

August 22nd, 2021 – 21 Sunday of Ordinary Time

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard, who can accept it . . . ?"

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"

Simon Peter said answered [Jesus], "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."
John 6: 60-69

Teaching generosity

To the Onondaga people of northeast North America, instilling in their children a spirit of gratitude and generosity is critical to the child's development and the good of the community.

When an Onondaga child is old enough to understand, the tribe gathers in a circle. The child is brought into the center of the circle and given sweet and cool things to drink. After the child has had his or her fill, a voice comes from outside the circle, crying, "I'm thirsty, I'm thirsty," and the child is encouraged to take the drink to the thirsty person.

The child is brought back into the circle and served delicious food. After the child eats, a voice outside the circle is heard, "I'm hungry, I'm hungry," and again, the child is taught to leave the circle to feed the hungry person.

The child returns to the circle and is given beautiful, warm clothes to wear — and a third time, a voice calls from outside the circle, "I'm cold, I'm cold," and the child is helped to gather up clothes and blankets to warm the freezing person.

The Onondaga people realize that the most effective way of teaching such generosity to their children is to model such kindness and empathy in their own lives.

The most important lessons we learn in life are usually the hardest; realizing that we have a responsibility to our families and communities can be a hard lesson to learn — and to teach. The Gospel can be difficult to embrace: Jesus' demand that his disciples must be forgiving and merciful runs counter to what human convention dictates; Gospel justice and compassion can make us very uncomfortable and uneasy. Many of us struggle to "endure this kind of talk" not because we don't understand Jesus but because we understand Jesus all too well. As the Onondaga people practice and teach, compassion, mercy and forgiveness are hard lessons to live in the challenging and complex lives we live but, in our struggles to act faithfully and with hope, we can "grow up" to understand that we are part of a world much greater than ourselves, that we are connected to everyone through the dignity we all share as sons and daughters of God.

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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
To Register, please call the office Tuesday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm.

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: Discontinued for the summer.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Discontinued 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.

**Masks are no longer mandatory but are still encouraged.
As well please maintain physical distancing at all times.**



RECEIVED WITH THANKS

August 22nd, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1170.00
E-Transfers July	235.00
Building Fund	30.00
Cemetery Fund	125.00
Word Among us	5.00
St. Anne's Oil	10.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Certificates	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Late Greg Joyce
Wed. 7pm	Late Alphonsus O'Quinn
Thu. 7pm	Late Emily Duffenais
Fri. 10pm	Late James O'Quinn
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Jim Cashin
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

WELCOME: Sacred Heart Parish warmly welcomes anyone who may be visiting our Parish this weekend. Whether you are visiting us just by chance or returning home, you're always a part of our family.

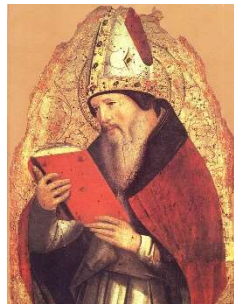
PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the gospel.

SAINT ANNE'S OIL: These are available at the parish office. We ask a \$7 offering for each.

CHURCH – MAJOR PROJECTS: After numerous meetings between the finance committee and the parish council it was decided to proceed with the paving of the parking lot. This should start anytime. We are still discussing the church roof but that would require a major fundraiser. If we were to proceed with the church roof, it would have to be something we look at in the fall.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of the late Cameron Carew. May he rest in peace.

SAINT MONICA: Saint Monica was a woman of great faith who led many members of her family to Christianity through her prayers and by her example. Her son, Augustine, however, lived a very worldly life and resisted his mother's requests to be baptized. Saint Monica prayed constantly for Augustine's conversion, after many years, her prayers were answered. Augustine was baptized, became a priest and then a bishop, as well as a great teacher of our faith. Saint Monica is the patron saint of wives and abuse victims.



SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO: Born November 13 354, died August 28, 430, AD, was a Roman African, early Christian theologian and philosopher from Numidia. His writings influenced the development of the Western Church and Western philosophy, and indirectly all of Western Christianity. He was the bishop of Hippo Regius in North Africa and for his writings in the Patristic Period is viewed as one of the most important Church Fathers of the Latin Church. Among his most important works are The City of God, De doctrina Christiana, and Confessions.

INSURANCE: We have received our bill for insurance. The total bill for the property, contents and liabilities of the church, the house and the priest vehicle amounts to \$10,295.86. We need your help paying this large bill. Any contributions you can make towards the cost will help free up costs for other projects. Please be generous.

PARISH COUNCIL: Thank you to those who serve on our parish Council. Every year three council members finish their terms in September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election.

COVID 19 REGULATIONS: They are constantly changing covid-19 regulations. The latest changes acknowledge that we are responsible adults. The church wants to threat us the same way. We never want to return to the strict Covid-19 guidelines. ***So we are encouraging mask use whenever you are not able to physically distance. You should be wearing your mask when entering, leaving, or moving around in our church when social distancing may be difficult to maintain. This includes when you come forward to receive communion.*** You can wear you masks all the time if you wish, it is perfectly exceptable. Handshaking, exchanging material and speaking in close proximity to each other is discouraged. Please contiue to do all you can to stop covid-19 and help us to find a new normal. Contact tracing is still required and a list will still be kept to everyone who attends services. We encourage you to call the office to preregister. Also please make use of the handsanitizer and other tools that will help us to respond to Covid-19. Thank you for your cooperation.

GIVING THANKS FOR SUMMER:

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
- Author Unknown

VOTIVE CANDLES/VIGIL LIGHTS: With the change in covid-19 regulations the regulations on touching common surfaces are lifted. You are invited to light votive candles in the votive candle stand as you offer prayers for your needs or the needs of others. We ask a donation of \$4 per candle.

