

September 18, 2022: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So, if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? Luke 16:10

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life. The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

The steward is described as squandering his master’s money. This is the same word that is used to describe the prodigal son’s spending habits. The steward was careless in a different manner though. He is trying to make money for his master by loaning out money, but he is also trying to make a commission for himself on each loan. In his enthusiasm to make money for himself, he loans out too much of his master’s money. Now the rich man has too little cash on hand.

When asked to make an account, he meets with the debtors and changes the terms of their loans. He might be removing his own commission. Or he might be cheating his master of the interest on the loan. In either case, he is being shrewd. He knows the debtors will be happy at the change of terms and perhaps help him out as a token of their appreciation. This man is an unlikely hero for this parable. But Jesus is telling us that even greedy people see the value of generosity. So we, as disciples of Jesus, should be even more able to recognize how important it is to be kind and compassionate to others. We know all we have comes from God, so we should be willing to share what we have.

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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 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Lohnes Complex

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

Bible Study:

Cancelled for summer.

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.

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September 7th – September 8th, 2022

Regular Sunday	\$1698.75
Building Fund	85 .00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Building Fund (Roof)	200.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Bern Joyce
Wed. 7 pm	Late Annetta Hackett
Thu. 7 pm	Late Edna Carroll
Fri. 10:00 am	Late Daphne Brake
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Catherine Coombs
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 24	
Don Gallant	Donna Mitchell Art Hall
September 25	
Anna House	Barbara Neville Mona Specker
Communion to the Sick – Barbara Neville	

BIBLE STUDY: The parish will start the bible study again if there is sufficient interest. Please call the parish office if you are interested in this.

FINANCES: At the parish council meeting of September 12th, it was decided that Fr. Jim would speak about financial sustainability for our parish. This will take place during the masses of September 24th and 25th.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

For the abolition of the death penalty - We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

PARISH COUNCIL: The following persons have been nominated for the position on the parish council: **Mike Leonard, Denise Bruce, Gerard Deveaux, Tony Griffin, and Marie Pennell.** Balleets will be available next weekend for voting at mass.

ROOF CAMPAIGN: At the parish council meeting of September 12th, we were advised that the Ladies group and Men's group will be conducting ticket draws to help raise funds for the roof project. As well it was suggested that we should ask families to make block pledges to help pay for portions of the roof. Like the windows project a few years ago, families will be asked to donate \$1000.00 and their names will appear on a memorial plaque in the church.

These and other projects are still being discussed. Thank you for your generosity.

4YOUTH: "What is a Patron Saint" Patron Saints 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 life as an example for our own lives or 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 that would be a good Patron Saint for you.

MOUNT PATRICIA FALL CLEANUP: September 24th to October 1st- Flowers and other personal items must be removed from the graves by October 1st. Any items remaining after this date that cause obstruction to the operations of the cemetery will be removed by the cemetery staff.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE: The International Day of Peace (or World Peace Day) celebrated annually on September 21 is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. At a time when war and violence often monopolize our news cycles, the International Day of Peace is an inspiring reminder of what we can create together. Peace. Let's give it a chance! Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. This year is particularly significant: It is the 20th Anniversary of the UN Resolution on the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace. This year's theme is End Racism, Build Peace. We all have a role to play in fostering peace. Tackling racism is a crucial way to contribute to this effort.

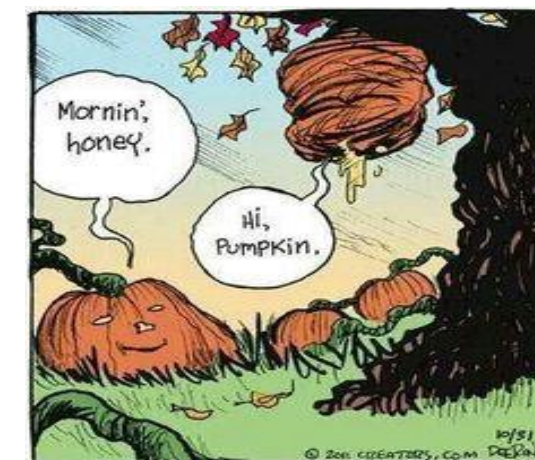
ADVANCE NOTICE: Starting in early October the access road to the Cathedral from Mt. Bernard will be closed due to the ongoing construction on Mt Bernard Ave. Please use an alternate route via Wellington Street to attend mass during this time.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The Society's next meeting will be on September 21st, at 7 PM, in the basement of the cathedral. New members are welcome.

LAY VISITORS' SEMINAR: Those interested in the ministry of lay visitors to Long Term Care at Western Regional Health are asked to gather on Wednesday, September 28th at 10 am (after morning Mass) at the Cathedral. To get an update and in-service on our ministry as lay visitors. This is for current visitors. If you are not involved but would like to participate, you are most welcomed to join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 0624 will be meeting on September 20th at 7:45pm at All Hallows. Sir Knights please try to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS: Are available to all students who graduated Grade XII with Honors in June 2022 and are attending a post-Secondary institution in September. Application deadline is October 31, 2022. Information and applications under scholarships on the State Council website at www.kofcni.org



HUMOUR:

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
With a pumpkin patch!
What did the leaf say to the other leaf?
I'm falling for you.