

“ . . . no prophet is accepted in his own native place.”

Luke 4: 21-30

Public service in the time of COVID . . .

This has been a terrible time to be a member of a local school board. Mask mandates and COVID protocols have triggered a firestorm of anger among some parents. School board members — many of whom are volunteers — have been subjected to verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation, and in some cases, violence. What has been happening has been far beyond the reasonable exercise of one’s First Amendment rights.

One Michigan school board member says, “I think that the biggest problem that I see for our members is the lack of civility from the public about really tough decisions that volunteer school board members are trying to make for people on both sides of the issue. I empathize with parents who don’t like what’s happening, but our board members are not experts, so they turn to those health department experts for guidance to do what is best for the public.”

At a Birmingham Board of Education meeting, a man flashed a Nazi salute and chanted “Heil Hitler” in response to a Jewish woman and a Black woman expressing support for the mask mandate. A school board member later said, “It becomes such a personal thing for every adult involved and they’re just looking out for what’s best for their kids. The drama of it all is so often fear-based. Emotions take control and logic doesn’t always matter at that point.”

A member of Florida’s Brevard County School Board, Jennifer Jenkins, finally spoke out on the abuse she and her family have endured: they’ve been followed, stalked, screamed at and threatened; their house and neighborhood have been the scene of angry and vicious protests. Someone went so far as to file a false report that the Jenkins physically abused their young daughter. Jenkins told NBC News that she decided to speak out because she wanted people to know that “I am here for them and I will continue to fight for them and I will never give up on that, but I also didn’t want the people who were doing this to me (to know) that it did affect me.”

A Wisconsin school board member, a retired educator, points out: “When I got on [our board], I knew it would be difficult. But I wasn’t ready or prepared for the vitriolic response that would occur, especially now that the pandemic seemed to just bring everything out in a very, very harsh way. It made it impossible to really do any kind of meaningful work.”

**There is a price to be paid for acting “prophetically.” These school board members are prophets of a kind, carrying on their work despite the anger and abuse they endure, trying to do what is right and acting justly for the common good despite the confrontations and conflict they face. Their work mirrors the experience of Jesus in today’s Gospel. In Baptism, all of us are called to be prophets of what is good, however unpopular that may make us, whatever cost such prophesy exacts from us. May we possess the grace to act prophetically ourselves with compassion and forgiveness, seeing beyond our own interests and wants to realize the common good — and may we possess the wisdom to hear the voice of God speaking to us in the “prophets” who courageously and tirelessly proclaim God’s justice and peace in our own Nazareths.**

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January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
4<sup>th</sup> 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 office 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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

Regular Sunday	\$1326.00
Word Among Us	5.00
Envelope Contributions	30.00
Votive Candles	29.00
Sunday Missals	20.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
New Years Day	10.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7pm	Late Angus Walsh
Wed. 7pm	Late Mary Mullins
Thu. 7pm	Late Dolph & Martha Robertson
Fri. 10 am	Late Joyce White
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Anthony & Bernadette George
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank you for your kind condolences given to me and my family over the death of my brother Paul. His life as a paramedic at WMRH was spent in service, carrying many people to healing and new life. Now he has made that journey to the new and eternal life. Thank you for your prayerful support – Fr. Jim

**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.

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

**VAXPASS MASS:** On the weekend of January 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

**HUMOUR:**

**Q:** Where do snowmen get their weather report?

**A:** The Winternet

**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.

**PARKING LOT AND PERSONAL SAFETY:** The parish has hired a contractor to be responsible for snow clearing and sanding/salting of the parking lot. If at anytime you think the lot may be slippery, please do not risk any harm to yourself. As much as we would like to see you in church, sometimes you must use your discretion and stay at home. Be safe.

**HOW WILL THE DIOCESE CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION BEGUN IN THE CHURCH'S SYNOD ON COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION?** The Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador is very excited to play its part in the latest Synod. The Diocese not only wants to contribute to the overall success of the Synod, but we also want to follow up on the feedback and insights of our people in the way our parishes and organizations are administered. Once the results of the initial consultation are received and synthesized, the resulting document will not only be part of the overall Synod, it will be the framework for further discussion on the local level and the way we journey together as the People of God. In short, we would like to use this Synod, and the discussions that follow, to shape the way and means by which we listen, discern and come to know the voice of God as we journey together as the People of God in Western Newfoundland and Labrador.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:** In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. We hope that you find the following resources helpful for your own celebrations of World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life! On Wednesday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. On this day we take time to acknowledge, recognize, and give thanks for the service and ministry of women and men who live the consecrated life. Please join Bishop Bart in the celebration of a **special live-streamed Mass at 9:30 a.m.** to mark the day. It will be available on our Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador Facebook Page.

