

February 12, 2023: 6th Sunday in ordinary time

“For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.....”

Matthew 5:17

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three-part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today’s reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord’s Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor. When, Matthew speaks of “the Law and the prophets” he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead, it will be fulfilled. Matthew’s Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew’s community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through “the Law and the prophets.” But God’s work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

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Jesus seems to offer a different but complementary challenge about our decisions and how we live them out. Four times we hear “you have heard that it was said to your ancestors...but I say to you.” His listeners are challenged not just to check off the box of following the rules, but to be aware of inner motivations. It’s not simply conforming to the rules about insults, marriage, adultery, and oaths. It’s about having a heart that is fundamentally oriented towards reverencing others in our speech, honoring the gifts of sexuality and marriage, and being trustworthy and honest. This is a call to deeper conversion, a challenge to not just keep the law, but to also have an internal posture of love and respect for others, for ourselves, and for our Creator. A challenge to be a person of integrity.

What about you? Is there a place where you have made a choice in your mind and heart but haven’t carried it out—a place where you are still sitting on the log, looking down in the pond? Or is there a place where you are “doing the right thing” but your heart isn’t in it, where you are going through motions, following the letter but not the spirit of the law to be compassionate, loving, truthful and just? What support do you need in reaching out your hand and choosing life and choosing the good in your world this week?

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.

Friday at 10 am.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, **closed to public.**

Bible Study:

Bible study will resume on Sundays at 7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

January 28th – January 29th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$605.00
Building Fund	110.00
Envelope Cost contributions	5.00
Reconciliation Day Fund	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	
Wed. 7 pm	
Thu. 7 pm	
Fri 10 am	Late Annie Griffin
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Edward Callahan
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Feb 18	
Joan Penney	Art Hall Eileen Moore
Feb 19	
Mike Leonard	Joe Byrne Brian Sparkes
Communion to the sick –Eileen Moore	

CONDOLENCES: We offer our condolences to the family of Late Mary Gardner. Let us remember Mary and her family in our prayers. Rest in peace.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible study will continue this Sunday. Everybody is welcome.

PARISH OUTREACH: There is a committee formed to help the parish to provide outreach to parishioners who are not always able to attend our services. This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a

pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish outreach Committee will be starting a coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and also welcome new members.

MARRIAGE COURSE FOR 2023: will be held on Friday, April 22nd 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 23rd 9:30 am at the Cathedral lower level. If you wish to avail of this preparation for marriage, please call the Parish Office at 634-5161 to register. You are required to do this to get married in the Catholic Church. There is a fee of \$50.00.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The upcoming campaign is: Stand for the Land to Create Hope. We will Stand for the Land in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are defending their territories in the Global South by protecting their lands and waters, the environment and human life. Be sure to discover this Share Lent campaign at our national launch webinar on February 25th. To register - devp.org/events

4 YOUTH: February 11th is the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. On that date in 1858, as fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous was gathering wood, she saw a vision of a very beautiful lady dressed in blue and white, holding a gold rosary. This lady appeared to Bernadette eighteen times in all. She told Bernadette to pray for sinners, to do penance

and to have a chapel built on that site. One day, the lady told Bernadette to dig in the mud at a certain spot, and as she did, a spring of clear water began to flow. This spring is now the famous spring of Lourdes which millions of pilgrims visit annually and where thousands of miraculous healings have occurred. You can watch the story of Our Lady of Lourdes in a video entitled Fr. Barron visits Lourdes: Mary the Immaculate Conception on You Tube.

LADIES GROUP MEETING: There will be a meeting of the ladies group this Monday, Feb 13 at 6pm in the church meeting room. New members are always welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE: WINTER CARNIVAL BRUNCH: Brunch will be held at **All Hallows Parish on Sunday, February 26th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** and will consist of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade beans, toast, juice and tea or coffee. Price is \$10.00. Takeout will be available.

ADVANCE NOTICE: ALL HALLOWS CARNIVAL BINGO: The 29th Winter Carnival Bingo will be held in the church basement of All Hallows Church on **Sunday, February 19, at 2:00 p.m.** All are welcome.

RECEIPTS AVAILABLE: Receipts are available for pick up at the parish office. Due to disruptions in the office, mistakes could be possible. Receipts will be available at church next weekend. If there are any errors, please contact the parish office and we will try to resolve the problem.

CHANGE IN LOCATION OF WEEKDAY MASSES: Daily mass will be held in the parish house.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The ladies group are looking for volunteers to help sell tickets at Dominion on the following dates: Thurs Feb 23, Sat, Mar 4, Thurs, Mar 9, Fri, Mar 10, Sat, Mar 18 and Thurs, Mar 23. We are also asking parishioners to take as many tickets as you can to sell to family and friends. Tickets will be available to sign out before each weekend Mass in the front porch. Together we can make this a success. Contact Veronica at 639 7216 if you are able to help in raising funds for our parish.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The regular monthly meeting of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be held at 7:00 pm Wednesday, February 15th in the lower level of the Cathedral. New members welcome.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION: Joseph Moothedan will be resigning his position as Office Administrator as he has decided to start school in September. We are now accepting applications for this position. This is a 20 Hour per week position. If interested, please contact the Parish Office to obtain a Job Description.

