

The Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

Mass Intentions

August	23	8:00 AM	NO MASS
August	24	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Leach requested by John & Mary Blair
August	25	8:00 AM	Mary Requena requested by John & Mary Blair
August	26	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Kateri Robinson
August	27	8:00 AM	Rose LaVia requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
August	28	5:00 PM	David Raugh requested by The Raugh Family
August	29	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries August 28-29

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Karen Kupris	The Hoffman Family
9:00 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Mark Ticehurst	Andrew Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 29	Jen Meek
September 5	Gwen Pray

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8	James 1:17-18, 21b-22,27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,216.00
The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,089.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 22nd

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 23rd

No Mass

Tuesday, August 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, August 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Pro-Life Movie: Roe V Wade, 6:15PM

Friday, August 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 28th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

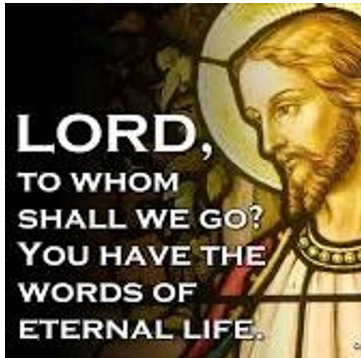
Sunday, August 29th

Mass, 9:00AM

**And Peter said:
“Master,
to whom shall we go?
You have the words of
eternal life.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

Have you ever felt nervous in standing up for something, or in taking a position on an issue? Even when the stakes are not particularly high,



like a classroom debate over an author's meaning in her text or requesting that customer service fix a take-out order gone awry, it can be nerve-racking for many of us to have

this kind of engagement. It is especially difficult when we sense conflict. Why is that? Why do we care so much what others think of us? What about

when the stakes are literally life or death? In today's first reading, Joshua is imploring the people to decide which god they will serve, and he boldly proclaims: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." In the Gospel, some of Jesus' disciples reject his teachings and drift back to "their former way of life." Jesus asks the Twelve whether they, too, "want to leave." Simon Peter responds with the rhetorical question, "Master, to whom [else] shall we go?" Like Joshua, he is bold in his own pronouncement: "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Today's readings encourage and exhort us to go "all in" when it comes to discipleship. The implication is clear: it matters not what others think of us, or what attraction they might hold for us to acquiesce to them. God alone is the source of life, and the truth. He offers us a way – it's that simple. We simply must decide to serve him.

At times this commitment, this life of discipleship, is more difficult than other times. Faith is a personal and communal relationship with our Triune God, and just like our human relationships it requires attentiveness, and "[living] in love as Christ loved us." Just as a spouse or roommate can annoy us – being messy, hearing the same joke over and over, and don't get me started on who gets to control the remote! – we may get upset with God because our expectations are not met. But God is God, not "who we think God ought to be." Therefore, today's readings are an encouragement to remain steadfast when things are difficult, with St. Paul comparing the love of Jesus for the Church (all of us!) with the mutual love between a husband and wife. No one said it would be easy. Just as a good marriage requires communication, give-and-take, and large doses of forgiveness, so does our relationship with the Lord require prayer, confession, repentance, and thanksgiving. Place Joshua's words on your refrigerator this week: "Decide today whom you will serve ... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Brainstorm about how each member of your household can do that.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue

Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Jim Oakley, 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: denrobin@ptd.net.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

BOOK SALE



Knights of Columbus Book Sale:

The Knights are planning for their annual book sale in September on the following dates:

September 9th from 9AM to 7PM; September 10th from 9AM to 7PM; and September 11th from 9AM to 2PM. 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!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to begin in the Fall of 2021:

This fall, Saint Bernard's Parish will begin another RCIA program, a series of basic instructions in the Faith.

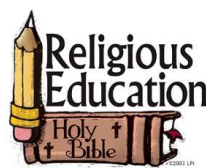
This program of prayer and study is designed to assist you in growing in your knowledge and love for the Lord and His Catholic Church. We will open

our RCIA year with an inquiry evening on Tuesday, September 14th. For more information, call Father Sharman (717-582-4113). You can also complete a registration form (found on the bulletin board) and place it in the offertory collection or send it to the parish office.

CCD Registrations: If your child is new to our CCD program for this coming year, please call Alice Vilk (717-497-8260) or Olney Innerst (717-448-0746) so classrooms can be assigned, books and materials ordered, and a seat reserved for your child. You should also complete a CCD Registration form which can be found on the

parish bulletin board. Thank you for your prompt attention.

CCD School Year begins on Sunday, September 12th



from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the Schmidt Center for all registered students. In order to ensure the safety of our children during the continuing

pandemic, children are urged to sanitize their hands before coming into the classroom. If they are not feeling well, have a fever or cough, they are to stay at home. At this point, masks are optional at the direction of the parents. Every effort will be made to socially distance your children in the classroom. If parents believe their children would be safer at home, you can also home-school your child this year. The parish will supply the textbooks and other materials you child will need to complete the requirements and advance to the next grade.

Autumn-Fest 2021-The Carlisle Area Family Life Center

invites you to join us for our annual Autumn-Fest on Friday, September 17th from 6-9 pm at the pavilion behind the LeTort View Community Center on Carlisle Barracks. Come and enjoy a pulled pork dinner, listen to the Bluestone Bluegrass Band and visit with friends under the stars! You can also have fun bidding on silent and live auction items! Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at CAFLC, by calling 717-243-6544 or online at www.carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org. Ticket price includes dinner and two drinks.

Free Movie! The Pro-life committee will be showing *Roe V. Wade*, a (PG-13) movie on Thursday evening, August 26th at 6:15 pm in the parish hall. Publicity for the movie has been suppressed in the media since it does not serve the political agenda of the left and their media networks. Instead, it shows how a series of deceptions and political/social influences played out in the ruling of the Supreme Court judges to legalize abortion. Movie length is 117 minutes. Light refreshments will be served. If questions, please contact Tom Polcha at 717-829-4543

Pray the Rosary to end abortion!