

August 3rd, 2025: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10:00a.m.
Daily mass is cancelled & Office Closed any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

<u>Lohnes Complex*</u>	Will start again September 5 th , 2025.
<u>Bible Study:</u>	To be determined at a later date.
<u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u>	Postponed until further notice.
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	By request.
<u>Marriages:</u>	Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.
<u>Baptisms:</u>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<u>Family Connections:</u>	At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
July 26 & 27

Regular Sunday	1365.30
Loose Offering	188.00
Building Fund	40.00
Votive Candles	24.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
St. Vincent de Paul	100.00
Living with Christ	8.00

MASS INTENTIONS
August 5 - 10

Aug. 5	The Late Gerald & Amelda Murray
Aug. 6	The Late Susan Canning
Aug. 7	The Late Dan & John O’Brien
Aug. 8	The Power Family
Aug. 9	The Late Madonna Butler
Aug. 10	The Late Helen Gallant

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Aug. 9 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Art Hall	Don Gallant
Aug. 10 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Victoria Murphy	Brian Sparkes
Communion to the Sick: John Carroll	

SACREMENTAL PREPARATION:
This will start in September. Registration forms are still available at the back of the church or contact Julia Myles-Hackett at juliahackettmyles@gmail.com

WALK-A-THON: September 20th, 2025:
Keep those Shoes handy for our walk-a-thon on **Saturday, 10:30 a.m., September 20th, 2025.**
Starting from: Sacred Heart Church
To: The parking lot/picnic tables area.
There is a **registration form** at the back of the church for those interested in participating.
Once you sign-up please take a sponsor sheet.

If you cannot participate and would still like to help raise funds, you can get a sponsor sheet to support and sponsor someone else during this walk.

Come sign up for this walk in support of our parish. Remember we can issue a tax receipt for anyone who sponsors you.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:
During our last Parish Council meeting in June, we voted to form a fundraising committee.
On Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 6:30pm we will be having a meeting to form this committee. If you are interested in participating, please attend.
If you cannot make the meeting but wish to join, please let the office know. Everyone is welcome to join.

READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTER SERVERS NEW SCHEDULE:
The schedules were made available in the last month, if you have did not get a copy, please contact Tony Griffin or the parish office. Thank you.

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:
Appeals for Hope:
Echoing the age-old message of the prophets, the Jubilee reminds us that *the goods of the earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone.* The rich must be generous and not avert their eyes from the faces of their brothers and sisters in need. Here I think especially of those who lack water and food: hunger is a scandal, an open wound on the body of our humanity, and it summons all of us to a serious examination of conscience. I renew my appeal that “with the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, let us establish a global fund that can finally put an end to hunger and favour development in the most impoverished countries, so that their citizens will not resort to violent or illusory situations, or have to leave their countries in order to seek a more dignified life”.[8]
.....affluent nations. I ask that they acknowledge the gravity of so many of their past decisions and determine to forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them.

Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis

PARKING:
Please remember, we have updated the parking lot area with new lines, please pay attention to the **In and Out** arrows as we are trying to avoid any problems.
Also **DO NOT park** in the **NO PARKING** section, especially facing the school, this is a lane for the bishops’ office and the private home behind the church and **CANNOT** be blocked.

Direct Deposit (incorrect name) – replace with PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT:
Last week we gave out a form for Direct Deposit, even though it was labelled for Pre-Authorized Debit. Our bank cannot use that form and we ask that you **use Pre-authorized Debit from your bank.**
All you need to do is go to your bank and arrange it with them. Then provide us with a copy, so we know which envelope to add the donation to.
You can still use the date and our banking information from the form for your branch. We ask that the withdrawal be on the **15th** of each month for the Sunday Collection (**White envelopes only**). Special collections are not included in this option.

Reflection: Heavenly glory

While out for an evening walk,
I emerged from an area where the streets
were lit by bright lamps,
and came into an open, dark area.
It was only then I discovered
that the sky was full of stars.
And I thought to myself:
how easily and how effectively
the earthly lights extinguish
the heavenly ones.
Lord, help us to seek the things
that make us rich in your sight,
and grant that the glitter of this world
may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.