The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Inten	tions		
July	29	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	30	8:00 AM	Kathleen Uebersax requested by Margaret Jones
July	31	8:00 AM	Ted & Leslie Zimmerman requested by Ken Risner
August	1	8:00 AM	Intentions Of The Benedictines Of Mary
August	2	8:00 AM	Bela Pinczes requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
August	3	8:00 AM	Jon Ford requested by Mary Anna Reed
		5:00 PM	John Cover requested by Sue Cover
August	4	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

	Lectors	Liturgical Ministries August 3-4 Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Gwen Pray	The Hoffman Family
9:00 AM	Bill Davies	Scott Dunkelberger	Christopher Harlan Jacob Innerst, Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 4	The Raugh Family
August 11	Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15	Ephesians 4:17, 20-24	John 6:24-35
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,312.00 The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,091.56

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 28th Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM Mass. 9:00AM Monday, July 29th No Mass Tuesday, July 30th Mass, 8:00AM Wednesday, July 31st Mass, 8:00AM Prayer Group, 8:30AM Thursday, August 1st Mass, 8:00AM Confession, 6:15PM Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM Friday, August 2nd Mass, 8:00AM Saturday, August 3rd Mass In Honor of The IHM 8:00AM Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM Sunday, August 4th Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM Mass. 9:00 Parish Picnic, 1:00-4:00 PM

"The hand of the Lord feeds us..."

From the Pastor's Desk:

If the multiplication of the loaves sounds oh so familiar ... it's because it is! It's the only miracle story found in all four Gospels, and for good reason. Jesus multiplies the meager offering of a boy with five barley loaves and two fish and feeds a large crowd with baskets left over. The story is



symbolic of the food that is readily available through Jesus in the Eucharist. The crowd in the Gospel that had been following Jesus was tired, worn out, and hungry. Don't we all feel

discouraged now and then? When we do, Jesus makes himself available to us in the Eucharist; he provides daily food that nourishes and sustains. When we eat this life-giving bread, we are strengthened and fortified, as was the crowd in the Gospel, as we heard: "They had more than they could eat."

Trusting in the bounty of God can be a challenging thing. Think about Philip in today's Gospel - looking out over the massive crowd gathered, he thought, "there's no way we'll be able to feed all of these people." And he was right! He couldn't, and we cannot. But the Lord can. And if we are to "live in a manner worthy of the call [we] have received," we must strive to live like the Apostles with complete trust in Jesus, and not rely on our own notions of what's possible and what's not. The miracle here was not that everybody was hiding fish and bread and they shared it. No, the Gospel is clear that Jesus takes what little we can offer and multiples it beyond our wildest imagination. That's the beauty of Gospel readings like this. Ordinary people are following Jesus, maybe curious about his message, maybe they know someone healed by him and want to see if he's for real. He teaches, they listen, and then something amazing happens. Let us always remember that no effort is too small for God – no kindness too ordinary. He magnifies the good we do. All we need to do is trust in his bounty, and freely give to him what we have.

Let's make an effort this week to try and emulate the boy in today's Gospel. Give what we have over to Jesus and say, "I trust you to make something out of this." Small acts of kindness, showing gratitude, or sharing our blessings can lead to bigger things than we think possible. We will never know the echoes of the good that we do, as it ripples out and touches other lives, but we can trust that in his love for us, God will use our good deeds for tremendous ends.

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. 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!

Welcome Father Speratus: This weekend, Father Speratus, an Apostle of Jesus, will be with us to celebrate the weekend Masses. We welcome

Father Speratus warmly and thank him for sharing his priestly service and ministry with us.

Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 4^{th} 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!

CCD Information: If there are children in our parish who plan to attend CCD in the fall, but who have not already registered, please let us know as soon



as possible. If you are new to our program, a child must be 3 before September 1st to be accepted into the Pre-school class or age 5 by September 1st for the Kindergarten class. Your cooperation in this effort

will allow us to secure an adequate number of teachers, prepare classroom areas, and purchase book and supplies. Early registration will reduce mayhem and confusion for the opening classes on September 9th. Email Alice Vilk (<u>65vair@embarqmail.com</u>) ASAP.

Thank you for a successful Vacation Bible School: Our parish is grateful to Jen Morrison and our adult and teen volunteers who worked so hard and gave their time and talents to make this year's VBS such a wonderful success. The youth who attended learned about the holy Eucharist and the graces Jesus gives us through reception of His Body and Blood. May our volunteers know the rewards promised to the good and faithful servants!

Pray the Rosary this week for Vocations from our Parish!





August Birthdays

Joanna Buck Gary Hilbolt Patricia Harshberger John Kapp David Jenkins **Kieran Morrison** Julie Richelderfer Natalee Seaman **Ben Zerance** Todd Mondell **Darlene Miller** Jakob Robinson James Kernoschak Jeffrey Galgon Austin Hoffman Marie Dishman Marie Morrison Katelynn Nye Karolyn Nye **Stephanie Jones** Barbara Manoni Faith Zarichansky Susan Cover **Cheryl Gross** Kathleen Landis

August 1 August 2 August 3 August 3 August 4 August 5 August 5 August 5 August 5 August 6 August 8 August 8 August 8 August 10 August 10 August 11 August 11 August 13 August 13 August 14 August 14 August 15 August 16 August 17 August 17

Maryanna Aldrich	August 18
Mallory Brandt	August 18
Gavin Ott	August 18
Melinda Harlan	August 19
Patrick Pray	August 19
Christopher Risner	August 20
Winifred Dorundo	August 21
Armando Garcia	August 21
Joanie Achenbach	August 23
Owen Jenkins	August 23
Gerald Kupris	August 24
Jeffrey Aro	August 26
Carly Brandt	August 26
Patricia Hostler	August 26
Kimberly Kaufell	August 26
Takoma Hoffman	August 27
Janice Oakley	August 27
Andrea Ortiz-Boyer	August 27
Jameson Black	August 28
Stephen Black	August 29
Christine Gray	August 29
Kadin Haag	August 30
Mark Ticehurst	August 30
Zachary Raugh	August 31
Arlene Rice	August 31
David Suydam	August 31
Everly Wilson	August 31