

OUR KIDS

You're scrolling through the news or thumbing through the paper and you come across a story about a kid who overdosed or was bullied to the point of such despair that the kid took his or her own life. You might shrug for a second, shake your head, sigh that this is just another case of bad parenting, another failure of bloated public schools, another example of the wide chasm between "them" and "us."

Or, you might not even notice the story at all as you move on to the business section or the sports page.

But if that kid lived in your state or city or town, you'd notice. Hey, this kind of thing just doesn't happen here! You'd demand accountability; you'd want to know what's being done to help kids like this.

Now if the kid went to the same school as your son or daughter, you'd immediately join other parents in asking some hard questions of school and law enforcement officials.

If the kid lived next door to you, you'd be right there for that family. It would be as if your child had died.

And if it was your own son or daughter . . .

That fact is: It is our own kid. Every kid is our kid.

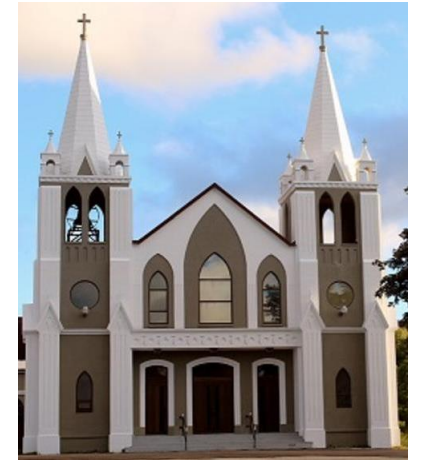
Harvard Professor of Public Policy Dr. Robert Putnam, author of *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, writes: "Our sense of 'we' has shriveled. Now when people talk about 'our kids,' they talk about their own biological kids; they don't talk about all kids. This leads to a situation that's bad for the economy and bad for democracy. But it's just not right. We have an obligation to care for other people's kids too."

That's Jesus' point in today's Gospel: Every kid is our kid. Every person in trouble is our responsibility. Every injustice endured by another is our responsibility. Because every kid, every person in trouble, every innocent is Christ. To be a disciple of Christ is to possess the vision of God that enables us to see the goodness and image of God in every human being. Our care for the poor, our work to alleviate despair and injustice in our communities, our holding ourselves accountable for creating more opportunities for the under-educated and under-employed is our first and most meaningful response to our baptismal call to proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom in his Christ.

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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
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.

November 26, 2017

34th Sunday of Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Nov. 18 & 19)

Regular Collection	1758.00
Building Fund	25.00
Votive Candles	50.75
Sunday Missal	65.00
Mass Stipends	110.00
Memorial Fund	105.00
Shepherds' Fund	805.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 25	John Hepditch
Nov 26	Parish Community
Nov 27	No Mass
Nov 28	Joseph & Margaret Jennex
Nov 29	Thomas, Edith & James Hackett
Nov 29	Jean Buckle
Nov 30	Jim Park
Dec 1	Special Intention
Dec 2	Isabelle Barry
Dec 3	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
December 2	
Art Hall Joan Penney	Donna Mitchell Frank Lewis Marie Byrne
December 3	
Don Gallant Janet Jackson	Wayne Dicks Amelia Dicks Barbara Neville
Communion to the Sick – Tony Griffin	

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.

SHEPHERDS' FUND You are reminded that the annual Shepherds' Fund Foundation collection will be taken up this weekend. If you are not able to make your contribution at this time, envelopes will continue to be available and donations will be accepted at any time. The Board of the Shepherds' Fund Foundation extends sincere appreciation for your kind support.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE INQUIRY

Would the person or family with contribution envelopes numbered 159 please contact the parish office. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY group will meet in the Church archive room on **Sunday, November 26 at 7pm**. We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word'.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting takes place on **December 4th at 7pm**

ADVENT FOLDERS are now available at the rear of the church. Please take one.

LADIES GROUP DINNER

Our Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5pm. All ladies who plan to attend are asked to please call Veronica or Pat to confirm as we need to make reservations.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The monthly St. Vincent de Paul poor box collection will be taken next week (December 2-3) and not this weekend as originally advertised. We apologize for any inconvenience.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

During the month of October, there were 16 home visits to 18 people. This required 26 volunteer hours and cost \$728.94. There were another 25 volunteer hours connected to furniture moves and administration. Mary's Kitchen saw 177 people served including 18 children, at a cost of \$525.00. Boxes have been put at the doors of the Churches for donations of socks, mitts, and other warm clothing. Thank you and God bless you for your caring support. We are now in our new furniture storage facility on Premier Drive, anyone needing assistance in that regard can contact us at 638-9010.

PETITION CONCERNING BILL C-51

Bill C-51, currently before the House of Commons, seeks to streamline the Criminal Code of Canada by removing provisions no longer relevant in contemporary society. Clause 14 of Bill C-51 seeks to repeal section 176 (1, 2, 3) of the Criminal Code, which makes it an indictable offence to obstruct or cause violence to an officiating clergyman or minister, as well as to disturb religious worship or gatherings. The Parliamentary Standing Committee for Justice and Human Rights has voted to amend this clause so as to retain section 176 with a new provision including all religious and spiritual services. Since the amended Bill has yet to pass into law and may still meet resistance, Rob Nicholson, MP for Niagara Falls, has forwarded a paper petition to the CCCB seeking the support of all Canadians in asking the Government of Canada to retain section 176 of the Criminal Code. This petition will be placed in the churches of our Diocese over the weekend of December 9-10. Please consider signing it.

HUMOUR

While enjoying an early morning breakfast in a northern Arizona café, four elderly ranchers were discussing everything from cattle, horses, and weather to how things used to be in the "good old days." Eventually the conversation moved on to their spouses. One gentleman turned to the fellow on his right and asked "Roy, aren't you and your bride celebrating your fiftieth wedding anniversary soon?" "Yup, we sure are," Roy replied. "Well, are you gonna do anything special to celebrate?" another man asked. The old gentleman pondered this for a moment, then replied, "For our twenty-fifth anniversary, I took Bea to Tucson. Maybe for our fiftieth, I'll go down and get her."

4YOUTH

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast is observed on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This feast day was begun by Pope Pius XI in 1925 at a time when it seemed as if respect for Christ and the Church was disappearing. This feast is meant to refocus faith and respect in the Kingship of Jesus and to remind us that Christ should be the King of our hearts and lives. It is fitting that we celebrate Christ's kingship right before Advent, as we prepare for the arrival of the promised Messiah. For an explanation of this feast along with some good music, check out the video on You Tube called "The Solemnity of Christ the King: an AFCC Audio-Video Presentation."

