

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone . . . If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church . . .

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

Matthew 18: 15-20

Your song

When a woman in a certain African tribe knows she is pregnant, she goes out into the wilderness with a few friends and together they pray and meditate until they "hear" the "song" of the child. They recognize that every soul has its own vibration that expresses its unique purpose and essence. When the women become attuned to the song, they sing it out loud. Then they return to the tribe and teach the song to everyone else.

When the child is born, the community gathers and sings the child's song to him or her. Later, when the child begins his or her education, the village gathers and chants the child's song. When the child passes through the initiation to adulthood, the people again come together to sing. At the time of marriage, the young spouses hear their songs. And, finally, when the soul is about to pass from this world to the next, family and friends gather at the individual's bedside and, just as they sang at the dying individual's birth, they sing the person into the afterlife.

There is one other occasion when these African villagers sing to the child. If, at any time during his or her life, the individual commits a crime or aberrant social act, the individual is called to the center of the village and the people in the community form a circle around him or her. Then they sing the child's song to them. The tribe realizes that the correction for antisocial behavior is not punishment; it is love and the remembrance of identity. When you recognize your own song, you have no desire or need to do anything that would hurt another.

A friend is someone who knows your "song" and "sings" it to you when you have forgotten it. Those who love you are not fooled by mistakes you have made or dark images you hold about yourself. They remember your beauty when you feel ugly; your wholeness when you are broken; your innocence when you feel guilty; and your purpose when you are confused.

[From *Wisdom of the Heart* by Alan Cohen.]

Though we do not belong to an African tribe that "sings" one another's "song" at crucial transitions in our lives, every life is, nonetheless, a constant challenge to be in "tune" with both the good and bad, to be in sync with the many communities we are a part of: family, school, community, church. That awareness is Jesus' point in today's Gospel: God asks us to call out the best in one another, to celebrate what unites us - singing and listening to the "song" that expresses the meaning and values of our individual lives. Gospel-centered reconciliation is not about punishing those who wrong us but confronting those misunderstandings and issues that divide us, grieve us and embitter us in order to repair broken relationships and rebuild community in the compassion and peace of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



Parish Information

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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 ****NEW****

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.

September 10, 2017
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (September 2/3)

Regular Collection	\$ 1473.55
Building Fund	\$ 155.00
Parish Dues	\$ 250.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 90.00
Donations in Memory Molly Brake	\$ 95.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 55.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 11	No Mass
Sept 12	Jack & Joan Hearn
Sept 13	Roderick Blanchard
Sept 14	Francis Griffin
Sept 15	Molly Brake
Sept 16	Michael, Ada, Lawrence, & Reaine George
Sept 17	Mass for the Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
September 16	
Basil English	Frank Lewis Art Hall
Gen Quigley	Joe Byrne
September 17	
Calvin Gillis	Margaret Dalley Wayne Dicks
Donna Eldridge	Amelia Dicks
Communion to the Sick	
Joe & Marie Byrne	

A NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH. This schedule covers October 2017 to September 2018. If you are unable to perform your duties on a scheduled day, please find a replacement.

BIBLE STUDY

The group will meet in the Church archive room on **Monday, September 11 at 7 pm**. We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word.'

ROSARY - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Ladies Group invite you to join them in the recitation of the Rosary at **6:30 pm on Wednesday September 13** in our church.

PARISH COUNCIL

the first council meeting of the season will take place on **Monday, September 11th at 7pm** in the church. **We are now accepting nominations for future members.** Please give serious thought to joining Parish Council to do your part in keeping Sacred Heart a vibrant and healthy parish. Forms are available at the rear of the church. Elections if needed will be held on the 4th weekend of September.

MARY'S KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To all men and women of the parish: **Sacred Heart is responsible for Mary's Kitchen for the month of September** and has been asked to provide deserts. We also need 4-5 people to help serve meals. If you are able to help with this worthy cause, please call Veronica at 639-7216. Thank You.

MARY'S KITCHEN HOURS HAVE CHANGED

Effective September 1st, the hours of operation will be from 4 PM to 5:30 PM each Friday. Mary's Kitchen, is operated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with the cooperation and help of volunteers from other Catholic organizations. A free hot meal is offered to everyone who attends. Located in the basement of Most Holy Redeemer Cathedral, Mt. Bernard Ave. All are welcome.

LADIES GROUP FUN NIGHT

Open to members of the ladies group on Friday, October 22 at 645 in the parish house. Start saving your nickels ☺

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet at All Hallows on Tuesday September 12 at 7:45PM. All Knights are asked to attend.

HUMOUR

The minister's little six-year-old girl had been so naughty during the week that her mother decided to give her the worst kind of punishment. She told her she couldn't go to the Sunday School Picnic on Saturday.

When the day came, her mother felt she had been too harsh and changed her mind. When she told the little girl she could go to the picnic, the child's reaction was one of gloom and unhappiness.

"What's the matter? I thought you'd be glad to go to the picnic." her mother said.

"It's too late!" the little girl said. "I've already prayed for rain."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

St. Paul echoes Christ in many ways. In the 13th Chapter from his letter to the Romans, he continues with his thoughts on how we should live to please God, and he uses a sentence which Christ often repeated. After listing several of the 10 Commandments, Paul states, "...whatever other commandments there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'."

There is always much that gets debated in that admonition, such as loving yourself, and who exactly is your neighbor? Paul's point, like that of Jesus, is simply that we are called to treat others as we may like to be treated. We need to show them the respect and caring that we may hope for and wish for. God loves us, and if we realize that, we may ultimately come to the conclusion that we are loveable.

Most of us know someone whose love is evident by how they treat others and how they live. Loving neighbor is a visible expression of everything that Jesus taught. It is a way of expressing the depth of our faith and our belief that we are Disciples of Christ.

St. Francis de Sales captured all about what this love is and who is your neighbor when he wrote, "Examine your heart often to see if it is such toward your neighbor as you would like his or hers to be toward you in his or her place. This is the touchstone of true reason." It is relatively basic and simple — our neighbor is everyone with whom we have contact and love is what makes it all work.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

This feast, celebrated annually on September 14, recalls three historical events: 1. the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; 2. the dedication of the churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and 3. the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclitus II. But, most importantly, this feast celebrates the cross as the instrument of our salvation, as expressed in the words of the entrance antiphon for Mass on this day: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

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