

September 11, 2022: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” Luke 7:32

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, hearing is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So, he tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found. Finally, we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, “full of compassion,” runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice? This All-In lesson plan encourages us to think about what we are willing to risk as disciples. Jesus often challenged people about their values. The Pearl of Great Price and the Treasure are parables about what is important to us and to our Heavenly Father. This exercise helps us consider what is valuable to us. What do you think about risking it all to allow God to give us something truly valuable?

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

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:

Cancelled for summer.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned 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.



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September 3rd – September 4th, 2022

Regular Sunday	\$1191.25
Building Fund	215 .00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Rody Blanchard
Wed. 7 pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumbolt
Thu. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Fri. 10:00 am	Intentions of Donor
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Jackie & Brian Griffin
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 17	
Linda Tarbett	Elizabeth Carew Veronica Hickey
September 18	
Tony Griffin	Wayne & Amelia Dicks
Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney	

CONDOLENCES: We offer our prayerful condolence to the family of Daphney Brake whose funeral was celebrated on Friday. May she rest in peace.

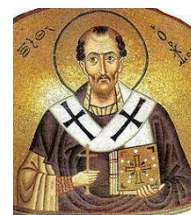
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The last meeting of the current parish council takes place on Monday, September 12th at 6pm at the church meeting room. Please make every effort to attend.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For the abolition of the death penalty - We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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. Mike Leonard, Victoria Murphy, and Brian Sparkes are the three people that finish their term this September. Thank you very much to all who served on the parish council.

MASS REQUESTS: Our current list is almost exhausted. This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

MASS INTENTION FORMS: Now available at the church are mass intention forms and envelopes for your convenience.



JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: Antioch, are characteristic of the life of any great man in a capital city. Brought to Constantinople after a dozen years of priestly service in Syria, John found himself the reluctant victim of an imperial ruse to make him bishop in the greatest city of the empire. Ascetic, unimposing but dignified, and troubled by stomach ailments from his desert days as a monk, John became a bishop under the cloud of imperial politics. John Chrysostom's preaching, by word and example, exemplifies the role of the prophet to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. For his honesty and courage, he paid the price of a turbulent ministry as bishop, personal vilification, and exile.

ROOF CAMPAIGN: In deciding to proceed with the steel roof, the parish finance committee also decided that we need to encourage a special fundraising effort to cover its cost. We know times are tough, and there is not much room for extra giving, however this is a project for the long-term sustainability of your parish church. We need you to make a special effort and dig deep to help us replenish our parish account after paying for our new roof. It is hoped that this campaign along with special fund raising will raise most of the estimated cost of \$75,000.⁰⁰.

THE EXALATION OF THE HOLY CROSS:

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also called Universal Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross or Holy Cross Day, liturgical feast celebrated on September 14 to honour the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. In the Eastern churches the feast dates back to the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the site of Christ's tomb) in Jerusalem circa 335. It was adopted by the Roman Catholic Church in the 7th century and is also observed in various Protestant traditions, including Lutheranism and Anglicanism. The universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross represents Christ's victory over death. The feast celebrates the redemptive transformation of a barbaric instrument of torture into a divine "tree of life" that brings hope to humankind. In some traditions, a cross is oriented to the cardinal directions to represent the universal nature of Christ's sacrifice and prayers are said for the salvation of all.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The Society's next meeting will be on September 21st, at 7 PM, in the basement of the cathedral. New members are welcome.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS: This feast dates back to the 12th century. It was especially promoted by the Cistercians and the Servites, so much so that in the 14th and 15th centuries it was widely celebrated throughout the Catholic Church. Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced by the Servite's in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows. In 1817 Pius VII — suffering grievously in exile but finally liberated by Mary's intercession — extended the feast to the universal Church.

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS: Knights of Columbus will be meeting on September 13th at 7:45pm at All Hallows



HUMOUR:

What kind of tree does a math teacher climb?

Geometry

What did the pen say to the pencil?

What's your point?

What did the buffalo say when he left his child at the bus stop?

Bison