

September 21st, 2025: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

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CHILDREN’S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS:

Come help out with the Children’s Liturgy on Sundays. Contact the parish office (709)785-5025 or juliahackettmyles@gmail.com Thank you.

HOLY FATHERS INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

For our relationship with all of creation - Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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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
September 13 & 14

Regular Sunday	1950.00
Loose Offering	94.50
Building Fund	95.00
Votive Candles	20.00
Mass Stipends	110.00
Living with Christ	6.25
In Memorium	70.00
Funeral Stipends	1000.00

MASS INTENTIONS
September 23 - 28

Sept. 23	All Parishioners of the Diocese
Sept. 24	The Late Thomas & Mary Dunphy
Sept. 25	The McCarthy & Murray Family Members
Sept. 26	Special Intentions for Joanne McHugh The Late Robert Beales
Sept. 27	The Late Robert Beales
Sept. 28	Mass for the Intention of Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sept. 27 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Lynette Taylor	John Carroll
Sept. 28 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Sherri Lynn Brake	Anna House
Communion to the Sick: Eileen Moore	

NO MORNING MASS:
There is no mass on **Tuesday, September 30 to Friday, October 3rd**, 2025, as Father Lainey will be away.

FALL CRAFT FAIR - Our Lady Star of the Sea:
Our Lady Star of the Sea will be holding a Fall Craft Fair at the church on **Sunday October 5th, 2025, from 10-3pm**. All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER BINGO:
Our first bingo of the season is today **Sunday, September 21st, 2025**, at Sacred Heart Elementary School, starting at 2pm, doors open at 1:30pm. See you there.

MASS IN THANKSGIVING:
Join us on **Monday, September 22nd**, 2025 at 11:30 am, in St Stephen’s Parish, Stephenville, to celebrate a Mass in Thanksgiving **for the life of Sister Betty Daniels** who died on July 3rd, 2025. In her memory you can bring a donation of food or financial contribution to be given to the local food bank. All are welcome to join in this celebration.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:
There will be a finance committee meeting on **Tuesday September 23, 2025, at 7pm** in the meeting room at the church.

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

ROSARY IN OCTOBER:
The Knights of Columbus invite you to pray the rosary with us during the month, dedicated to this prayer. It will be held on **Wednesday evenings 7:00 pm** at the Cathedral. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

IN MEMORY: The Late Dominic Park
From: Aunt Mercedes Wells’ Family
Debbie Dolomount
Uncle Freeman Park
Wayne & Pat Jones
K. Musseau

IN SYMPATHY: The parish would like to extend sympathy to the family and friends of Lou Alteen and Gideon Lavallee who passed away this week. Let us remember them at prayer.

FAMILY CATECHETICS REGISTRATION:
Holy Redeemer is offering an **alternate program** for children with diverse needs. The first session will be **for parents only**, the lower level of the Cathedral, **September 25, at 7pm**.

SSVP – POOR BOX COLLECTION:
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box collection will resume during the weekend **Masses of September 27 – 28, 2025**. Volunteers will be at the entrances to accept your donations after Mass. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

FALL CLEAN UP - MT. PATRICIA CEMETERY:
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 – OCTOBER 1, 2025
Mount Patricia Cemetery Association would like to advise the public that as of October 1, 2024, staff will be preparing the cemetery for the up coming winter season.

We kindly ask that you remove any form of artificial flowers including containers and saddles by October 1st. After that date cemetery staff will remove any remaining artificial flowers, etc. from grave sites and discard them. MPCA would like to thank the public for their cooperation in this matter.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
- WORLD PEACE DAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025:
This is celebrated annually on **September 21st** and is devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

At a time when war and violence often monopolize our news cycles, the International Day of Peace is an inspiring reminder of what we can create together. Peace. Let’s give it a chance!
Established in 1981 by the unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. We all have a role to play in fostering peace. Tackling racism is a crucial way to contribute to this effort.

REFLECTION

Being with Christ

Jesus says:
“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”
I sometimes feel that my life is like scrubland, hallway between garden and desert.
I sometimes feel that I live in a world of twilight, hallway between day and night.
I sometimes feel like lukewarm water, halfway between hot and cold.
I sometimes feel that I am in a state of indifference, halfway between love and hate.
I sometimes feel I am trudging along a safe little path, halfway between good and evil.
Lord, save me from the illusion that because I am not against you, I am therefore for you.
Above all save me from being neutral.