

The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 14, 2024

Mass Intentions

July	15	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	16	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	17	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	18	8:00 AM	Jon Ford requested by Pat Harshberger
July	19	8:00 AM	Jason Barlup requested by The Fordyce Family
July	20	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
July	21	9:00 AM	Sara Zettlemoyer requested by Mike & Robin Chiccini

Liturgical Ministries July 20-21

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Dave Suydam	The Hoffman Family
9:00 AM	Jeff Aro	Rose Wheatley	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 21	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek
July 28	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,879.41

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,117.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 14th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Knights of Columbus Council Picnic, 12 noon

Monday, July 15th

No Mass (Parking lot will be resealed)

Tuesday, July 16th

No Mass (Parking lot will be resealed)

Wednesday, July 17th

No Mass (Parking lot will be resealed)

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, July 18th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, July 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, July 20th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, July 21st

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00

**“Lord, let us see your kindness,
And grant us your salvation.”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

Have you ever considered the task before you and thought, *No way am I equipped for this?* There



are certainly times when it seems God is calling us to more than we are prepared for. The prophet Amos never expected to be God's mouthpiece. He was a simple shepherd and a

“dresser of sycamores.” Yet, Amos listened when God chose him “from following the flock” and instructed him to speak to Israel, even if he may have thought the whole idea quite silly. “Do you really mean me?” we might imagine him saying. We see this theme of God calling those we might least expect to important missions on countless occasions throughout Scripture: Moses had a speech impediment; Rahab was a prostitute; David was a young boy; Ruth was a foreigner;

Matthew was a despised tax collector; Paul persecuted the early Christians; and the list goes on. On every occasion, however, trusting in God and listening to his voice was enough for each of these individuals to fulfill the role they were called to, even if they considered themselves the most unlikely candidate for the cause.

In this week's Gospel reading from Mark, Jesus calls for the Twelve and sends them out on mission with specific instructions. The key here is that he gives them his authority. They are able to accomplish seemingly impossible things – “preaching repentance, driving out demons, curing the sick” – not through their own power, but through the authority they had in Christ and by being obedient to the precepts he gave them. This is a lesson for all of us – to heed the commands of Christ and rely on his authority, not on our own power. We can live the impossible only through him. Pay close attention to the words from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians when in doubt: “In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.”

Today's Scripture makes it clear that it is through Christ in us that we can accomplish all things for his glory. We do not act on our own, but we give permission for God to act in us. I offer you a challenge this week in your prayer life: Instead of asking God to remove what appear to be impossible obstacles for you to face, try praying for the graces sufficient to fulfill your role in them.

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, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Joe Rich, Steven Pray, Connie Krause, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com.

Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

Saint Bernard's Garden Club: To keep our parish property looking its best during the summer months, families are asked to assist by taking a portion of our property and keeping it weeded and trimmed throughout the summer. It only takes a little of your time (a few times a month) to keep our parish looking well kept the whole summer long. Thank you for all you do for our parish family.

Vacation Bible School: St Bernard's will host a VBS program about the Holy Eucharist for children aged 3 to entering the 6th grade from July 22 through July 26, 2024, 6 PM - 8:30 PM. Registration forms are available from CCD or the bulletin board in the



narthex. Please complete them and return as soon as possible. Older students are welcome to join us and assist with the activities - this is a great way to complete service hours. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Morrison @ 717-462-4556, morrisonfam10@gmail.com, or 717-254-0280 (text).

CCD Teacher/Catechist Opportunity: Are you interested in working with the children in our religious education classes as a teacher or aide but unsure of your ability to teach or if you possess enough knowledge of our Catholic faith? *Just your willingness to pass along a living faith to the youth of our parish is one of the most important characteristics of a good catechist.* Our classes are teamed with 2 catechists and the younger classes also have an aide. We need a teacher in 5th grade. Alice Vilk will meet with any interested persons to discuss our program, the text we use, and the duties and responsibilities of our teachers and aides. If interested, please email Alice Vilk at alicevilk4@gmail.com. It takes many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish, so come join us!

Knights of Columbus Council Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 14th (12 noon) at the parish pavilion. All parish members of the Knights of Columbus

are cordially invited to attend and should contact Grand-Knight Joe Oltheten with acceptance or regrets.

Cleaning of the Schmidt Center: On Thursday, July 25th we will thoroughly clean the Schmidt Center at 8:30AM. We need parishioners who are willing to assist us for two hours in washing the windows, windowsills, and walls of the classrooms. Many hands will lighten the load. If you can help, please sign up at the bulletin board.

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 4th 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 at the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

Missionary Cooperative Program: This weekend we are pleased to welcome Father Augustine, an Apostle of Jesus Missionary, who will celebrate the weekend Masses and preach the homily. Please welcome Father and support the Apostles of Jesus in their work of preaching the gospel in Africa and around the world. Be as generous in the second collection as your means allow!

Welcome Father Francline: From July 15th through the 27th, Father Francline will be present with us to provide pastoral service during Father Sharman's vacation. If you have a pastoral need, please call upon him.

Morning Mass Schedule: On July 15, 16, 17th the parking lot will be resealed and relined. This process will take three days to complete. Morning Mass will only be celebrated on Thursday and Friday at 8:00AM. Father Francline will be available for any pastoral need.