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Good News!

September 5, 2010

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis 9:13–18b / Phlm 9–10, 12–17 Lk 14:25–33

In Luke's Gospel today, Jesus talks to the big crowds following him. That audience extends through time and embraces us. We're traveling with him too. And today we hear Jesus teaching with "hard sayings": If we don't hate those we love, if we don't hate even our own life, we cannot keep following him.

Can Jesus possibly mean for us to hate others and ourselves? One explanation for his choice of words is that in his time and place, such words could be used in this stark way to make a strong point. The love we have for Jesus should make all our other loves pale in comparison.

This could mean our priorities won't be understood by others. Sometimes even those closest to us won't get what we're doing. If serving God is our top priority, sometimes our other priorities will simply look like—well, like they're not our top priority. Other priorities may look neglected.

Christ is challenging us. Where does our heart find itself? Where will we know who we are? Where will I find fulfillment? We're challenged then to ask, are other things in the way?

In most of our lives, we're asked to love the Lord through our love of others. We're asked to serve God through our work, through our choices in how we spend money, through our decisions about how we use our time. Most days it's not an either/or decision between God and the world; it's a process of figuring out how to serve God in the world.

We can all be tempted, though, to lose our balance, to lose our focus. Then Jesus' words are a "gut" check—a "heart" check.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 PM
Sundays at 8:45 AM
Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday from 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.
Also by appointment.

BAPTISMAL INITIATIONS:

Please call the rectory (643-4466).
The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and Sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, Please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social after the Sunday Masses on 2nd Sunday of the month and Pancake Breakfast every 4th Sunday. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

VISITATION TO THE SICK

We are most anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call.

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"If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:26-27

Readings for the Week of September 5, 2010

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
 Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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NEXT WEEK**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****SATURDAY, September 11**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Carol Deraleau

Altar Servers: Elena Fiano and Erin Gallacher**Lector:** Barbara Fiano**Eucharistic Ministers:** Annedda Stiller, Linda Wiley and Georgette Pelletier**SUNDAY, September 12**

8:45 a.m. Mass offered for Walter and Florence Johnson; and for Daniel Denny

Altar Server: Emily Carpenter and Kirsten Cianci**Lector:** Joel Cohan**Eucharistic Ministers:** James Boylan, Kathleen Smythe and Maureen Mozzier

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

THIS WEEK**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***September 4th and September 5th***USHERS GROUP IV****SATURDAY, September 4:**

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for Carol Deraleau requested by Irene Kwiatkowski

SUNDAY, September 5:

8:45 a.m. Mass offered for Michal, Helena and Henry Sobczak requested by Lucy Szwed and Family

MONDAY, September 6:

No Mass

TUESDAY, September 7:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered Thomas Hutchinson requested by Mr. and Mrs. Coneely and Family; and for a Special Intention requested by IJK

7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal Resumes

WEDNESDAY, September 8:

9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

9:00 a.m. – Noon Christmas Fair Workshop in the Church Basement

*No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until further notice.***THURSDAY, September 9:**

7:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Business Meeting in the Church Basement

FRIDAY, September 10:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for all caregivers at St. Francis Hospital and in grateful thanksgiving for those who offered prayers and masses on my behalf requested by IJK

SATURDAY, September 11:

3:30 - 3:45 p.m. Confessions

ST. MAURICE CHOIR

Rehearsals will resume for the Senior Choir on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 beginning at 7:15 p.m. New members are most welcome.

Rehearsals for the Youth Choir will resume after the Sunday 8:45 a.m. mass on September 12, 2010. New Members are most welcome. For more information, call Don Benevides, Organist and Choir Director, at 860-875-5883.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume on Sunday, October 17, 2010 during the 8:45 a.m. Mass. We are seeking volunteers to be Prayer Leaders and Attendants. Training will be provided. For further information, contact Rella at 860-875-4563 (or e-mail: rella@sacredheartchurch.net) or Stephanie at 860-512-0501 (or e-mail: slabanowski@comcast.net).

SEEKING CATECHISTS

We are seeking volunteers to share their faith with the children in the Faith Formation program. Catechists are needed for K, 1st, 3rd through 8th grades. Contact Rella at 860-875-4563 (or e-mail: rella@sacredheartchurch.net)

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

All families having children/teens in the Faith Formation Program should have received registration forms in the mail or by e-mail.

Faith Formation sessions will be held as follows:

Levels K-5

- ❖ Sunday – 9:15-10:30am at Sacred Heart Church
- ❖ Wednesday – 4:30-5:45pm at St. Maurice Church

Levels 6-8

- ❖ Sunday – 6:15-7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church
- ❖ Wednesday – 6:30-7:45pm at St. Maurice Church

Confirmation Preparation (High School Level)

All Confirmation Preparation sessions for Sacred Heart Church and St. Maurice Church will be combined at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., **followed by** Youth Group from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Parish families are free to choose to attend sessions at either Sacred Heart Church or St. Maurice Church, with the exception of Confirmation Prep and Youth Group. You do not have to be a parishioner at a specific parish in order to attend Faith Formation sessions there, however, you must be a parishioner of either one of the parishes.

Registration fees are as follows:

- ❖ \$50 for the first child/teen in your family
- ❖ \$45 for the second child/teen in your family
- ❖ \$115 Maximum fee per family
- ❖ \$60 for Confirmation Preparation

If you are new to the parish or will have a child/teen enrolling for the first time in the Faith Formation program or need more information, please contact Rella at 860-875-4563 or by e-mail: rella@sacredheartchurch.net. ☺

CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP

Here is a reminder of our list of needs:

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Cathedral following Mass.*

For more information, please call: 860.887.9294

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October 16, 2010

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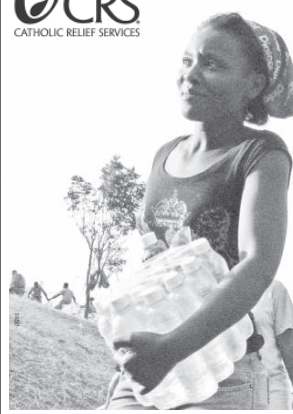
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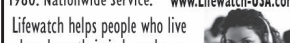
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