attention back on the car.

"No, thank you," he said tersely. "My brother will be here soon."

"Well, you can at least use a little more light," she said as she opened her trunk and offered a flashlight to the man. She turned to his wife and said: "Please, sit in the car. I've got the heat on. You'll be more comfortable there."

After some gentle coaxing, the woman agreed. The woman seemed to be almost afraid of her. To try to put the woman at ease, she pointed out her house that was just down the road. After a while, the brother arrived and helped the husband get the engine running again. The wife looked at her for the first time and quietly thanked her.

A few days later there was a knock on her door. It was the young mother standing on the porch holding a bouquet of flowers and a tray of cookies.

To thank you for your help the other night," the woman said.

She invited the woman in and made coffee.

"I wanted to apologize to you for the other night," the woman began. "You were kind to stop and help and we treated you as if you were a criminal. We're new to the area, and everyone had warned us that this neighborhood was in the 'bad part of town.' When you came along, we didn't know if we could trust you. But your kindness made us feel safe for the first time in our new home."

The good within one woman's heart changes the less-than-good "outside" of her. Her offer of help transforms a family's fear of their new environs in a "bad part of town" to a place of welcome. The kind of human being we are begins in the values of the heart, the place where God dwells within - but the evil we are capable of, the hurt we inflict on others, the degrading of the world that God created also begins "within," when God is displaced by selfishness, fear, anger, hatred. May God instill in us his spirit of compassion and justice, enabling us to transform the "bad parts" of the world outside of us into the "good" of God's Kingdom that begins within each of us.

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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: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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Reconciliation: By request

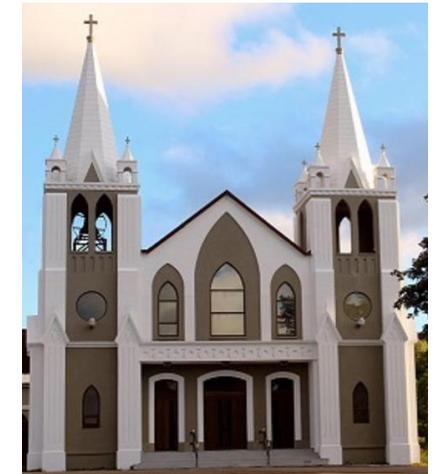
Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

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.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.



RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Aug 26,2018)

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| Regular Collection | 1,354.65 |
| Parish Dues | 50.00 |
| Building Fund | 45.00 |
| Votive Candles | 31.00 |
| In Memorium | 100.00 |
| Mass Stipends | 50.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 20.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon, Sept 3 | No Mass |
| Tues, Sept 4 | Late John & Veronica Pike |
| Wed, Sept 5 | Late Columbine Healey |
| Thur, Sept 6 | Late Sister Josette Hutchings |
| Fri, Sept 7 | Late Marie Samms |
| Sat, Sept 8 | Late Mary and Frank Hilary |
| Sun, Sept 9 | Parish Community |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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| September 8 | |
| Carol Reid Victoria Murphy | Joe Byrne Marie Byrne Gerard Brake |
| September 9 | |
| Anna House Hedy Kenny | Barbara Neville Brian Sparkes Patsy Payne |
| Communion to the Sick | |
| Gerard Brake | |

WELCOME: Sacred Heart Parish warmly welcomes anyone who may be visiting our Parish this weekend. Whether you are visiting us just by chance or returning home, you're always a part of our family.

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm at the parish house. Everyone is welcome.

LADIES GROUP MEETING: There will be a ladies group meeting on **Thursday, September 6 at 7:30 pm** in the church meeting room following Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm** in the church meeting room.

PARISH BINGO: The next parish bingo will take place on Sunday, **September 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm** at Sacred Heart Elementary. The list of donors is posted on the church bulletin boards and include last names from A to E.

THANK YOU: Thank you to Dr. Melissa O'Brien for her donation of the filing cabinets for use by the Sacred Heart Folk Choir.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday morning Children's Liturgy will begin again at Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday, September 16. All children are encouraged to attend.

LABOUR DAY: Labour Day in Canada is celebrated on the first Monday of September. Traditionally, Labour Day was an occasion to campaign for and celebrate workers' rights during parades and picnics organized by trade unions. While these still play a role in Labour Day for some Canadians, for most people the day now marks the end of the summer vacation period and the resumption of normal activities in home, parish and school. Let's remember on this holiday weekend to pray for all workers, that they enjoy respect, safety and a fair salary for their labour. And let's not forget to include all those who are looking for work in our prayers this weekend.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus instructs us in the best way we can honor Him, teaching us the meaning of true worship. Jesus reveals that the way we truly worship Him is by giving Him our hearts. We also learn in this Gospel passage what our Lord does not want — the pious lip service that the scribes and Pharisees offer.

But how can we determine if we really are giving our hearts over to the Lord and not just paying Him lip service? We must examine our lives to see if they reflect a life lived out for Him. Stewardship gives us a concrete means to examine our lives in three fundamental areas — the use of our time, our talents, and our material gifts.

A stewardship way of life invites and challenges us to make specific commitments in each of these areas on a regular basis, giving us a practical means to commit to the Lord. How well we are keeping these commitments can give us a kind of measuring stick to see if we are growing closer to Him, or perhaps need to put a little more effort into a particular area of our lives. When we all strive to give God true worship — putting Him first with all our hearts — what beauty we will find in our homes, our parish, and our world.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The St. Vincent



de Paul Society is desperately in need of mattresses for people who don't have a bed to sleep on. Twin, double, or queen preferred. Frames and box springs appreciated also. If you have any to offer please call 638-9010, we will pick up.

HUMOUR: There is a senior citizen driving on the highway. His wife calls him on his cell phone and in a worried voice says, "Herman, be careful! I just heard on the radio that there is a madman driving the wrong way on Route 280!" Herman says, "I know, but there isn't just one, there are hundreds!"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Knights of Columbus Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet at All Hallows on Tuesday September 4, 2018 at 7:45 pm This meeting will take place after 7:00 pm mass at All Hallows. All Brother Knights are urged to attend.

BAPTISM SEMINAR: There will be a baptism seminar on **Wed, September 12th, at 7:00 pm**, at the Cathedral. This is meant for parents and godparents. We offer an update on what it means to have a child baptized together with the understanding that there must be a well-founded hope that the child be reared in the practice of the faith. We also offer a walkthrough of the liturgy and provide an opportunity for questions and discussion.

CHASE THE ACE: Chase the Ace is started in Humber Arm South again. Draws will take place Sunday evenings at 6 pm at the Humber Arm South community hall. This is a joint event between Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and the Town of Humber Arm South.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: With **Father Pyritho Marcellin - Sept 28-Oct 8 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Cost of \$2065 (+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. **INFO:** Hector and Cécile Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.