

september 18, 2022 twenty-fifth sunday in ordinary time

## st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes



### Mass schedule

#### St. Lawrence

##### Saturday Vigil

5:00, 7:30 pm (Spanish)

##### Sunday

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

5:30 pm

##### Monday-Friday

8:30 am

##### Rosary

7:45 am M-F

6:30 pm Monday

8:30 am Saturday

#### Sacred Heart

##### Sunday

10:30 am

##### Daily Rosary

9:00 am

#### St. Lawrence Cemetery

Plots and cremation niches are available for purchase.

Cemetery office 845-279-2021 x201

call to schedule an appointment.

[stlawrenceotoole.org](http://stlawrenceotoole.org)

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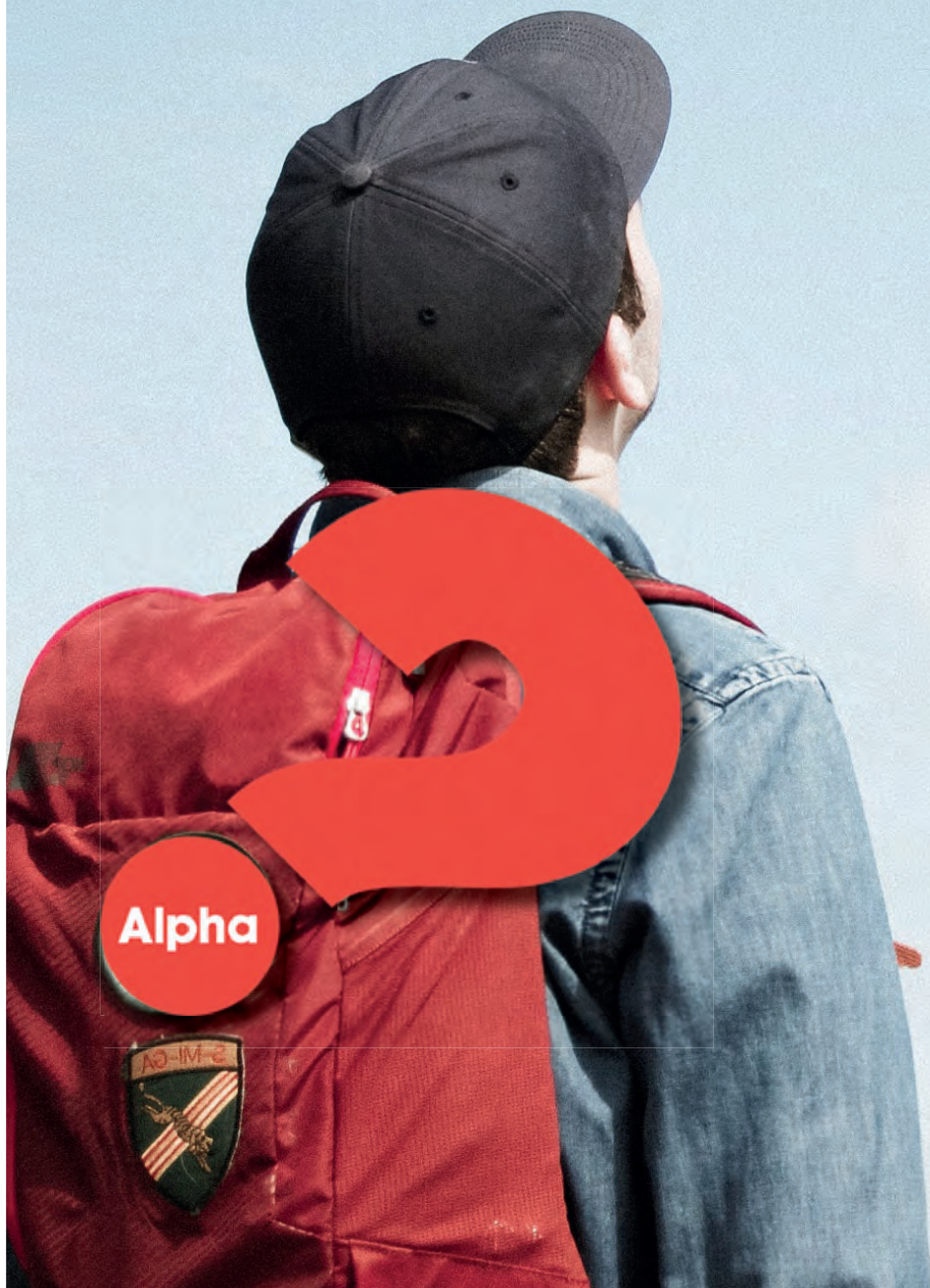


**PCSB sponsors the Golf Outing**

# Ever wonder your purpose? You're not alone.

Alpha is about people who gather over a meal while exploring what their faith means to them in the world today. There are no wrong answers, no one judges you – there's just honest conversation and friendly support from people exploring things that make life matter. You'll make new friends and get to know Jesus and the Holy Spirit better.

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## **ST. LAWRENCE:**

*ENGLISH:*

**Wednesdays 7-9 pm**

**OCT 5-DEC 21**

*SPANISH:*

**Wednesdays 7-9 pm**

**OCT 5-DEC 21**

*YOUNG ADULTS*

**Wednesday 7-9 pm**

**OCT 5-DEC 21**

## **SACRED HEART**

**Thursday 7-9 pm**

**OCT 6-DEC 22**

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September 18, 2022

# while we're at it

Dear Friends,

I just want to say "thank you" to all the members of our great parishes for committing yourselves as Catholics to grow closer to God and to keep him at the center of your lives. We have a very special "something" going on here and people see it. I'm so very proud of you all. Some examples:



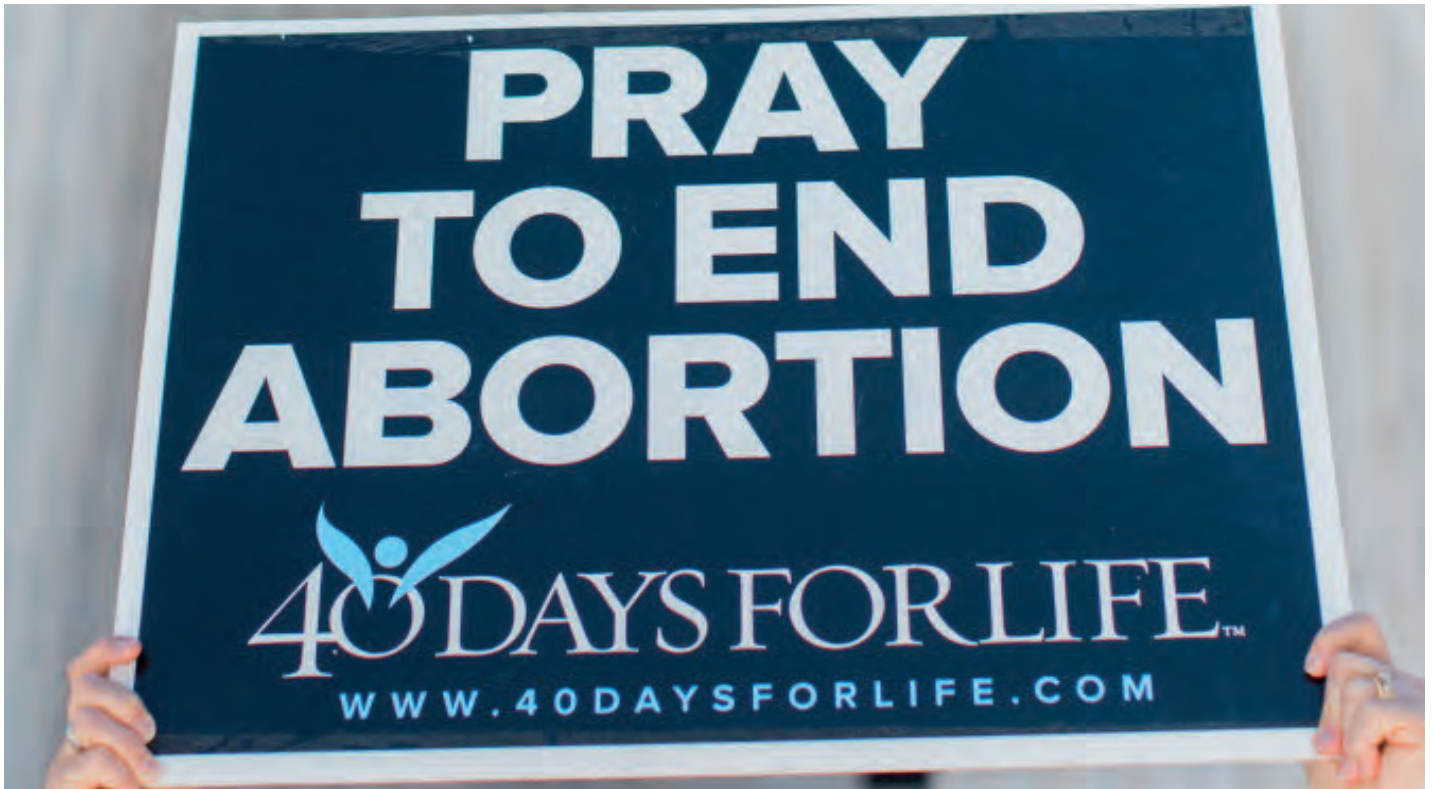
1. Our **Perpetual Adoration** people who pray 24/7 in front of the Blessed Sacrament for all of us.
2. The people who drop into Church quietly for a **visit to Jesus** whenever they can steal a few minutes from their busy schedules.
3. The **missionary disciples** who meet weekly in small groups to pray and support each other in following Jesus.
4. The people who keep growing in their faith through **adult faith formation** programs.
5. Our people who **volunteer to serve the poor and homeless** through Brewster Cares.
6. The **teachers and assistants** who help educate our kids in the Catholic Faith in Family Program and Edge.
7. The people who keep **pro-life issues** front and center in our parish.
8. Those who gather each day to say the **Rosary** together and honor Our Lady.
9. People who work with **Alpha** to help people understand how they can belong and grow in faith little by little.
10. Those **who bring Communion** to our shut-ins and sick.
11. The **Stephens Minister** care givers who accompany and pray with those going through struggles and trauma.
12. The **moms and dads** who faithfully bring the kids to Mass so they can grow up loving God and others.
13. The **parents of non-practicing young adults** who never quit and never stop praying and hoping and offering sacrifices for their return.
14. The **young men and women** who, in spite of the culture of today, still come to Church to get married because they know at some deep level they need God to bless what they are doing.
15. The moms and dads who take the idea of **baptizing their children** very seriously, knowing they are committing themselves to be real Christians and lead by example.
16. The **staff members and leadership team** who are so passionate about their relationship with Jesus that they want to draw others to him as well.

You all make these parishes awesome. Thank you.

God bless,

Fr. Richard

**our vision** Create a parish of missionary disciples whose personal relationship with Jesus Christ inspires others into a life-changing relationship with Him.



## national day of remembrance for aborted children

On Saturday, September 10, people across the nation came together as people of faith in God to pray for the millions of children who were killed by abortion. Our local prayer location was at Planned Parenthood at 44 Main St, Danbury. We had a very nice assembly from various churches in the area bonded together in prayer. Fr. Richard helped lead the prayer vigil along with this year's **40 Days For Life** local campaign leader Don Mallozzi.



As much as the secular world would like us to believe that the choice of a baby in the womb is a woman's choice to keep or discard, we know the truth. The truth is given to us in the Word of God. Every life is precious, from conception to natural death. Even though Roe v Wade was overturned by the Supreme Court, it is now more than ever that we need to keep to our rigid stance in defense of the unborn. States will now try to put into law the right to abortion for any reason!

The United States is still the best nation on earth. We are founded on Christian values. Despite all our differences we must ensure that all lives are respected, especially the unborn. How do we do this? We may not have a national voice or even a local one. We may not be able to affect our own families. But we are not helpless.

Whatever we ask God the Father in Jesus' name, it will be given. But we must be persistent as in the Parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18:1-8).

Jesus told his disciples this parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. Perseverance shows God that we are serious in our prayer. God always hears our prayers and will respond at the time it will benefit His divine will. Every day there are many senseless acts of violence; killing in our streets, killing in our schools. Respect for life starts with life in the womb. If we can't respect this helpless innocent life, how can we expect to end the murders of our children who live in this world?

We are all children of God at the very moment of conception and are made in the image and likeness of God. We remain a child of God until called home to Heaven. Everyone deserves that right.

Since 2007, over 22,000 lives have been saved by the 40 Days For Life campaigns. This fall, the **40 Days for Life** will be led by Don Mallozzi from St Edwards in New Fairfield. The prayer vigil will be at 44 Main Street in Danbury and run September 28th to November 6th, from 10AM to 4PM.

St Lawrence and Sacred Heart have committed to supporting the hours of **Tuesdays**. Please make every effort in this important mission and sign up for an hour (or more). If you can't make it on Tuesdays, come on another day. Remember, prayer is the most effective weapon we have against the scourge of abortion.

**Contact:** don.r.mallozzi@gmail.com the Danbury 40 Days For Life Leader. Or go to the **40 Days For Life Danbury** sign up at: [40daysforlife.com/en/danbury](http://40daysforlife.com/en/danbury)



# BREWSTER cares

Homeless Shelter  
Fundraising Luncheon  
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Sunday, October 23  
1:00 pm

\$100 per person  
Sponsorships available

RSVP: [weblink.donorperfect.com/BCLuncheon](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/BCLuncheon)  
Checks made to Brewster Cares, Inc.

Leave your legacy  
for the generations to come



Many parishioners find themselves able to leave a legacy gift in a will or a life estate to the parish, which helps ensure that future generations will find their parish church strong and vibrant in the years to come.

You can word a bequest to leave a percentage of your estate to the parish, or a fixed amount of money, or real estate. Consider leaving a legacy for the future of St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart.

CALL FR. GILL TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES  
301-873-8418.



## SEPT 30, 2022

### GOLF OUTING AT THE CENTENNIAL GOLF COURSE

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12:30 PM TEE TIME

This year's event will benefit Brewster Cares, a not-for-profit, which provides so much for our local homeless and poor families.

We're raising \$30,000 for the homeless shelter.

To help, contact: Jimmy King at

[topjimmyking1@gmail.com](mailto:topjimmyking1@gmail.com) or 203-856-1701

To Register: [stlawrenceotoole.org/golfouting](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/golfouting)

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# fall faith formation



## WOMEN'S GIFT – CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

TUESDAYS: IN-PERSON  
Sept 27 – Nov 22  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Catholic Social Teaching has led and influenced society for over 2000 years and women have a unique and critical role. This program will educate us and help us activate our feminine genius in light of history and the current needs of our culture. Women have a unique knowledge of relationships, family, and community. We'll put this knowledge to work as we discuss matters of life and the dignity of the human person. We'll meet holy women such as Dorothy Day, Edith Stein, and St. Gianna Molla, who exemplified the feminine genius and applied it to the social challenges in their times. Our world needs you! Join us and learn how God is calling you to serve Him and our neighbors in this day and time.

**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/WomensGift](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/WomensGift)  
**FEE:** \$40

## ALPHA

WEDNESDAYS: IN-PERSON  
Oct 5 – Dec 21  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Spanish**  
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
**English**  
DINING HALL  
**Young Adult**  
NEW YORK ROOM



THURSDAYS: IN-PERSON  
Oct 6 – Dec 22  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Sacred Heart**  
SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL

You are invited to Alpha for a time of great food, and even better conversation and talks that make you think. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. **No pressure. No follow up. No charge.**

**REGISTER:** [BrewsterAlpha.com](http://BrewsterAlpha.com)  
**FEE:** No charge

## BASICS OF CATHOLIC PRAYER- OREMUS

MONDAYS: IN-PERSON  
Sept 26 – Nov 14  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Do you find it easy to pray? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life and know how to respond? For most of us the answer is no, and we struggle to find even a few minutes every day to pray. The good news is that you can overcome these difficulties. Oremus teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Join us to build a foundation of prayer in your life.



**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/OREMUS](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/OREMUS)  
**FEE:** \$30

## GAINING CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY

TUESDAYS: IN-PERSON  
Sept 20 – Oct 11  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
NEW YORK ROOM

Learn how to save, reduce debt, and achieve your financial dreams in this 4-week immersive class that gives you practical, easy-to-use, biblically compatible tools and ideas to get the most of your income for immediate peace of mind, and future wealth. In addition to the 4 group sessions, the program includes a personalized consultation with the financial expert.



**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/GainControl](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/GainControl)  
**FEE:** \$50

## MARK: THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EYES OF PETER

THURSDAYS: IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Session 1: Sept 29 – Nov 17

Session 2: Jan 26- April 27

AM: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

PM: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

NEW YORK ROOM



Explore the teachings of Christ's successor on earth, St. Peter, as recorded by his disciple Mark. See Jesus through the eyes of Peter as he heals the sick, expels demons, preaches the Gospel, performs miracles, suffers his Passion and death, rises gloriously from the dead, and commissions his disciples to evangelize the world. *Mark: The Gospel through the Eyes of Peter* reveals the life-changing experience of following Christ as an original disciple. Like those disciples, you will hear the Lord's call—and understand it like never before—so that you can go out into the world as His follower and tell the Good News.

**REGISTER:** [stlawrenceotoole.org/GospelOfMark](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/GospelOfMark)

**FEE:** Mark Study Guide and Ignatius Guide - \$58 or  
Mark Study Guide only - \$44

## MORNING OF PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE & INTERCESSION

SATURDAY: IN-PERSON

Oct 15

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE CHURCH



There is hope of healing after abortion. The 'Day of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession' sponsored by Project Rachel, features testimonials (most read by volunteers) from actual persons affected by the loss of a child through abortion—a counselor, grandparents, a doctor, a priest, a friend, a father, a sibling, a mother—each followed by an intercessory prayer. Join us for this special prayer service for healing and forgiveness.

**FEE:** FREE



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SUNDAY, OCT. 9 • 2 PM GYM



## pray for

Please remember our brothers and sisters in the Lord who have asked for prayers:

Arlete Turturro ◦ Daniel Lyons ◦ Rene Phoche ◦ Karen Scott ◦ Thomas Pavia ◦ James McCaughey ◦ Dulio Prado ◦ Robert Schacht ◦ JoAnna Dey ◦ Tony Greco ◦ Jackie Pasquale ◦ Michael & Luise Lyons ◦ Donna Tarr ◦ Jim Puckette ◦ Doug Griffin ◦ Bill Fallon ◦ Paola Riso ◦ William Harkins ◦ Mary Jane McMahon ◦ Manuel Alphonso ◦ Marilyn Ortiz ◦ Eric Ursprung ◦ Emily Plourde ◦ Duane Lynche ◦ Tim Kurth ◦ Lorraine Kucmierowski ◦ Kevin Palmer ◦ Kristin Stevens ◦ Brian Seibert ◦ Manny Claro ◦ Michael McCluskey ◦ Mark Amoroso ◦ Jerry Davis ◦ Carmen Serrano ◦ Maria Casillo ◦ Michael Bonilla ◦ Gail Rampolla ◦ Angelo Narciae ◦ Fred Tedone ◦ Mary Curcio ◦ Ann Biondi ◦ Rich DiVenuto ◦ Ava DiBenedetto ◦ Noah Martinez ◦ Steve Distefano ◦ Kathy Farina ◦ Maureen Durkin ◦ Joyce & David ◦ Stephen Martin ◦ Catherine Sloomaker ◦ Florence Luczun ◦ Angela Morelli ◦ Stan Vishinski ◦ Frank Vaccarelli ◦ Filomena Gelso ◦ Angel Piteo ◦ Marilyn Ortiz ◦ Amy Neary ◦ Genevieve Gallagher ◦ Carmen Sidari ◦ Carol Ann Vaccarelli ◦ Thomas Joseph Kelleher ◦ Hilton Perez ◦ Silverio Calisi

Names will remain on the Prayer List for 90 days and then will be transferred to the prayer list in the Adoration Chapel. To add names to or remove names from the Prayer List, please email: [SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com](mailto:SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com)

## dedications

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Pascal Candle** is dedicated for **Anita Noce** at the request of Betsy Hansbury.

The **Blessed Mother Candle** is dedicated for the **Grant & Ferrara Families** at the request of the Christina Grant.

The **Tabernacle Candle** is dedicated for **Federico Ruiz**

## evening vigil for st. francis feast day

Do you long for holiness? Perhaps you've heard stories of St. Francis of Assisi and seek that same holy simplicity, true peace, and perfect joy. On October 3rd, Franciscans around the world commemorate the passing of St. Francis.

The San Damiano Fraternity of Secular Franciscans invites you to join them for a special evening vigil at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church on **Monday, October 3rd, at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome!!

## italy/lourdes information meeting

On **Monday, September 26 at 7 pm** in the Jerusalem Room, Fr. Rich will be sharing information about the upcoming pilgrimage trip to Italy and Lourdes, France.

April 16-27, 2023 • 12 Days  
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## mass intentions

### Saturday, September 17

5:00PM Marty Johnson  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, September 18

8:00AM Alice Moran  
9:30AM Michael Carleton  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* William & Edna Hughes  
11:00AM Marie & Umberto Gabrielli  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Anna & Ben Curtin

### Monday, September 19

8:30AM Michael J. Duff

### Tuesday, September 20

8:30AM Ursula Chiulli

### Wednesday, September 21

8:30AM John Walker

### Thursday, September 22

8:30AM Intentions of Joseph & Brianna

### Friday, September 23

8:30AM Danielle Coco

### Saturday, September 24

5:00PM Edmon Viray  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, September 25

8:00AM Bill Henry  
9:30AM Veronica Paduana & Virginia Giamundo  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Philip, Kathleen & Mary O'Connor  
11:00AM Giolio & Pasqualina Nicolina  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Intentions of Juliana Cecera & Nicolas Paento



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Lourdes Grotto, France

## ITALY & LOURDES



Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us!

Go to [Unitours.com/questions](https://unitours.com/questions)

To book online go to <https://bit.ly/GillPilgrimage>





LYNDA HOLLER  
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**NOT ALONE**

Last week, I wrote about the History Channel series, *Alone*, where trained survivalists compete to stay the longest in one of the most rugged areas of the world. The contestants' behavior can be very thought provoking. For instance, in their Redemption season, past losers were invited back for a second chance at the big prize in unforgiving Mongolia. Some applied what they had learned previously, others didn't.

After only eight days, one man sobbed uncontrollably because he missed his family; he gave up, went home. It reminded me of Jesus' lesson about building a tower without first calculating our

resources. Everyone on *Alone* misses their family, and this was his second attempt. To leave after a week seems to fulfill Jesus' words, "...onlookers would laugh and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'" In contrast, a woman around Day 27 was very hungry and remembered how starvation felt from her previous adventure. She knew it would be foolish to endure that again. In her, I saw the parable of the king who wisely evaluated his chance of defending his nation from a larger enemy. Since she couldn't defeat the enemy of starvation, it was wise for her to go home.

I have told my sons, "You must learn from other people's mistakes. You can't afford to make them all yourself." There have been several seasons of *Alone*, and the later contestants have watched the successes and failures of the earlier ones. One Redemption competitor, instead of focusing on procuring fish and game, the great sources of protein and fat that have sustained all the past winners, gave in to eating pine bark. He spent two days peeling trees and hanging the thin strips in his shelter. Anyone that we have seen resort to eating pine bark ends up bent over in intestinal agony by the next day. It is curious that he thought he would be an exception. He wasn't. God gives us all the resources we need to win the big prize of heaven. The saints and holy men and women in our lives can guide us, if we are willing to listen, learn, and live like them.

**Scripture:** Read Luke 14:28-32. What stands out?

**Call to Action:** Join an Adult Faith Formation class or Discipleship group to meet mentors and friends who are also striving for heaven.

**parish support**  
**st. lawrence parish support**

<b>Weekend of Sept 4</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 7,309.00
July <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 6,444.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,753.34</b>

**sacred heart parish support**

<b>Weekend of Sept 4</b>	
In Pew Collection	\$ 1,738.00
July <i>WeShare</i> weekly	\$ 557.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,295.11</b>

**Note:** Regardless of whether you attend St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart, for convenience on a particular weekend, be assured your collection envelopes will be returned to the parish in which you are registered.

**parish staff**

- Rev. Richard Gill.....Pastor
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- Fr. Jim Lynch, MM.....Weekend Associate
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