

Bishop's Reflection 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

I remember those days well. The days when, like Simon, I was sitting in the back of the boat. After all, God's Word was being addressed to other people, each one older than myself, and I was only along for the ride. Little did I know that it is impossible to be listening to God's Word, week in and week out, without it leading to something more. The longer I hung around the back of the boat, the more I would be affected. But what did I know about spiritual matters or how the Lord works in one's life? I was so convinced that God was calling my brother to be a priest, there was no point for me to investigate the matter. What a surprise to me, when my brother did not enter the seminary as he had always said he would. Surprised, and a bit overwhelmed, as the Lord turned to me, as I was sitting at the back of the boat, inviting me to consider his call. "Woe is me!" These are the words of Isaiah upon setting his eyes on "the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty." "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" Simon has a similar experience, as he witnesses the miraculous catch of fish. St. Paul also speaks about being, "the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God." These are only three of many stories in the Bible like it. Stories of people being called by the Lord, and expressing their own misgivings. I draw strength from these stories, because they are similar to mine. In fact, they are similar to many stories I have heard from a variety of people. Stories that are not the exception, but the norm. God calls those are often the most unlikely and the most flawed, calling them to trust in Him and the help that he will provide. Who has not been overwhelmed at the task that lay ahead or the thought that our sins or failures disqualify us from the trust God places in us? From childrearing to major projects, from positions of leadership to areas requiring special expertise, it is natural to experience reluctance, stress or fear at what is being asked of us. "Do not be afraid," Jesus tells Simon. "From now on you will be catching people." In the case of Isaiah, a live coal is used by the seraphs to touch his mouth. "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." St. Paul, too, speaks of the grace of God that is with him and gives him strength. Each in turn is reminded that, if it is the Lord who gives the task, it is only by God's strength and grace that it will be brought to completion. I draw courage from those who have gone before me: parents, teachers, priests and Religious, and many others too. With the benefit of hindsight, I now realize they were not perfect, each struggling with their particular faults and sins. Yet, each in their own way, be it in the context of family, community, Church or enterprise, gave themselves as best they could. On hearing God's voice, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?", they answered in unison, each in their own way, "Here I am; send me!" And, it was precisely in their sins and struggles to remain faithful to God and His call, that He drew them nearer to Himself.

February 6th, 2022 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time 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 house Tuesday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm.

Mass During Week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

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

Bible Study: Cancelled due to Covid regulations.
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 again mandatory at all indoor public gatherings
As well please maintain physical distancing at all times.**

MASKS THAT COVER BOTH THE NOSE AND THE MOUTH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN ATTENDING SERVICES OR FUNCTIONS IN THIS CHURCH.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS
January 30th, 2021**

Regular Sunday	\$1325.00
Word Among Us	10.00
Envelope Contributions	20.00
Christmas	250.00
Bingo Proceeds	525.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	140.00
Building Fund	65.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	
Wed. 7pm	
Thu. 7pm	Late Joyce White
Fri. 10 am	Late Paul Robertson
Sat. 4:30 pm	
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks: Karen Buckle, Marie Pennell, Joe and Marie Byrne.

CONDOLENCES: We offer prayerful condolences to the family of Edith Leonard whose funeral we celebrated this week. May her family find strength in the faith that she lived. may she rest in peace.

CONDOLENCES: We offer condolences to Dianne Russell on the sudden passing of her husband, Oral. Dianne had been Office Administrator here at Sacred Heart for almost two years. May she and her family find the strength to bear this burden. May he rest in peace.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION: We are now accepting applications for this position. This is a 20 Hour per week position. If interested, please contact the Parish Office to obtain a Job description.

SACRED HEART PARISH CUSTODIAN: Jerome Dicks has resigned his position as parish Custodian. We thank him for all he has done for us. We are accepting applications for this position. Please call the office to obtain a job description.

PARISH COUNCIL: Council members are reminded of the regular meeting taking place Monday, February 7 at 6:00 pm.

VAXPASS MASS: On the weekend of January 22nd -23rd Saturday evening masses will be restricted to those who have had given us proof of vaccination. **Sunday morning mass will not require proof of vaccination, meaning their may be people attending Sunday morning mass that have received vaccinations.** Mask wearing, hand sanitization and social distancing are still required at all masses.

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE: We are now limited to a total of 50 people for any gatherings in the church. This includes people who are active with the church services; Priest, readers, musicians etc. **Anyone attending a mass or service for any reason must be pre-registered to enter the church.** Please call the office (785-5025) during office hours or email curlingparish@hotmail.com to add your name to the upcoming weekend registration list. Remember masks must cover both the nose and the mouth and be worn at all times when attending services or functions in this church.

COMMUNION MINISTERS MINICOURSE: Eventually we will return to normal operations and require a communion ministers or ministers at each mass. If you are interested in becoming a communion minister, you are invited to a mini course taking place Tuesday, February 15 immediately after mass at the church. As well, those who are already ministers may want to come along to be renewed in their ministry.

READERS MINICOURSE: Eventually we will return to normal operations and require more readers at each mass. If you are interested in becoming a reader, you are invited to a mini course taking place Wednesday, February 16 immediately after mass at the church. As well, those who are already readers may want to come along to be renewed in their ministry.

RECEIPTS FOR 2021: The receipts for 2021 are ready and are available at the church.

PRAYER FOR HEALING: Lord our God we trust in your care for us. We pray you give us strength to combat covid-19. We ask your help in freeing us of fear and in helping us follow the guidelines that will help us contain this virus. Be with our health care professionals in combating this illness. Keep us safe. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT (MARCH 2): A reminder that Lent is just around the corner. Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.

MASS INTENTIONS: Our mass intentions are low again. It's a good time to request yours

LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISING: Thank you to the following people who entered the bingo draw for Jan; Evelyn Beales, Loretta Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Lynn Coombs, Gertrude Daye, Tom George, Alvina George, Mary Gallant, Don Gallant, Margaret Gillis, Isabel Gillis, Brenda Griffin, Annie Griffin, Tony Griffin, Kay Hynes, Veronica Hickey, John Hancock, Bob Hearn, Patsy Hall, Pat Jones, Janet Jackson, Judy Joyce, Kay Musseau, Bob Musseau, Donna Mitchell, Eileen Moore, Trish Meade, Ann McHugh, Margaret McCarthy, Helen McCarthy, Carol Reid, and Veronica Stone. People with last names beginning with **M** through **Z** will be asked for a donation for the Feb draw which will take place on Feb 27. Donations must be received by Feb 20, one week prior to the draw. Please put your **name** on your envelope.

