

August 2nd, 2026: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

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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.

BAD WEATHER – please call the office to verify if mass is cancelled & office closed.

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Reconciliation:

Marriages:

Baptisms:

Family Connections:

St. Vincent de Paul:

First Friday of each month at 2pm. *Sept. to June

Before Mass or by request.

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
July 25 & 26, 2026

Regular Sunday	1477.00
Loose Offering	218.00
Building Fund	40.00
Votive Candles	22.25
Sunday Missals	5.00
Living with Christ	25.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
Venezuela Earthquake Relief	30.00

MASS INTENTIONS
Aug. 4 - 9, 2026

Aug. 4 - Tues.	Deceased Members - Maher Family
Aug. 5 - Wed.	Deceased Members - Meaney Family
Aug. 6 - Thurs	The Late Stanley Giles & Michael Peter Seymore
Aug. 8 - Sat.	The Late Jack Neville & Stanley O'Brien
Aug. 9 - Sun.	The Late Donna Butler

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Aug. 8 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jacqueline Neville	Donna Mitchell
Aug. 9 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Sherri Lynn Brake	Bernadette Stone
Communion to the Sick – Barb0ara Neville	

JULY AUCTION:

Thank you to everyone who, bid, donated and helped out with our July Auction. We raised a total of **\$2957.00**. Without all of you this would not be possible. Blessings!

VOLUNTEERING – God loves a cheerful giver:

This is all about giving of your time.

Are you a university or high school student who needs some volunteer hours on their resume and would like to help out in their community and meet some of your neighbors?

Do you know a retired person who has a bit of time to spare and would like to meet new people? Do you need something different to do to balance your work/home life?

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our church life, it could be maintenance of our grounds or the church itself, helping out with functions, or joining one of our committees.

Volunteering can be done at anytime and in many different ways. If you need transportation, we can help you with that. We would love to hear from you, contact the office at **709-785-5025** or at **curlingparish@hotmail.com**

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE –
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN VENEZUELA:**

On June 24, 2026 twin earthquakes hit Venezuela. Which caused widespread damage across much of the country. Development and Peace has stepped in to help and have already donated \$50,000 in relief aide. **Anyone wishing to contribute** to the relief efforts can do so by marking a blank envelope: “Venezuela Earthquake Relief” (add your envelope #), place your donation in the Saturday or Sunday Collection. Make cheques payable to Sacred Heart Parish, so that we can send all donations together in one lump sum for this worthy cause.

WALK-A-THON: September 19th, 2026:

Our walk-a-thon will take place on **Saturday, 10:30 a.m., September 19th, 2026.**

Again this year we will walk along the trails in Curling from the church parking lot. The distance to be determined at a later time.

There is a **registration form** at the back of the church for those interested in participating. Once you sign-up please take a sponsor sheet.

Come sign up for this walk in support of our parish. Remember we can issue a tax receipt for anyone who sponsors you.

TRAINING COURSE FOR HIGH-RISK MINISTRIES.

Notice for those serving in High-Risk Ministries who have **yet to complete the course**, it is a 44-minute video dealing with abuse of all types involving our most Vulnerable individuals and is required by the Diocese.

If you need to complete this course, please contact the Diocese or Parish office to obtain further information. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER DANCE:

The parish will be holding a fundraising dance on **Friday, September 11th, 2026** at the royal Canadian Legion, **\$15.00 advance tickets** and **\$20.00** at the door. **Midnight Crescent** will be playing this event, and it is open to 19 years of age and up. All proceeds of the dance will go towards the church’s new heating system.

RETIREMENT:

At the young age of 85 years old, John Carroll who has served as a volunteer with our parish for at least 40 years, has finally decided to retire.

Mr. Carroll has held a variety of volunteer positions over the years such as reader, Altar server, parish council member and our maintenance man for the church, parish house and cemetery.

His service to our parish is immensely appreciated, to be honest we don’t know how we will ever fill his boots.

Thank you John, for all the years of service and dedication to this parish and to your faith.

Enjoy retirement.

God Bless!

REFLECTION: Feeding the hungry

The multiplication of the loaves happens in our fields every year between sowing and harvest time.

Like the miracle of Jesus, this miracle too is brought about by the power of God.

And just as Jesus needed the hands of the apostles to distribute the bread to the people, so God now needs human hands to make this abundance available to the hungry.

In some countries today the problem is over-eating.

In other countries the problem is getting anything to eat at all.

Today we don’t need anyone to multiply the loaves for us.

The food is there.

What is not always there is the will to share it.