

September 22, 2019 - 25th Sunday after Ordinary Time

The parable of the dishonest steward.

Luke 16: 1-13

Miobi and the monster

There's an old Egyptian tale about a little boy named Miobi who came to a village where the people acted very strangely. All the villagers did was moan and groan about almost everything. The fires didn't get lit, the goats didn't get milked, the children didn't get clothed, and the crops didn't get planted, all because the villagers were expecting at any time to get eaten by the monster that lived on top of the mountain.

Miobi craned his neck to look up, and sure enough, there was the monster. It had a head like a crocodile and a body like a hippopotamus and a tail like a very fat snake. Smoke and fire came from its nostrils. The villagers lived in dread that any day the monster might come down and devour them all.

Miobi said to the villagers, "I'll go up the mountain by myself and challenge the monster." The villagers pleaded with him not to go, sure that he would never return, but Miobi was determined to take on the beast.

Miobi began to climb the mountain, and as he climbed higher and higher and got nearer and nearer, the monster looked smaller and smaller. *This is a very curious phenomenon*, thought Miobi. *When I back away from the monster, the monster gets larger, but the nearer I get to it, the smaller it becomes.*

When Miobi finally reached the cave at the top of the mountain, instead of a gigantic monster, he found a quiet little creature about the size of a toad. It purred. Miobi picked it up and put it in his pocket and headed back down the mountain.

When the villagers saw Miobi safe and sound, they wanted to make him their god for slaying the monster. Miobi explained exactly what had happened and how he had brought the "monster" back down the mountain as a pet. He showed them the little-toad like creature.

"What is your name?" the villagers asked the little creature.

"I have many names," the creature replied. "Some call me famine, and some pestilence; some call me war, and some cancer."

Then the little creature yawned and added, "But most call me 'What Might Happen.'"

[From 52 Meditations to Nudge Your World by R. Wayne Willis.]

Many of us are stalked by the monster of "What Might Happen": we squander the opportunities we have to do great things with the resources we have for fear of failure or loss; we're satisfied to avoid what is bad rather than to risk our comfort and treasure for the sake of good. Jesus calls us beyond our comfort zones to take up the cross of selflessness and compassion; he urges us to risk everything in order to realize the love of God in all things.

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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

September 15, 2019

Regular Collection	\$1960.40
Votive Candles	41.80
Building Fund	40.00
Cemetery Fund	5.00
Garden Party Proceeds	30.00
Mass Stipends	30.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 p.m.	Late Bernard Joyce
Wed, 10 a.m.	Late Wayne Brake
Thur, 7 p.m.	Late Leo and Ellen Parsons
Fri, 10 a.m.	Special Intention
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Late Leo Hepditch
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 28	
Basil English John Carroll	Marie Byrne Joe Byrne Art Hall
September 29	
Sherry-Lynn Brake Donna Eldridge	Elizabeth Carew Doreen Jones Margaret Dalley
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
Eileen Moore	

FALL CONCERT: Sacred Heart Parish will be holding their Fall Concert on Friday, September 27. Performers include Kyra Adey, Earl Butt, Brenda Hall, Jack Joyce, Joe Lynch, Jim Parsons, Lisa Reid and The Griffins.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

THANK YOU - WILLS AND BEQUESTS: We are very grateful to the estate of Doctor Kevin Smith and his wife Doctor Marjorie Smith who named us in their Will. We have received from this estate \$41,000.00 and have invested that money to be used next year in a project yet to be determined. This is not only a sign of their generosity but also a reminder to us to think about our parish not only while we are active members but possibly also in our Wills and Estate Planning. Again, thank you to Doctors Kevin and Marjorie Smith.

PARISH COUNCIL: Current members of our parish council are: Carl Bennett, Art Hall, Brian Sparkes, and Bill Brake. The members finishing their term this year and who can be nominated for another term are: Don Gallant, Mike Leonard, and Barb Neville. There are two other vacancies that need to be filled. That means **we need five nominations** to complete our membership. Please nominate persons for these positions. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

WORLD TOURISM DAY: World Tourism Day is celebrated annually on September 27, the date when, in 1970, the Statutes of the United Nations World Tourism Organization were adopted. The adoption of these Statutes is considered a milestone in global tourism. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide. The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has released its annual message for this year's World Tourism Day, which has as its theme **"A better future for all"**. Visit www.rcchurch.com to read the entire message.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM: The Responsible Ministry Protocol states that there should be two adults always present with children. This requirement is now common practice in any group which involves children. We would like to invite adults or confirmed young adults to consider being present during the Children's Liturgy program at our Church. For more information please contact Father Jim or the Parish office. 785-5025.

4 YOUTH: What is a patron saint? They are special protectors or guardians over any area of life that is important to us, such as occupations, illnesses, churches, countries, causes, etc. Patron saints are named by popes but can be chosen by individuals or groups as well. Patron saints are often chosen because an interest, talent or event in their lives relates with a special area. Saint Francis of Assisi, for example, loved nature, so he is the patron saint of ecologists. We should all have a patron saint. Why? For one thing, we can use that saint's life as an example for our own lives. For another, we can ask for that saint's intercessory prayers to God on our behalf, kind of like asking a friend to pray for us. It would be a good project to do some internet research on Catholic saints and find one who would be a good patron saint for you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taking up the Poor Box Collection **next weekend, September 28-29th**. Please be generous as the need is great. Also, we are in great need of beds, tables and chairs, and sofas at present. Please call 638-9010 to arrange pick-up. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH: A special collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is being taken up in all parishes on the weekend of September 28-29. The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada invites all the faithful to participate in this financing by helping their diocese meet its financial obligations to the regional assemblies and to the national Conference. Any additional revenues raised help the diocese support its own diocesan pastoral programs and other activities.

ALL HALLOWS OKTOBER FEST-LIVE AUCTION: All Hallows Parish will be having a live auction on Saturday, September 28, in the All Hallows Basement at 7 p.m. The evening will include refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Admission is \$5.00 by ticket only. To receive your ticket please call Bill at 639-9900 or at 640-2646.

DIOCESAN ACCOUNTING CLERK PART TIME: The Diocese currently requires an Accounting Clerk. This part time position is located in Corner Brook and reports directly to the Financial Administrator. For more information see the Diocesan site at www.rcchurch.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: Available to all STUDENTS who graduated Grade XII with Honours in June 2019 and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. Application deadline: October 31, 2019. Information and applications under scholarships on the State Council website at www.kofcni.org.

HUMOR: When I look at chocolate, I hear two voices in my head. One voice says, "Eat the Chocolate." the other voice says, "You heard me, eat the chocolate."