

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022

Making and Strengthening Disciples of Jesus



The parable in today's gospel is difficult to understand. That is due in large measure to the fact that all the characters in the story are rascals! The steward cheats and brings the people who owe his master money into a scheme to make them cheaters as well. To top it off, the master complements the steward for his cleverness!

Jesus concludes the parable with four distinct lessons that can be gained from the story. Let's focus on the lesson found in verse 9 (Luke 16:9).

I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

This lesson has to do with how we use our material possessions. We can, of course, use them only for ourselves, but Jesus teaches that we should "make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth" that is, we should use our money to benefit others; "so that when it fails" that is, when we die (a time when no amount of money can help you); "you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings" that is, you'll find entry into the Kingdom!

Putting that together you have: Use your money to benefit others, so that when you die, you will be welcomed into heaven.

William Barclay, a New Testament scholar suggests that there are, at least, two ways in which this could be done:

"It could be done as it affects eternity. 'The Rabbis had a saying, 'The rich help the poor in this world, but the poor help the rich in the world to come.'" Ambrose, commenting on the rich fool who built bigger barns to store his goods, said, 'The bosoms of the poor, the houses of widows, the mouths of children are the barns which last forever.' It was a Jewish belief that charity given to poor people would stand to a man's credit in the world to come. A man's true wealth would consist not in what he kept, but in what he gave away.

"The rich help the poor in this world, but the poor help the rich in the world to come."

It could be done as it affects this world. A man can use his wealth selfishly or he can use it to make life easier, not only for himself, but for his friends and his fellow-men. How many a scholar is forever grateful to a rich man who gave or left money to [fund endowments] and scholarships which made a university career possible! How many a man is grateful to a better-off friend who saw him through some time of need in the most practical way! Possessions are not in themselves a sin, but they are a great responsibility, and the man who uses them to help his friends has gone far to discharge that responsibility" (Barclay, The Gospel of Luke, pg. 209).

How are you using your money?

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday, September 17

8:00 a.m. †Tod Kosmider

4:00 p.m. †Ron Spandet

6:00 p.m. For our parishioners

Sunday, September 18

7:30 a.m. †William “Billy” Peterson

9:30 a.m. Our parish catechists

11:30 a.m. †George & Anita Rosato

Monday, September 19

8:00 a.m. †William Spekhardt

Tuesday, September 20

8:00 a.m. Patrick & Martin O’Neil

Wednesday, September 21

8:15 a.m. †Souls in Purgatory

6:00 p.m. Police & Fire Fighters

Thursday, September 22

8:00 a.m. Saint Anthony

Friday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Mother of Perpetual Help

Saturday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Larry Peterson family

4:00 p.m. †Paul Schwartz

6:00 p.m. †Maria Rodriguez

Sunday, September 25

7:30 a.m. †Amparo, Victoria, & Jaime Quezon

9:30 a.m. Alicia Elizabeth Smith

11:30 a.m. †William Pierce

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle burns for
Fr. Brad’s Birthday!

A Few Stewardship Notes

September 10th-11th

Offertory: \$10,434.00

Education: \$796.00

His Heart: \$204.00

Other: \$859.00

Total: \$12,293.00

Attendance: 788

For those using envelopes or online giving, this week’s additional (second) collection is for the maintenance fund. Your gifts help us maintain and improve the physical plant. You will, for example, be helping us replace the old, energy wasting, windows in the parish office. We finished the downstairs this week! Thanks!

About Our Budget



As you know (or hopefully expect!) the parish uses a budget. This is more than a financial accounting tool to see if we are overspending in some area. It is also a way for us to access how our finances line up with our mission. For example, we can ask, “How much of our parishioner’s tithes and offerings go to salaries or utilities or faith formation?”

Over the next several weeks, we’ll highlight some of these areas and make some comments. Remember, I’m happy to talk about the parish finances with parishioners.

This week’s budget fact: 10.35% of our total income is used to help individuals and ministries outside of our parish. That means, as a parish, we are tithing! (The tithe, if you are unaware, is the standard found in the Bible for giving. An individual is called to give the first 10% of their income to God (parish, diocese, and other charities) and to live off the remaining 90%. That is exactly what our parish is doing!

Thank you!

At the end of our 9:30am Sunday Mass we will be blessing a class set of children’s Bibles for our third and fourth grade Faith Formation class. Several parishioners helped us pay for them and we’re truly grateful! You have blessed these children and many more who will use the Bibles in the years ahead.



Prayer ♥ Fasting ♥ Peaceful Vigil ♥

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign September 28 to November 6.

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, in coordination with the Diocese of St. Petersburg, is responsible to provide volunteers to pray outside of All Women's Health Center located at 4131 Central Ave, St Petersburg on Saturday October 1st and Thursday October 6th. (Hours for all 40 Days are: 8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday).

40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayer vigil, not a political protest. Volunteers stand or sit outside the facility and pray individually or in small groups.

Why is it important to pray outside the facility? The no-show rate for abortion appointments goes as high as 75% when volunteers are out there praying. And 45% of abortion facilities close after 40 Days for Life even in areas where abortion remains legal.

Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex of the church this weekend and again on Sept 24/25th as well as in the Chapel after daily mass. Would you please consider signing up to pray outside the abortion clinic for one or more hours during these two days? If you are unable to volunteer outside the abortion facility stop by the sign-up table after mass for other ways you can help. Let us pray that God will provide sufficient laborers to support the pro-life mission.

The National Eucharistic Revival: For your reflection

The National Eucharistic Revival is a 3-year effort to increase understanding and devotion to our Lord's presence in the Eucharist. While the parish-level phase will begin next year, each of us can begin this journey of discernment and encounter through personal reflection. This series of articles is one way to do that.

Can I have some help, please? (Part 3)

Earlier in this series I mentioned an article by someone who summarized his struggles with the Eucharist this way: "Can we stop talking about the Eucharist as though it is simple to understand and easy to accept?"

This is, I think, a cry from the heart of someone who wants to believe and yet struggles. In other words, they are not rejecting our belief, they simply haven't yet come to a place where they can fully embrace it. Rather than criticize a person like this, we need to find ways to help them and a great way to start is with prayer.

This week...

- If possible, think of someone you know who struggles with our understanding of the Eucharist. If you can't think of a specific person, then think of a specific group or demographic - young people, for example.
- Specifically, prayer for that person or group each day this week. Do more than a quick petition. You might, for example, picture the person in your mind along with the Eucharist. Then imagine the two images coming together.



Our Current Liturgical and Devotional Schedule

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, & Sat: 8am
Wed: 8:15am & 6pm
(Rosary prayed before morning Masses at 7:25am)

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil
4pm and 6pm (*Spanish*)

Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am (*live-streamed*), & 11:30am
(Rosary prayed at 7am)

Confessions

Wednesdays: 6:45-7:45pm (*English*)
Saturdays: 2:45-3:45pm (*English*)
Saturdays: 5:30-5:55pm (*Spanish*)
(If you need more time with the priest in confession, please contact the parish office for an appointment)

Morning Devotions

Monday & Thursday at 9am (*live-streamed*):
Fr. Kevin provides some background and a short devotion on the saint of the day.

Our Chapel is Open for Prayer

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8:30am-5pm
Wednesday: 9am-8pm
Saturday: 8:30am-4pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm

First Friday Exposition:

8:30-10am, 6pm-9pm, Mass 9pm
Exposition continuing until 8am Saturday

First Saturdays with Mary:

8:30-10am (*includes Adoration*)

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Thur., after 8am Mass

Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) Novena:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, after the 6pm Mass

Live-streamed liturgies and devotions can be found at sacredheartpinellaspark.com (look for the "Live" link at the top of the page) or on Facebook (SacredHeart Parish PinellasPark).

Here's our calendar for the week

If you need information about a group or ministry listed, call the office. We'd be happy to get you connected to them!

Sunday, Sept. 18th: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are invited to participate virtually in a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, of the Diocese of Scranton, today, beginning at 12:15 p.m. The Mass will be broadcast via livestream at dioceseofscranton.org.
Confirmation & Middle School Youth Group, 4-5:30pm, Parish Hall
High School Youth Group, 6-8pm, Parish Hall

Monday, September 19th:

Legion of Mary, 8:30am, Marian Room
Morning Devotions (pre-recorded on Facebook) Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!

Tuesday, September 20th:

Fr. Kevin's Bible study, 9-10:15am and 6-7:15pm
His Heart Society: food & clothing distribution, 9-11am

Wednesday, September 21st:

Happy Birthday, Fr. Brad! (He's 1,261,440,000 seconds old!)

Mass with our school children, 8:15am; Parishioners are welcome!
Adoration 6:30-8pm; Confessions, 6:30-8pm
Knights of Columbus general meeting, 7pm, Parish Hall

Thursday, September 22nd:

Morning Devotions (livestreamed on Facebook), 9am;
Learn a lesson from one of the Saints!
His Heart Society: food & clothing distribution, 9-11am
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10am, Retreat House

Friday, September 23rd:

Men of St. Joseph, 7pm, Retreat House

Saturday, September 24th:

Knights of Columbus Food Drive to support His Heart, 9-11am, in front of His Heart (west side of the main parking lot). See page 6 for details.

Sunday, Sept. 25th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Amos 6:1-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

Next Week!

Sept. 25th, Diocese Media Day and the beginning of 40 Days for Life

Coming Sooner Than You Think!

Sept. 26th, 6pm, first meeting of the Junior Legion of Mary


Oct 1st & 2nd, Fr. Theo Weria, our Missionary Coop preacher, will be with us at all the Masses

Oct. 12th - 16th: Our 50th Fall Festival!

Culture of Life Conference, October 14th - 15th

The statewide Culture of Life Conference will offer participants an in-depth look at how Christ calls His Church to holistically care for His people, especially the most vulnerable. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the important issues facing our culture and our Church and discover ways to make a positive difference. The conference is co-hosted by the Diocese of St. Petersburg and the Florida Catholic Conference will be held at the Bethany Center in Lutz.

Visit www.dosp.org/culture-of-life-conference to learn more and register before the October 1st deadline.




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Friday, October 14, 2022, 6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 15, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bethany Retreat Center
18150 Bethany Center, Lutz

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Registration Deadline: October 1, 2022
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Bible Verse of the Week:

Psalms 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Significant
Important
Vital
Critical!

Faith Formation News

Parents! Got a child in First Grade?

Remember, to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion in second grade, your child must participate in Faith Formation this year and next (or be enrolled in a Catholic School for those two years.) You can register on our website. Look under Religious Education and chose Faith Formation to find the form.

Got a child in Seventh Grade?

Remember, to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in second grade, your child must participate in Faith Formation or Youth Group this year and next (or be enrolled in a Catholic School this year.) You can register on our website. Look under Religious Education and chose Faith Formation to find the form.

Adults! Did you miss your confirmation?

It is not uncommon to meet adults who, for any number of reasons, did not receive the sacrament of confirmation as a teen. That may be regrettable, but confirmation is not reserved for the youth. We would be happy (thrilled, actually) to get you started on the path to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit! The preparation classes meet Sundays after the 9:30am Mass and there is room for a few more participants. Call the off office or use the online form on our website to let us know of your interest.

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Facebook: SacredHeart Parish
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Sun. 8:30am-12:45pm

His Heart Society Outreach:

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Food & Clothing: Tue. & Thurs. 9-11am

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Sacred Heart School:

7951 46th Way N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Phone: 727-544-1106

SacredHeartPinellasPark.org

Can you help restock the His Heart Pantry?



We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus who are hosting a Food Drive this coming Saturday, September 24th, from 9 to 11am. Drive up to the His Heart buildings on the west side of our parking lot. The Knights will help you unload.

Here's what is needed: Toiletries, canned vegetables, soup, ramen noodles, mac n cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, chef Boyardee, toilet paper, fruit cups, and rice.

Struggling to make a decision? Here are some tips:

1. Does the Bible give a clear answer? If so, that's pretty much the end of the discussion!
2. Jesus summarized the entire Law into two commands, love God and love your neighbor. Is the choice you are considering consistent with this? Is their love in this decision?
3. What is the next right thing to do? A complicated situation can often be navigated by taking one next step at a time – each time doing what you know is morally right.
4. Is this decision a good example of what I would want to teach others? Would I encourage my best friends, my family members, and children to make a similar decision?
5. Do the people I most respect agree with this decision? Have I asked my trusted friend, counselors, close family, and spiritual leaders for their insight and advice on this decision?



Our Parish Prayer List

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Frank Schaumann
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Rena Soale
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Sontheimer
Helen Sullivan
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St. Germain
Sherry Taylor
Gloria Unger

**Bold indicates new
name added to prayer
list.**

To keep this list meaningful, we respectfully ask that requests to be included on the list be renewed every 4 weeks and that you provide a specific prayer intention. To respect the privacy of individuals, please submit requests only with the expressed permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. Send requests to frkevinarnell@gmail.com



October 12-16th

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Sunday - Noon til 8pm

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