

# The Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

## Mass Intentions

November	20	8:00 AM	Bill Renshaw requested by John & Mary Blair
November	21	8:00 AM	Anna Mae Wukitch
November	22	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
November	23	8:00 AM	NO MASS
November	24	8:00 AM	NO MASS
November	25	5:00 PM	Sharon Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
November	26	8:00 AM	Betty Himes
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries November 25-26

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Scott Dunkelberger	Helena Krieger
10:30 PM	Sean Romano	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family Jacob Innerst

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

November 19

The Raugh Family

November 26

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,256.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$5,056.35

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM/9:45-10:15AM

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### *Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thanksgiving Mass, 7:00PM

### *Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thanksgiving Day)*

No Mass

### *Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>*

No Mass

### *Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

### *Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM and 9:45-10:15AM

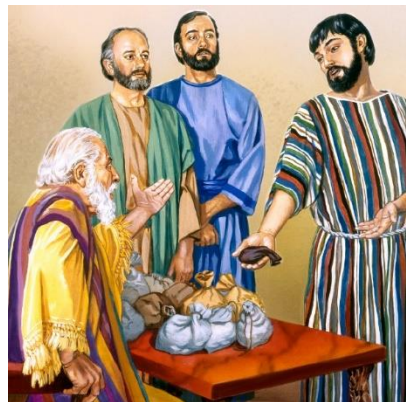
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”**

### **From the Pastor's Desk:**

When we think of gifts, we may picture a child eagerly ripping into wrapping paper on a birthday or at Christmas. Oh, the anticipation and the joy seen through a child's eyes! In contemplating today's Scriptures, it occurs to me



that the gifts God has given to us should fill us with the same joy and sense of gratitude as that child. Although there are many facets to the parable of the talents which Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel, what stands out to me comes at the very beginning: “A man going on a

journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.” No small thing to be entrusted with the master's possessions! In the same way, God entrusts us with his gifts – they are all we have and all we are. And, like the master in the parable, God expects us to use our gifts and talents to build his kingdom here on earth – to multiply his goodness in the world.

Does the parable seem a bit harsh at the end? After all, the last servant didn't squander the money he was given, he simply gave it back in the same form in which it was given to him. But let's think about our generous God and the gifts and talents he has given us. God expects us to use these gifts, not hide them under a bushel basket. If we are lazy with and inattentive to our God-given gifts, they will shrink and fade away. We will be squandering our invitation to full participation in the kingdom of God. Obviously, each of God's children has unique gifts, just as the servants in the parable received different numbers of talents according to their ability. With this in mind, let us consider how we can share our singular gifts and help others do the same. No gift or talent is too small, and God has given us everything we need to use each gift wisely. Empowered by God's love and grace, let us use our blessings for his glory.

The imagery of the “wicked, lazy” servant being punished, coupled with St. Paul's words that the Lord will come “like a thief at night,” impart urgency to the task before us. In order to be prepared to give God an accounting of how we are using his gifts, let us start growing them today. Offer forgiveness, love someone whom it is hard to love, show mercy; in other words, be a blessing to others and see how that goodness multiplies.

**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, Gene Odat, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Don Shaeffer, 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](mailto:dcnrobin@ptd.net).

**Online Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

**Thanksgiving Mass Reminder:** Our Parish will gather to celebrate Mass for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM in the Church. As a Parish, we have so many things to give thanks to God for, especially His abundant blessings and graces.

**Advent Wreath Materials:** As we prepare for the Advent Season in spiritual preparation for the birth of Christ, all the materials you will need for creating a home Advent Wreath will be available in the narthex on the weekend of December 2/3. Our parish will supply the oasis, ribbon, and candles. All you will need, in addition, is a waterproof container and some evergreens to complete your wreath. This is one way we can keep Christ in Christmas as we prepare to celebrate His birth.



**Youth Group Christmas Widows/Widowers Dinner:**

The Saint Bernard's Youth Group will be hosting its annual dinner for widows and widowers of Saint Bernard's Parish on Saturday, December 2nd in the Parish Hall after the 5 PM Mass. The youth of our parish extend a warm invitation to all those who can attend. Please look forward to a night of fun, conversation, service, and entertainment given by our youth. We look forward to joining you that night and always in prayer for the souls of the faithful departed.

**Christmas Dinner**

*Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can attend. Please feel welcome to bring a friend or family member, especially if they are your means of travel. Also, please note the number of people attending when you sign up.*

**Advent Penance Service:** As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's

birth again in glory, please make the Sacrament of

Penance part of your family's preparation. A penance service is scheduled for Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 PM. Four additional priests will be present to help us celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy and



love.

**The Mitten Tree:** Each year at Christmas, our parish reaches out to our own parish family and the community and provides approximately 100 gifts for those less fortunate. Again, this year, everyone is invited to select an ornament from our Mitten Tree and fulfill a Christmas wish for the needy. For many people, these are the only gifts they will receive. The



Mitten Tree is located at the main doors of the Church. Only one gift per tag!! Your gifts should be returned by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent Vespers and Covered Dish Dinner:**



All parish families, especially our children, are cordially invited to an Advent Vesper Service and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed immediately with a covered dish dinner in Dattilo Hall on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. A special visitor will arrive for the children. You are requested to bring a salad, vegetable dish, or dessert. The meat course will be provided by the parish. Please sign up at the bulletin board so adequate provisions can be made. For further information, please call Erin Jenkins at 834-6946.

**Christ in Christmas Cards** designed by our CCD students are being offered for sale by our Knights of Columbus. The cost is \$8.00 for an assorted package of 15 cards and you can purchase them at the kitchenette.