

September 28th, 2025: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

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FALL CLEAN UP - MT. PATRICIA CEMETERY:

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 – OCTOBER 1, 2025

This is the last weekend to clean up and remove items from any grave sites before October 1, 2024, as the Mt. Patricia staff will be preparing the cemetery for the upcoming winter season. After that date cemetery staff will remove any remaining items and discard them. MPCA would like to thank the public for their cooperation in this matter.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS:

Come help out with the Children's Liturgy on Sundays. Contact the parish office (709)785-5025 or juliahackettmyles@gmail.com Thank you.

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Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

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>	First Friday of each month at 2pm.
<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 September 20 & 21	
Regular Sunday	2161.00
Loose Offering	150.00
Building Fund	40.00
Votive Candles	42.95
Mass Stipends	15.00
Living with Christ	13.50
In Memorium	165.00

MASS INTENTIONS September 30 - October 5	
Sept. 30	<i>No Mass – Father Lainey Away</i>
Oct. 1-3	<i>No Mass – Father Lainey Away</i>
Oct. 4	The Late Alvina (Tiny) George
Oct. 5	The Late Elizabeth & Thomas Hayes (Sr.)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
Oct. 4 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Joan Penney	Eileen Moore
Oct. 5 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Veronica Stone	Donna Mitchell
Communion to the Sick: Barbara Neville	

GIFT CARD TREE FUNDS:

We have our new oil tanks installed now and will be using the rest of the funds to pay for oil in the coming months. Thanks again to everyone.

NO MORNING MASS:

There is no mass this coming week from **Tuesday, September 30 to Friday, October 3rd**, 2025, as Father Lainey will be away.

OFFICE CLOSED:

The office will be closed **Tuesday, September 30th** for National Truth and Reconciliation Day.

SSVP – POOR BOX COLLECTION:

This weekend the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box collection will take place during the weekend **Masses of September 27 – 28, 2025**. Volunteers will be at the entrances to accept your donations after Mass. We thank you for your continued support.

FALL CRAFT FAIR - Our Lady Star of the Sea:

Our Lady Star of the Sea will be holding a Fall Craft Fair at the church on **Sunday October 5th, 2025, from 10-3pm**. All are welcome.

***Please Join the Sacred Heart
Bids & Blessings Auctions Group.***

The purpose of this group will be to organize and manage auction-based fundraising initiatives that will support the Parish’s ongoing financial needs and/or community activities. It is our belief this initiative can play an important role in sustaining and growing the mission of Sacred Heart Parish. Cleaning out your basement, or garage? Don’t toss it — donate it to the Auction Group! Contact Lisa Myles, Liz Carew, Dan Park, or Marie Pennell. Even just by joining the Group and inviting your friends, you will be providing great support. All proceeds from our Auctions will go directly to Sacred Heart, and will aid in meeting the needs of our Parish and for expenses and upkeep of our lovely church in Curling. Thank you to everyone for supporting us in our fund-raising efforts. We appreciate each and every one of you. God Bless.

**PATRON SAINT OF THE DIOCESE
– ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX – SPEICAL MASS:**

Wednesday, October 1st marks the feast of the Patron saint of the diocese: St. Therese of Lisieux. A special Mass will be offered at the Holy Redeemer Cathedral at **7 p.m.** to accommodate those who are working during the day. We invite everyone to attend.

LOHNES COMPLEX:

We are always looking for volunteers to help with communion to the sick at the Lohnes Complex. If you have some time to spare, please contact Father Lainey, or the parish office at 709-785-5025. Thank you for helping with this worthy endeavour.

SACRED HEART BINGO:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their donation toward our September Bingo:
Stella Anthony, Debbie Allen, Linda Basha, Arlene Beales, Donna Beales, Evelyn Beales, Diane Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Marjorie Blanchard, Colleen Boland, Karen Buckle, Eileen Buckle, Sandy Buckle, Ed Brake, Judy Brake, Esther Byrne, Joe Byrne, Hilda Butt, Joan Butt, Roberta Canning, Linda Cashin, Marina Cashin, Christine Chadderton, Lynn Coombs, Gertrude Daye, Jerome Dicks, Jennifer Dolomount, Barbara Ann Dunphy, Roger Dwyer, Madonna English, John Hayes, Joe Hayes, Veronica Hickey, Karen Roche and Catherine Musseau. If there were any names omitted, please contact Madonna English or Pat Jones or the office 709-785-5025. The ladies group took in a total of \$794.45. A big thank you to the members of the ladies group and the men in our parish who helped. It was very much appreciated.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL KITCHEN PANTRY:
During **October** month the **Outreach Committee** will be collecting donations on **Saturdays and Sundays** to help fill the kitchen pantry at Sacred Heart School for families in need. Any and all donations of food items will be greatly appreciated.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING:
Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 at 7pm** in the church meeting room Anyone wishing to volunteer for the committee is more than welcome to join us.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER:
It will be held on **Wednesday evenings 7:00 pm** at the Holy Redeemer Cathedral.
NOTE: The **first rosary** will be held on October 1st **after** the Special Mass of ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

REFLECTION How wealth is judged

A week ago, the sycamore tree
was loaded with gold.
However, instead of sitting back
and enjoying it, it began to give it away.
At first it was just a leaf here and a leaf there,
whenever the wind asked for a contribution.
But soon it was giving it away in fistfuls,
without being asked,
and without a thought for a wintry tomorrow.
Wealth is judged,
not by the amount that is accumulated,
but by the amount that is given away.
The only wealth that is worth having
is the wealth of the heart.
To close one’s heart is to begin to die;
to open it is to begin to live.

*Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B,
Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.316*