

The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

Mass Intentions

July	24	8:00 AM	Edward Kirk requested by John & Mary Blair
July	25	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by Her Family
July	26	8:00 AM	Ruth Tamkins requested by Bob & Kathy Luckie
July	27	8:00 AM	Richard Walton requested by Joe & Maureen Mullen
July	28	8:00 AM	Gerald Ford requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
July	29	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
July	30	9:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joseph & Suzann Meyer

Liturgical Ministries July 29-30

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Gwen Pray	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Christine Ticehurst	Nancy Stanton	Anna & Julia Sheaffer

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 30

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

August 6

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,728.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,324.32

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

Church Calendar

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

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, July 25th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, July 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, July 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, July 29th

Mass, 5:00 PM

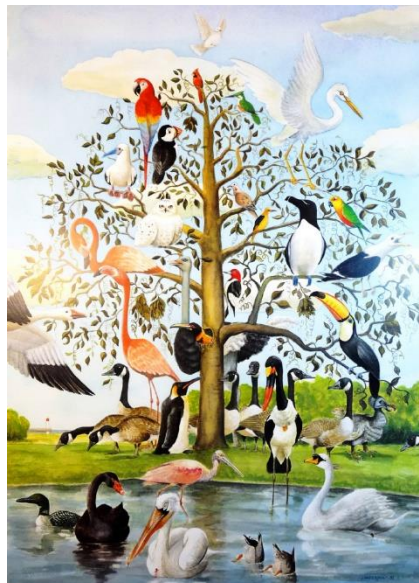
Sunday, July 30th (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Masses, 9:00AM

**“Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth; you
have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three



parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that

we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace

experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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, 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!

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 Vilck 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 Vilck at alicevilk4@gmail.com. It takes many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish, so come join us!

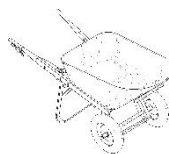
Triduum of Prayer in honor of Saint Bernard, Abbot:



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.

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!