

The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

Mass Intentions

July	17	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Ed & Kathy Berna requested by Rich & Kathy Dubois
July	18	8:00 AM	Carl DePaulis requested by Joe & Helen Oltheten
July	19	8:00 AM	Special Intention
July	20	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Deacon Michael Pray requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
July	21	8:00 AM	Mary Howe requested by John & Mary Blair
July	22	5:00 PM	Catherine DePaulis requested by Yvonne DePaulis
July	23	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries July 22-23

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Patty Suydam	Helena Krieger
9:00 AM	Jeff Aro	Bill Davies	Jacob Innerst, Pat Pray Joe Morrison

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 23

Robin & Mike Chiccini

July 30

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,117.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,986.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 16th (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, July 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, July 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, July 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, July 22nd

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 23rd (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Masses, 9:00AM

**“My word shall not return
to me void, but shall do my
will, achieving the end for
which I sent it.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel

readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower,

which appears rather straightforward—of course



seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the Sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the Sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Kathleen Brennan, 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 (602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at 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 the Parish Office for prayer and spiritual support!

BOOK SALE



Knights of Columbus Book Sale:

The Knights are planning 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 do not leave your books in the Narthex! You can drop all books in the marked plastic trunk by the parish garages. Please no moldy or musty books! Thank you!

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 6th 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 on the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

Vacation Bible School: Our Parish Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 24 – 28 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. The theme this year is “Amazing Apostle’s Creed.” If your child is age 3 to entering 7th grade and would like to attend, please complete a registration form (found on the bulletin board). For further information, please contact Jen Morrison at 717-462-4556 or email at Morrisonfam10@gmail.com.

Important CCD Information: If you have not registered your child(ren) for CCD, please do so as soon as possible so textbooks and other materials can be ordered. Contact Alice Vilks for registration forms or see the bulletin board.

5th Grade CCD Catechist Needed: We are in need of two catechists to team teach our fifth grade CCD class. If you are interested in working in this ministry but unsure of your ability to teach or knowledge of our Catholic faith, I would be glad to meet with you to discuss our program, the text

we use, and the duties and responsibilities of our catechists. If you are willing to share your faith with our children, please contact Alice Vilks at alicevilks4@gmail.com. It takes many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish, so come join us!

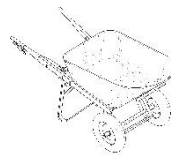
Triduum of Prayer in honor of Saint Bernard, Abbot:



To celebrate our parish’s 75th Anniversary, we will have a three-day triduum of prayer in honor of our patron saint, Bernard of Clairvaux. The Triduum will begin on Saint Bernard’s Feast Day, August 20th and conclude on Tuesday, August 22nd. The holy hour each evening will begin at 7:00PM and include

Vespers, a sermon on Saint Bernard and the history of our parish and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Deacon Michael Pray, who did his master’s thesis on the history of our parish and Catholicism in Perry County, will preach the sermon each evening. As God has blessed our Parish through the intercession of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, let us give thanks for those blessings in prayer and praise. Save those dates now and plan to be with us.

Knights of Columbus “Wheelbarrow of Groceries”



The Knights are offering chances to win a Wheelbarrow full of Groceries worth over \$200. Chances are \$1 or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be pulled at the parish picnic on August 6th. See the Knights after Mass to purchase your winning ticket!!

Sunday Mass: Parents are reminded of the importance of Sunday Mass attendance for themselves and their children during these summer months – even on vacation! Catholic Churches can be found in almost all vacation destinations. Parents should also be reminded of the importance of receiving the Sacrament of Penance at least once over the summer. Our children need to know that our spiritual life never takes a vacation.

Pray the rosary for vocations!