**SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday through Friday,  
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"'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad.'" Today’s Gospel reading is Jesus’ parable about a "rich man," whose name we do not know, and a "poor man," named Lazarus. The story shows both men after death, the rich man in torment, and Lazarus enjoying the comfort that he was deprived of during his earthly life.

It's important to understand that this teaching does not imply that having wealth leads to eternal punishment. Rather, we look at how the rich man USED his wealth and see there the cause of the problem. As Jesus says, this man "dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day." Clearly, he had abundant wealth and focused it all upon serving himself. To further the accusation against him, all the while "lying at his door was a poor man ... who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." But the rich man paid Lazarus no heed, and THIS is why he now suffers. Because he would not deign to "suffer" at all during his life by sharing his linen clothing or feeding his poor neighbor covered with sores.

This selfishness became the rich man's SELF-condemnation. He put himself in torment because he blatantly disobeyed God's law to love his neighbor. This challenging parable urges us to examine our own behavior and ask how WE use our wealth--whatever size our bank account may be. Are we willing to assist our neighbors in need? Or do we walk by the poor, excusing our own comfort? Let us heed Christ's warning today that such earthly comforts are, in the long run, short-lived.

"Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" —Luke 16:29

**BAPTISM:** Parent preparation program required. Please call the rectory at least three months prior to the birth of the child. Arrangements for the Baptism may be made upon completion of instructions. Please call the Rectory office to set up Baptism date and time.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday. 3:30 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

**MARRIAGES:** Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS (PRIESTHOOD/DIACONATE):** For information please contact Fr. Begin. For information on Religious Life, please contact S. Irene.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:** Please call Rectory office.

**REGISTRATION:** If you are new in the parish, please register at the rectory or online at our website. If you moved out of the parish, please notify the rectory.
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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FOOD COLLECTION
Next weekend, October 1st & 2nd, is our Food Collection for the poor. We appreciate all that was given last month to help our food pantry. We are so grateful for your generosity.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS
September 17/18, 2016
Weekly Collection ..................................$3,377.00
Envelopes used ......................................$202
Comfort the Needy ..................................$111.00
Repairs & Maintenance ...............................$198.00
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ONLINE GIVING
Our Lady of Hope accepts one-time and recurring online donations conveniently from our website. You can make your secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit cards by simply visiting our website at www.ourladyofhopebedford.org and using the online giving tab. Take a moment to check it out.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED...

PRAYER NETWORK
If you have friends, family members, parishioners, or anyone you know are in need of prayers you just call 1-330-527-2326 and ask for Loretta. She will pass the name onto a network of people who will be praying for your intention.

HOSPITAL VISITATION
Because of the Privacy Act, parish visitation to the hospitalized can occur only at the request of the patient or a family member. Please call the rectory to let us know.

SANCTUARY LAMP
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Dear Parishioners,

First of all a great big welcome to all the former St. Wenceslaus parishioners and all who have joined us to celebrate this wonderful heritage. What a blessing so many of you are to Our Lady of Hope and St. Mary’s. Let’s plan on this being an annual event so we can start inviting people for next year!

As our readings focus our thoughts on care of the poor, especially during this time of harvest. We are challenged to find ways that we can be aware of the difficult lives so many have, stand with them in doing what we can to make our systems more helpful to them, and supporting our St. Vincent de Paul and human care outreach in our parishes. We can and do make a difference by our love.

Love & Peace,
Fr. Dan

Blessed are they who tell me that they love me and that I am still good for something. —from prayer by St. Vincent de Paul

The Catholic sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist will bring you into the life of the Church, the community of believers. As you live, work and play with others, you come to know God and you bring God to others. We belong to our community, and belonging helps our faith grow. If you are in need of any or all of the sacraments of initiation into the church; or you would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, please call Louise at 440-232-8166.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SESSIONS**

If you or someone that you know are interested in becoming part of this rewarding ministry, please contact Louise at 440-232-8166. Fall Formation Sessions are taking place at various locations.

**PRAYER BASKET**

Your needs are very important to you, the Lord and our parish community. We have a Prayer Basket in the Narthex with slips of paper that read “How Can We Pray For You?” You can write what you need prayers for (illness, grief, job, family, etc.) and you do not need to put your name on it. Put it in the basket and during the offertory it will be brought up to the altar so we can offer them up to the Lord.

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**BLANKET SUNDAY**

The weekend of October 8/9 marks the 30th Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. The collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to lack of storage space, we will sponsor a **cash only** collection. We’ll gratefully accept your cash donation and do the shopping for you. We can do bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed for low income families. So give someone a blanket for the winter—and give yourself a warm feeling.

**“LOOSE CHANGE CHANGES LIVES”**

Help us change the lives of an expectant mom and her baby by participating in our **Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser**. Next weekend, October 1st & 2nd, we will be distributing baby bottles at the entrances of the church. We’re asking you to take them home, fill them with your loose change, and return them to the church the weekend of October 29th & 30th. The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and a full range of support services to pregnant women in need. For more info go to www.womankindcleveland.com.

**LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS!!**

All are invited to Our annual Autumn Card Party on Sunday, October 16th, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Social Hall. Admission is $6.00 which includes a light lunch with dessert and beverage. Tickets for admission and the cash raffle will be available in the Narthex after Mass. Remember to mark this date on your calendar!

**LOTTERY NEWS!!**

Thank you for your continued participation and for using your address labels. Please note that all stubs and money **must** be received before the first day of the month or winning number payout is not possible.

**CLAMBAKE**

St. Mary’s annual Clambake will be held on Sunday, October 16th, at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Mary’s Social Hall. Cost is $27 for chicken and $30 for steak. Please check out this weekend’s bulletin insert for more information and order form.

**TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS!**

Trinity High School invites all eighth grade students to their annual “Walking with the Spirit” Eighth Grade Retreat at Camp Christopher, October 14-15. For more information and to register, visit Trinity’s website at www.ths.org/spirit or call 216-581-1061.
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