The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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19	8:00 AM	NO MASS
20	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Jerry & Karen Kupris req. by The Fordyce Family
21	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Monica Robinson
22	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Cole Robinson
23	8:00 AM	Kevin Penn requested by The Penn Family
24	5:00 PM	Catherine DePaulis requested by Carl & Yvonne DePaulis
25	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish
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	Lectors	Liturgical Ministries July 24-25 Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Dave Suydam
9:00 AM	Noah Jenkins	Mark Ticehurst	Andrew Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 25 Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

August 1 Phyllis Krieger & Gabbie Brandt

Next Sunday's Readings Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,477.82

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$2,853.00

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 18th

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 19th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, July 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, July 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, July 24th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, July 25th

Mass, 9:00AM

Vacation Bible School, 6-8:30PM

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile."

From the Pastor's Desk

Portrayals of Jesus as a shepherd who cares for



sheep often depict carrying a sheep on his shoulders or holding a lamb in his arms. Those images are a source of great comfort, as is today's psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." But they do not quite capture just what hard being work a shepherd involves: tending to the flock in all kinds of weather, when the pastures are anything but verdant; waking in the wee hours to care for ewes and

newborn lambs; watching some thrive and others die; not to mention being the poster child for the oft-quoted "smell of sheep." The crowd in today's Gospel lacked such a shepherd to tend and care for them, and thus "[Jesus'] heart was moved with pity for them." There are times when circumstances and events can trick us into thinking that an earthly power or perfectly principled worldview will save us. That is when we need the Lord as our shepherd the most. Only he can save us; only he has saved us. So, in those times when we may feel lost, we can bring it all to Jesus in prayer. He is the Shepherd who knows what we need.

I don't know about you, but I rarely miss a meal. When I do, I get cranky. And I do not like crowds of any kind outside of Wrigley Field. So imagine how exhausted Jesus and the disciples must have felt when, because crowds followed them day and night, they had "no opportunity even to eat." Even when they tried to get away and rest awhile, a vast crowd appeared. Rather than turn away, however, Jesus began to teach them – for they were hurting and in need of his care. Today's Gospel encourages us to be shepherds to one another, keeping others close. Pope Francis said it well during Holy Week 2013: "Following Jesus means learning to come out of ourselves ... to be the first to take a step toward our brothers and our sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, comfort and help." As we ourselves have been led by the Shepherd, we reach out to others who are in need of care.

This week find ways, large or small, to "tend the flock" of your family, parish, workplace, or community: Write a note to a person who is grieving, invite a quiet co-worker to lunch, provide a listening ear to children or aging parents, introduce yourself to a newcomer at your parish.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane Haag, Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Elizabeth Quigley, Chip Luciano, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-

602-6298) or through his email: **dcnrobin@ptd.net.**

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to Marie Dishman for prayer and spiritual support!



Knights of Columbus Book

Sale: The Knights are planning for their annual book sale in September. If you would like to donate your used books to the sale,

you can leave them in the book box at the garage. You can also call Ken Risner (717-275-2223) if you want him to pick them up at your home. *Please no dirty, mildewed, or damaged books or encyclopedias*. You can drop all books in the marked plastic trunk by the parish garages. Thank you!

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 1st from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the parish pavilion.



Families are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Our gracious Knights of Columbus will provide the meat course and drinks. It is a fun time for everyone and early

enough in August for our college bound youth to enjoy before heading off to school. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

Aluminum Tabs for Ronald MacDonald House: Carol



Minns is collecting tabs from aluminum cans to help support the MacDonald House of Hershey Hospital. To date, Carol has collected over 200 pounds of tabs. You can drop the tabs in the plastic

canister in the kitchenette. Thank you for your support!

Food Cards for Karns, Giant, and Weiss Markets are available from the Knights of Columbus after all weekend Masses. It is an easy way to support the Knights in gratitude for all the ways they serve our parish family.

A Summer Reminder: A sense of decorum in dressing for Church: The summertime can be hot and humid and often calls for more comfortable clothing. There is, however, a proper decorum to



be used when considering the clothing we wear to Mass and church. While fancy Sunday-best dresses/hats or suit and tie

may not be the attire we wear in the "causal" atmosphere of today's society, there is always a need to monitor closely what we wear because it reflects on us, our values, and the importance we place on our respect for God and our neighbor. We have no church dress codes we can look to except the one dictated by the virtue of modesty, respect, and good taste. In general, we should avoid the following when dressing for church: Spaghetti straps/tank tops, bare backs or sleeveless shirts or plunging shoulders, necklines, tubes, skimpy skirts or shorts, low waist pants, Jersey shorts/gym wear, caps or flipflops. Thank you for your consideration!

Knights of Columbus need Help for Ice Cream Stand at the Perry County Fair: The Knights of Columbus



are asking for your help with the Ice Cream Stand at the Perry Co. Fair, August 17th thru 21st. The stand provides the major source of income for the K of C projects for the year. There is a sign-up sheet

on the bulletin board. The Knights thank you for your support.

Just a Thought: "Every man has a right by nature to possess property as his own. The fact that God has given the earth for the use and enjoyment of humanity can in no way be a bar to owning private property. No part of the earth was assigned to anyone in particular, ...and that the limits of private possession have been left to be fixed by man's own industry, and by the laws of people." (Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum*, 1891)