The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions						
February	14	8:00 AM	NO MASS			
February	15	8:00 AM	Dakotah Snyder-Fortney requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris			
February	16	8:00 AM	Mark Whitmoyer requested by Kathy Heller			
February	17	8:00 AM	Elsie Segrist requested by Jim & Betty Magaro			
February	18	8:00 AM	Crystal Groff requested by The Raugh Family			
February	19	5:00 PM	Bill Zimmerman requested by Mary Zimmerman			
February	20	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish			
2		10:30 AM	Erik Oltheten requested by Joe Oltheten			

	Lectors	Liturgical Ministries February 19-20 Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Dunkelberger	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Mark Ticehurst	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 20	Gwen Pray
February 27	The Raugh Family

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

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23	1 Corinthians 15:45-49	Luke 6:27-38
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$ 5,321.05 Parish Contingency for January amounted to: \$971.00 The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,746.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 13th Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM CCD, 9:15-10:15AM Monday, February 14th No Mass Tuesday, February 15th Mass, 8:00AM **RCIA**, 6:30PM Wednesday, February 16th Mass, 8:00AM Thursday, February 17th Mass, 8:00AM Friday, February 18th Mass, 8:00AM Saturday, February 19th Mass, 5:00PM Soup Bowl Fundraiser, 6:00PM Sunday, February 20th Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins."

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke's account of the Beatitudes pulls no punches. Blessed are you ... who are poor,



hungry, weeping, when people hate you. These admonitions bear little resemblance to the pursuit of happiness as most of us know it: Striving for wealth (or at least stability). enjoying a good meal, sharing a laugh with friends, and being wellliked. These are things of this world, and Jesus

tells us that pursuing them alone will not make us

truly happy. I don't think that means we need to wear sackcloth and ashes, or refuse to enjoy the great gifts with which God has endowed his Creation. However, Jesus' words remind us that we won't find lasting happiness even in the finest meal or the most lavish vacation, but rather in placing our lives in God's hands. For the desire for happiness "is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw us to the One who alone can fulfill it." (CCC 1718)

For those who find it hard to raise and grow house plants, you should enjoy the image of the tree in the reading from Jeremiah. One who trusts in the Lord "is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream; it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit." These words from Jeremiah are a prophecy of hope, and hope allows us to accompany one another through the hills and valleys (and occasional dead plants) of our lives. We can become a source of hope to others by praying for and with one another and encouraging them on their own journeys of faith. In doing so, we help one another tap into the ultimate source of hope – the God who loves us.

Read the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount and reflect on how Jesus' teachings draw us ever more to himself and highlight our baptismal vocation: holiness. What one thing can you bring to prayer and the Sacrament of Penance this week to purify your heart?

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, Suzanne Matunis, Judy Rich, Jeff Martzall, Jeanette Fasick, Jan Oakley, Ellen White, Dr. Philip Cook, Bobbie Zelenky 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

The Fran Hannon Educational Grant is being



offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any senior graduating in the spring of 2022 and who will continue their education after high school. The grant is for \$500. To apply you must be a

practicing member of the parish, and must submit an essay of 500 words or less on the theme "What My Catholic Faith Means to Me." Deadline is March 27th. Applications are available at the bulletin board in the narthex.

2021 Financial Statements: If you want a financial statement of your contributions to our parish for tax purposes, please call the parish office or email your request and your statement will be mailed to you. (email address: info@stbernardsnbpa.org)

Traffic Flow for CCD: Please be aware to observe the traffic flow when dropping your child at the Schmidt Center for CCD. We ask parents to use the center row and head toward the garages. Make a left and pull in front of the Schmidt Center so the passenger door opens at the steps. This procedure insures your child is safe when exiting the car. Please do not leave your car parked in front of the center. Also, watch your speed when driving through the parking lot. Thank you.

First Penance Celebration: Parents are reminded that the celebration of First Penance will take place on Saturday, March 5^{th} at 10:00AM in Church. As a parish, let us keep these children in our prayers as they spiritually prepare to meet the forgiveness and love of the Good Shepherd in the beauty of this sacrament.

Time to think about Lent: Ash Wednesday, March 2^{nd} , begins the holy season of Lent. It is time to



think about your spiritual life and the goals you hope to achieve this Lenten season. Lent is about change of heart and change of life. What in your life stops you from growing spiritually in your

relationship with God? What habit or vice clings to you and weighs you down? What is it that you can give up or take up that will help you change your life by changing your habits? Make a firm resolution now to reflect on how this lent can and will make a difference in your Catholic life and spirituality!

Your Sacrificial Offering at Holy Mass: "And what do we ourselves offer when we offer our bodies and blood with Jesus at Mass? We offer what Jesus



offered: life and death. By "body" we offer all that actually constitutes our physical life: time. energy, ability. sentiments, that only a spirit living in a body can give. By "blood", we express the offering of our death; meaning humiliations, our failures,

sickness that cripples us, limits due to age or health, everything that "mortifies us." We offer to God, along with the bread and wine at Mass, our entire selves, body, soul, mind, and heart. As Saint Paul wrote: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you might know what is God's will, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Rom 12:2)

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 feel free to join us and pray for those intentions.

Hospitality Apostolate: There are times in life when we can all use a little help. A group of parishioners would like to offer meals to fellow parishioners who might be just released from the hospital, new mothers, and shut-ins who need temporary care. If you can use their services or know someone who can, please contact Phyllis Krieger (kriegerkrew@aol.com/.

Parish Finance Committee will meet this Thursday, February 17th at 7:00PM in the Parish office.

Parish Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 7:00PM in Church. Three additional priests will be present to assist us experience God's forgiving mercy and prepare us for the celebration of the Resurrection. Mark your calendars now to make a good confession.