

September 7th, 2025: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

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SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY :

Furniture: During August, we made 31 furniture deliveries, which included 18 mattresses, 14 boxsprings, 14 bedframes, 7 dressers, 7 kitchen tables, 23 kitchen chairs and many other items. We also picked up 35 furniture donations. Storage cleanup, furniture repair, bagging of bedding and other tasks were also completed. Thanks to our volunteers who contributed a total of 104 hours. Appreciation to everyone who generously donated items.

Mary's Kitchen: An average of 25 -30 people attended our noon time barbeques each Friday in August. Beginning Friday, Sept 5th, our regular hours will resume from 4 - 5:30 pm each Friday. SSVp volunteers contributed a total of 75 hours during the month, as well as salads and desserts.

OIL TANK UPDATE:

We are pleased to announce that the new oil tanks are now installed and working. Thank you to Tony's Fix It for their great work and to everyone else who helped put this together.

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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.

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

August 30 & 31

Regular Sunday	1435.00
Loose Offering	85.35
Building Fund	25.00
Votive Candles	35.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
Living with Christ	19.00
In Memorium	100.00
Baptism Fees	50.00
Funeral Fees	100.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	10.00
World Mission Sunday	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

September 9 - 14

Sept. 9	The Late Robyn Griffin
Sept. 10	The Hynes Family
Sept. 11	The McCarthy & Murray Families
Sept. 12	The Late Roddy Blanchard
Sept. 13	The Late Theresa & Mary Joyce
Sept. 14	The Late Theresa Compagnion

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sept. 13 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Linda Tarbett	Joan Penney
Sept. 14 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Mike Leonard	Brian Sparkes
Communion to the Sick: John Carroll	

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 24th, 2025 at 7:00pm** in the meeting room at the Church.

SEPTEMBER BINGO:
We are pleased to announce that the Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding the next bingo on **Sunday, September 21st, 2025** at Sacred Heart Elementary School, starting at 2pm.

OUTREACH/COFFEE TIME:
After mass outreach/coffee time **will start this Sunday September 7th, 2025.** All are invited for coffee and a chat.
Anyone who wants to show off their dessert talent skills can bring an item after 11a.m. mass, it will be greatly appreciated. Look forward to seeing you there.

FAMILY CATECHETICS ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION:
For any parents interested/returning, the **orientation and registration session is Sept 10, 7 pm**, lower-level Holy Redeemer Cathedral. If you're unable to attend, please contact angie.dolomount@gmail.com or the Holy Redeemer office in advance to register for the year.
NOTE: Offering an **alternate programming** for children with diverse needs. The first session will be **for parents only**, in the lower level of the Cathedral, **September 25, at 7pm.**

GRENFELL CAMPUS MINISTRY:
Are you, or do you know, a young adult of the Catholic faith who is moving to Corner Brook or starting post-secondary studies, this fall (at Grenfell or CNA)? We'd love to meet you! Join us for Holy Mass on September 13th at 10:00 AM in the Multifaith Room (Grenfell Campus). A social will follow the Mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: angie.dolomount@gmail.com

IN MEMORY:
The Late Lucy Whelan & William Whelan:
From: Gerry Whelan

COMMUNION TO THE SICK/OUTREACH:
As part of our Outreach program, Communion to the Sick **will begin again on Thursday, September 11th, 2025** following morning Mass.
We are always looking for more volunteers to help out with this worthy endeavour. Contact the office if you would like to join. Thank You.

Anyone **wishing to be added** to the list to receive communion on Thursdays after morning mass, please contact our office (709-785-5025).

MASS IN THANKSGIVING:
On **Monday, September 22nd, 2025** at 11:30 am, in St Stephen's Parish, Stephenville, we will celebrate a Mass in Thanksgiving **for the life of Sister Betty Daniels** who died on July 3rd, 2025. In honor of her love and dedication to the needy you are invited to bring a donation of food or financial contribution to be given to the local food bank. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

WALK-A-THON: September 20th, 2025:
Our walk-a-thon will take place on **Saturday, 10:30 a.m., September 20th, 2025.** Remember to register at the back of the church for those interested in participating. Once you sign-up please take a sponsor sheet. This year after the walk-a-thon we will be having a barbeque in the church parking lot and if the weather turns, we will get together in the church hall.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:
This past Wednesday, September 3, 2025 we voted on a new Fundraising Committee. The following positions were filled:
Lisa Myles – Chair Person
Dan Park – Co-Chair Person
Marie Pennell- Secretary
Elizabeth Carew – Treasurer
Sherry Musseau – Volunteer
If you wish to be part of this committee, please call the office and you can be added as a volunteer. Congratulations to all.

SACREMENTAL PREPARATION:
Sessions will start in October. To register contact Julia Myles-Hackett at juliahackettmyles@gmail.com for further information. You will be notified of start times.

Reflection:Beatitudes

Blessed are those who realise that they cannot liv on bread alone but need the word of God too: they will be fully nourished.

Blessed are those who, when they have sinned, follow the example of the prodigal son, and come back home to seek reconciliation: they will cause heaven to ring with joy.

Blessed are those who stop to attend to a wounded neighbour, pouring in the oil of compassion and the wine of hope: they are the Good Samaritans of today.

Blessed are those who remove the plank from their own eyes before telling their brother to remove the splinter from his: their efforts at reforming others will bear fruit.

And blessed are those who, having put their hand to the plough, refuse to look back: they will be found worthy of the Kingdom.