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Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time (1)

Date October	Place	Time	Liturgy	Intention/Donor
SAT 05	SHJ	5pm	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 	Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory <i>Jules Hubert</i>
SUN 06	SJM	9am		John Fennell [RIP] <i>Jo Vanattan</i>
	SFA	11am		Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family
WED 09	SJM	3:30pm	LW&C	
FRI 11	SJM	9:15am	LW&C	
SAT 12	SHJ	5pm	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 	
SUN 13	SJM	9am		
	SFA	11am		

Lay Ministers

Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Oct 05 Sun, Oct 06	Lector – A. Bourgeois	Lector – N. Forestell Usher – L. Forestell
Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, Oct 12 Sun, Oct 13	Lector – K. Foster	Lector –S. Kostya Usher – B. Kerby

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Everything in God's creation is intended to reflect His goodness and proclaim His glory. It's not hard to understand this idea when we behold the majesty of the sea. It can be more difficult, however, to remember that this is also present in each of us and in our relationships – including that relationship which God designed for man and woman: marriage. Our ability to turn away from God means that we sometimes reject, rather than reflect Him. This is one reason why Jesus responds to the Pharisees' question by revoking Moses' allowance for divorce, a concession made by God to the Israelites in the Old Testament. Jesus' statement might be unsettling because, in our time, divorce has affected nearly *everyone* in one way or another. But His words indicate the strength of the covenant which the Lord has made with us: that God's love is permanent and unbreakable. We learn that the unbreakable bond between spouses reflects, in an imperfect way, God's perfectly-faithful love for us. We find this truth about love in the wisdom of the Church. Love is not a "feeling." It is an action – a virtue – in which we consistently *will the good of another*. After all, this is Who and What God is: a continuous outpouring of love. Our Triune God is a relational community of love, and Jesus offers us the preeminent example of this: As the Son and out of love for the Father, He *chose* to remain on the Cross, regardless of how He *felt*. Such was His love for us that He willed our redemption and sent us the Holy Spirit to help us remain with Him. Marriage, designed by God to mirror this triune communal, covenantal love, likewise requires a *decision to love* which is firm and constant, despite how we might *feel*. If we wish to be capable of the fidelity required for marriage, family life, or simply for our relationship with God, we must make the deliberate choice to love – *and we must do it over and over*. With time and with God's grace, the habit of choosing another's good becomes easier, and we experience the joy of a stable and authentic love. We can reflect God's faithful love in becoming faithful ourselves. Choose this week one or two ways to exercise fidelity in little things. Examples might be getting up at the same time every morning without hitting the "snooze" button; spending five extra minutes in prayer each day; or offering a prayer of thanksgiving to God every time when you are tempted to check your phone unnecessarily.

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A BIG thank you!

Thank you to everyone that helped to make the day at the Sales Barn/Hoards station a tremendous success. With your support, (volunteering your time and providing freshly baked pies) we were able to raise \$800.00 for the Parish!

Ladies of Sacred Heart Apple Pie Fest

The Ladies of Sacred Heart began their Apple Pie Fest on September 20th. Last ordering day is Sunday October 6th. Pie-making begins Oct 7th, 8th and 9th. 9 inch deep pies, 7 cups of apples, (three kinds!) for \$15.00. The pies are not baked, ready for the freezer. Volunteers are also needed. Contact Anne Marie @ 613-849-1972. Order now on line: ladiesofsacredheart.com/apple-pie-fest

Fundraising Dinner

Please join us for a delicious dinner to be held Loogman Hall, at St. James the Minor Church, 236 Edward Street, Stirling. Roast beef, veggies and dessert. Tickets are available before weekend Masses, at the Parish office or contact Deacon Andy @ 613-395-4915. No alcohol is permitted. Children under 6 years old no charge, 7 -12 years old \$10, and 13 years and older \$25.00. We hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus hold their General Meetints on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Parish rectory at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome to attend.

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