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SACRED HEART MISSION STATEMENT

"We the community of Sacred Heart are committed to serving God and each other through our faith in Jesus Christ. We strive to do this through a joyful celebration of the Eucharist, a spirit of hospitality, a commitment to community outreach, a sense of responsibility to others and through the ongoing nourishment of our minds and hearts."

SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 4:30-6:00 PM

or by appointment

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

As listed inside

WE WELCOME YOU TO SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY. If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to Father Stan after Mass. We would also appreciate it if you would come to or call the office and register. We need to know who you are so that we may serve you better.

SHUT INS

Please notify us of parishioners who are in the hospital. If any parishioner is unable to celebrate Liturgy with us because of illness or handicap, please notify the office so that we may bring Eucharist to them.

"Handicapped Accessible"

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

To all who made the
parish picnic
A wonderful success

To all who set up
To all who put everything
away
To Jeff and those who
cooked
To those who made various
food items to be
shared
To those who donated raffle
items
To Mark for the music
To Olive Garden of
Manchester for
donating the salads
and breadsticks
To the Fitton Hose Company
for the tents
To all who came and
enjoyed the day

Again thank you

Father Alan

The Deacon's Corner

ARE YOU ENVIOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?

The workers hired late get the same wage as those who worked all day. It seems unfair - unjust. But the lesson is not about justice. It is about a generosity that is beyond our understanding.

The wage in question is eternal life. We think of eternal life as the wage we receive for leading a good life, for reading scripture and serving others. If some person has led a life of bad choices, they should not receive the same wage. Those who lead a life of self-indulgence should not get the same reward as us "Cradle Catholics." It is an attitude of "god owes me," "I deserve it."

God owes us nothing. It is a privilege that we know scripture and do for others. In the parable we begin to see how God works. Eternal life is not about our merit, but about God's generosity. None of us are worthy. It is a generosity extended to everyone. We can be thankful for that.



MOST REVEREND
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September 1, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year, on the third weekend of September we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme for this year's celebration is "Do This in Memory of Me" which focuses on faith formation and sacramental practice regarding the Holy Eucharist. This theme endorses the goal of the Catholic Bishops of the United States "to invite all Catholics to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ in the Church throughout formation focused on Sacred Scripture and Tradition, and Sacraments, especially the Sunday Eucharist."

In the Eucharist, which is the "source and summit of Christian life," we are given an overwhelming gift. Catechetical Sunday provides a special opportunity for us to reflect on this gift in light of our Baptism. Indeed, because we are baptized into Christ, we are each commissioned to hand on the faith and witness to the message of the Gospel in our daily lives.

As our catechists are commissioned to their generous service in our parishes, may each of us rededicate ourselves to our own baptismal calling to be witnesses to the Gospel message.

Along with acknowledging the role of catechists, I also acknowledge the essential role of parents as the primary educators of their children. When receiving the Eucharist at Mass, you are sharing your faith and your hunger for this Sacrament with your children and your church community.

In closing, let us all truly celebrate Catechetical Sunday by rejoicing that through the Eucharist, we are one in the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael R. Cote

Bishop of Norwich

Catechetical Sunday

For the pastoral activity of the Church, the cooperation of a great many people is needed, so that communities as well as individuals may grow to full maturity in faith. This cooperation is provided by those who devote themselves to catechesis (Faith Formation). In sharing their faith with others catechists pass on what they themselves have learned to be truths of their faith.

This weekend we bless the name of the Lord for giving us the following co-workers and pray that through the Holy Spirit they will receive the grace they need in their service to the Church.

Anne Tindal – Kindergarten
Heather Colapinto – Grade 1
Aurea Rodriguez – Grade 2
Marie Pugliese – Grade 3
Greg Bates – Grade 4
John Crane – Grade 6

Michael Kurban – Grade 7
Peggy Chaffee – Grade 8
Rich Bernabucci – Confirmation Prep
Tom Manning – Confirmation Prep
Jim Higgins – Youth Minister
Matt Powell – Youth Minister

Linda Armstrong – RCIA
Joan Robinson – RCIA
Rella Bernabucci – RCIA
Chris Armstrong – Liturgy of the Word with Children
Sergio Dosouto – Liturgy of the Word with Children
Sandy Rice – Administrative Aide

Catechists Needed

We still need a catechist for grade level 5. There are 4 children in this class. Please consider sharing your faith in God with this class. Faith Formation classes begin next Sunday, September 25th.

Please contact Rella at rella@sacredheartchurch.net or by phoning 860-875-4563 for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Faith Formation Registrations

Registrations for Faith Formation are currently being taken. Classes will begin next Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011.

If you are new to the parish or are registering a child in the Faith Formation Program for the first time or have yet to register your child, please contact Rella or Sandy (860-875-4563) as soon as possible. You may also e-mail Rella at rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

Welcome

The parish family of Sacred Heart welcomes you!

Please let us know when there is anything we can do, any question we can help you answer, any need we can fill – anything at all that we can do to help you on your journey of faith.

Please Note

Rella will be attending a meeting for catechetical leadership on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. The Faith Formation Office will open at 12:30pm on this day.

Needed: Someone to Be Christ's Hands

We are in need of someone to HELP the team which distributes Holy Communion to those who are in Vernon Manor Convalescent Home. **Just once every fourth Sunday. You can do this!** Call the office if you want to learn more – 860-875-4563 or call Millie Leiper at 860-649-6690.

September 18, 2011



The Word of God This Week

Set time aside each day this week with other members of your household, with other members of your parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. Use these passages from the Lectionary that are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

TODAY

Isaiah 55:6–9;
Philippians 1:20–24, 27;
Matthew 20:1–16

MONDAY

Luke 8:16–18
“... pay attention to how you listen ...”

TUESDAY

Luke 8:19–21
“... my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

WEDNESDAY*

Matthew 9:9–13
“Those who are well have no need of a physician ...”

THURSDAY

Luke 9:7–9
“... who is this about whom I hear such things?”

FRIDAY

Luke 9:18–22
“... who do you say that I am?”

SATURDAY

Luke 9:43b–45
“Let these words sink into your ears.”

*Feast of Saint Matthew

Are you envious because I am generous?

“The Laborers in the Vineyard” is a somewhat unsettling parable that seems to reflect common human expectations, then and now. The message was as hard for the original community as it is for us today.

The landowner agreed to pay “the usual daily wage” to the first group of laborers he hired. To the others hired later in the day, he simply said, “I will pay you whatever is right.” What is the “right” or just wage for someone who has merely worked one hour?

The workers who labored all day felt cheated, as many of us probably would today, in the face of what seemed like an outrageous injustice. Yet, the parable ends with a poignant question, “Are you envious because I am generous?”

There had been no injustice against those who worked all day, but an unbelievable amount of generosity was

given to those who arrived late. The resentment of the first group was caused by envy.

This parable may have been teaching the equality of all the disciples is the reward of eternal life. It doesn’t matter who was called first or who served longest; everyone wins.

This parable could also have been addressed to those who criticized Jesus for welcoming sinners and tax collectors. With God as the landowner as revealed in Jesus, the parable could have been used to explain why Jesus preached the kingdom to both the religious and the lost sheep. No matter which group it is, if they accept his preaching, they will be granted an equal share in God’s Kingdom. Isn’t God generous?



The Faith of the Church

Parables were characteristic of Jesus’ style of teaching. The Laborers in the Vineyard teach about the sin of envy—sadness or anger at the sight of another’s goods. Envy reflects hatred, joy at the misfortune of a neighbor, and displeasure at his prosperity. It represents a refusal of charity and is often rooted in pride; the baptized person should strive to live in humility (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 546, 2539–2540).



Questions of the Week

Some Christians cannot accept that we do not need to work hard to “earn” God’s love. God’s love is unconditional. If we really believe this, we will not mind inviting late arrivals to that same intimacy.

Adults

Have I ever complained because God was generous to others who in my opinion did not deserve it?

Children

Do I get upset when one of my friends gets something that I think I deserve?

Responding to God's Word . . .

This week's Gospel reading may be one of the most misunderstood parables. When the landowner agreed to pay the first workers the usual daily wage, they expected a denarius. Those hired later in the day expected some proportionate fraction of a denarius. Today, we understand very well the details of this transaction.

The unexpected happened when the latecomers received a full day's pay. The other tired workers then *assumed* that they were going to get more. Surprisingly, they all received the same pay. In today's culture, disgruntled workers would sue the company for

breaking labor laws and denounce the owner as unfair. This parable demands a response. It is impossible to read it and remain indifferent! The nature of our response reveals the kind of person we are. Do we rejoice with the good fortune of others? Or do we resent and complain because others are getting more?

We must realize that the owner has done nothing unjust. Nothing was taken from the early workers in order to give to the others. Can we see this and accept and even praise the generosity of the owner, that is to say, the generosity of God?

SUGGESTIONS

Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's Word this week.

In the home. Take some time this week to engage your family in a dialogue about this parable. Ask everyone how they REALLY feel about the generosity of the landlord.

In the workplace or in school. Act generously toward someone you barely know. See how they respond.

In the community. Identify a needy family in your neighborhood and offer to help even if you do not think they "deserve" it.



Meditation Moment

The purpose of Jesus' story in The Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:15) isn't to illustrate an unfair action by an unfair owner. The opposite is true. It's to illustrate God's generosity. The punch line of the story is the farmer's question: "Are you jealous because I am generous?" The farmer knew that if he paid the later workers only for the time that they actually worked, they wouldn't have enough to buy food for their hungry families. So he gave them a full day's wage.

For reflection . . .

Do I tend to have tunnel vision and see only my world and no one else's?

THE WORLD ASKS, HOW MUCH DOES HE GIVE? CHRIST ASKS, WHY DOES HE GIVE?

JOHN RALEIGH MOTT

ADAPTED FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

Listen to the Poor

Happy are those
who consider the poor;

The LORD delivers them in the
day of trouble. The LORD protects
them and keeps them alive; they
are called happy in the land. You do
not give them up to the will of their
enemies. The LORD sustains them on
their sickbed; in their illness you
heal all their infirmities.

Happy are those who
consider the poor! Amen.

Psalm 41:1-3

*Carry this thought in your heart as a
guide for your faith journey this week.*

"Prayer is the best weapon we
have; it is the key to God's heart.
You must speak to Jesus not
only with your lips, but with
your heart. In fact on certain
occasions you should only speak
to Him with your heart."

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

Profile in Faith

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

(1887-1968) was a Capuchin priest famous for his stigmata. Yet his gifts had more to do with his wisdom as confessor and his love for the sick and suffering. Each day he heard confessions and blessed the sick. Many claimed that he knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

Feast Day: September 23

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Sandy Bair***, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family, - *and* – ***Margaret Pustello***, requested by Ann Noel and Jean Merz

SUNDAY CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: For the People of the Parish**

10:30am **Mass: *Mary Piazza***, requested by Lisa P. Casella

MONDAY JANUARIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

No Mass

TUESDAY ANDREW KIM TAEGŎN, PRIEST & MARTYR AND PAUL CHŎNG HASANG AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

9:00am **Mass: *Gerard Hemond***

WEDNESDAY MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

9:00am **Mass: *For All Who Are In the RCIA Process***

THURSDAY

4:30-6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, Living Room

7:00pm **Mass: *For All Catechists***

7:30pm **Intercessory Prayer**

FRIDAY PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

9:00am **Mass: *For Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life***

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *John Leiner***, requested by a friend

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: For the People of the Parish**

10:30am **Mass: *Joyce Bachl***, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

Meetings

SATURDAY

7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, North Activity Rooms

SUNDAY

Fellowship before and after Mass

1:30-4PM

MONDAY

OFFICES CLOSED

TUESDAY

7:30pm **Finance Council**, Living Room

WEDNESDAY

8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**, South Community Rooms

THURSDAY

7:30pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book**, South Community Rooms

FRIDAY

10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms

SATURDAY

7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, North Activity Rooms

SUNDAY

Fellowship before and after Mass

9:10-10:25am **Faith Formation**, Gr. K-5

6:15-7:30pm **Faith Formation**, Gr. 6-8

6:15-8:45pm Conf. Prep. & Youth Group

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

– BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Parents please call three months prior to baptism date for an appointment with a Pastoral Team member who will detail the program for parents.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY –

Couples planning to marry take part in marriage information program at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS –

October through May
Call 875-4563 for information

MONTHLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Oratory

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Thursday - 7:45 - 8:15 PM

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