

The Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

Mass Intentions

July	3	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Amanda Finnegan requested by Laura Fridirici
July	4	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Andrew Dickson requested by Laura Fridirici
July	5	8:00 AM	Special Intention
July	6	8:00 AM	Carl DePaulis requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
July	7	8:00 AM	Jack Evers requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
July	8	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
July	9	9:00 AM	Dakotah Fortney requested by John & Mary Blair

Liturgical Ministries July 8-9

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Rosanne Wheatley	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 9	Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands
July 16	Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,928.82

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,589.65

June Parish Contingency amounted to: \$1,087.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 2nd (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 3rd

MASS, 8:00AM

Tuesday, July 4th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 5th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, July 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, July 7th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, July 8th

Mass, 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 9th (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Masses, 9:00AM

**“Whoever does not
take up his cross
is not worthy of me.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's first reading, the Shunammite woman recognized that Elisha was “a holy man of God.” She and her husband then went on to provide Elisha with hospitality and lodging, and she was rewarded with a son. But how did she recognize Elisha as the holy prophet that he was? Recognition, or lack of it, is a recurrent theme in Scripture – from Mary Magdalene not recognizing the risen Lord at the tomb to the disciples not recognizing Jesus on the road to Emmaus. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus himself encouraged his listeners to learn to recognize “false prophets” because they bear bad fruit. What do we need to open our eyes to and recognize today? Perhaps the realization that



Jesus' life and teachings always point us to life – life with him and in him, on earth and for eternity. As members of the body of Christ, let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with his love so that we may bear good fruit and always choose the road that leads to that life.

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Perhaps we should consider these words from Jesus in today's Gospel a challenge. Yes, we know that faithful discipleship comes with demands. But “losing our life”? I like to think of it as going “all in” in our response to Jesus. Investing the most we can in our relationship with Jesus means recognizing that he is the way and the truth and the life. And then we must act upon that. How? Put God first in your life. Serve him before all else. Let our relationship with Christ be like the frame that holds a building up – let it define us, strengthen us, and shape us. And may it allow us to recognize his loving presence in each moment of our lives.

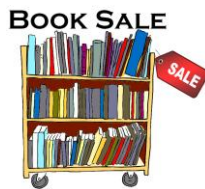
The summer months are hot in the northern hemisphere, and traveling, running errands, and doing things for oneself can be difficult for those who are adversely affected by the heat. Take a look around you – at your neighbors or even those who are part of your daily circle of encounters – and be intentional at recognizing who they are (a child of God) and what their needs might be. Offer specific assistance to them related to that need, as the Shunammite woman and her husband did for Elisha.

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, Mike Landis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Sara Zettlemoyer, Mike and 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!



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 Vilk 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 Vilk at alicevilk4@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.

Attention Knights of Columbus members: St. Martin assembly #2708 is hosting a steak dinner cookout on Tuesday August 8th at 6:00 pm. The event will be held at the pavilion at St. Bernard. It is open to all members of St. Martin assembly and their wives. We would also like to invite any 3rd degree Knight and spouse who would like to know more about the assembly. All the food will be provided by the assembly at no cost to you. If interested, sign up on the bulletin or contact Joe Oltheten (j.h.oltheten@gmail.com) with your name and the number of persons attending. Please come out and join us for steaks on the grill.