

The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024

Mass Intentions

August	12	8:00 AM	NO MASS
August	13	8:00 AM	John Kirsch requested by John & Mary Blair
August	14	8:00 AM	Doats Shatto requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
August	15	8:00 AM	Mary Requena requested by John & Mary Blair
August	16	8:00 AM	Rudolph & Bernadine Potetz requested by Patti Gravante
August	17	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
August	18	9:00 AM	Gary Doncheski requested by Pat Harshberger

Liturgical Ministries August 17-18

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Dave Suydam
9:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Nancy Stanton	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 18

Robin & Mike Chiccini

August 25

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,620.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,080.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 11th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 12th

No Mass

Tuesday, August 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Vigil Mass, 7:00PM

Thursday, August 15th (Assumption of BVM)

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, August 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 17th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, August 18th

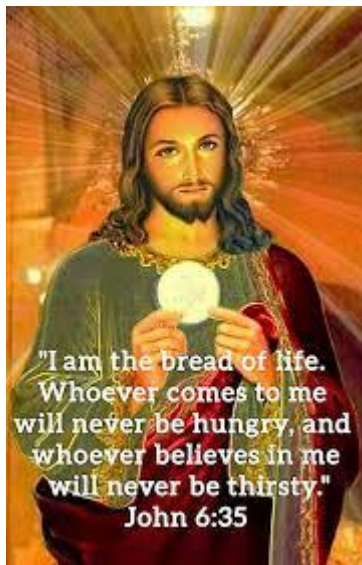
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**“Taste and see the
goodness of the Lord...”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

In the first reading, we encounter the prophet Elijah as he is fleeing for his life from King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He accomplishes a day's journey, then sits under a tree and prays for death. This is a tough scene! He is at the lowest



point a human being can be. Yet in this darkest moment of despair, the light of faith flickers: Elijah cries out to God. He cries out for what he thinks he wants, and God provides him with what he needs, sending an angel (a messenger) to him with food and water for nourishment and strength. Thus

fortified, Elijah continues his journey to Horeb. God took care of his tired, hungry, and despairing

child. And over time, and through generations, his people continued to cry out to him, and in abounding love, God took care. Yet they remained separated from him. So, he sent them, and the whole world, another messenger to bring food and drink for nourishment and strength: his Son. Jesus says in today's Gospel, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." With even just a flicker of faith at our lowest point, or in the best of times, we call upon the Lord and can receive the perfect nourishment of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. Through God's merciful love, he is food for this life and the next.

Our earthly life is never going to be easy. We will have exhausting days where we feel tired, hungry, and possibly despairing. What's important to remember at those times is that God loves us, travels with us, and he gave us the gift of Jesus to lead us to a heavenly banquet. To have a foretaste of that banquet here on earth requires us to let go of our fears, doubts, anger, and selfishness. Saint Paul tells the Ephesians they need to leave their bad temperament behind and imitate God, living in love. When we open our hearts to the love and joy Jesus offers, we can turn to others and share the Good News that Jesus is "the bread of life" and the bread that he gives is his flesh for the life of the world. He gives us the strength to continue our journey, and to help others in theirs. We become his earthly messengers, bringing nourishment and sharing his love.

Think of someone you know who is struggling right now. This week bring this person some food or drink. Say a prayer for and with them. You'll be a messenger of God's redeeming love, offering nourishment for the spirit and soul as well as the body.

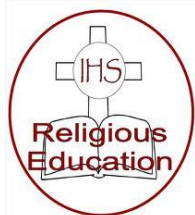
Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, 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.

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 (65vair@embarqmail.com) ASAP.

K of C Perry County Ice Cream Stand: The Knights of Columbus are asking for your assistance in manning the Ice Cream Stand at this year's Perry County fair from August 13th through the 17th. The Ice Cream Stand is the K of C major source of support to continue the



programs they sponsor for our parish. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board with scheduled time slots you can choose from. Your assistance is appreciated.

Fruitful Reception of Holy Communion: The minimum required disposition for the fruitful reception of Holy Communion is that one be a

Baptized Catholic in good-standing; in a state of Sanctifying Grace (that is, not aware of any unconfessed mortal sins); and have kept the one-hour fast from all food and drink except for medicine and water. But the faithful should desire to go beyond the minimum. One must also recognize, by faith, that what one is receiving under the appearance of bread and wine, is not really bread and wine, but rather the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. And the stronger one's faith is in this regard; the more disposed one will be to receive.

A Summer Reminder: A sense of decorum in dressing for Church: The summertime can be hot and humid and often calls for more comfortable clothing. There is, however, a proper decorum to



be used when considering the clothing we wear to Mass and church. We have no church dress codes we can look to except the one

dictated by the virtue of modesty, respect, and good taste. In general, we should avoid the following when dressing for church: *Spaghetti straps/tank tops, bare backs or shoulders, sleeveless shirts or plunging necklines, tubes, skimpy skirts or shorts, low waist pants, Jersey shorts/gym wear, caps or flip-flops*. Thank you for your consideration!

CCD Catechist and Teacher Aide Meeting: There will be an important "Back to School" meeting for all



CCD Personnel this Sunday, August 11th at 10:15AM. This meeting will allow us to coordinate our activities for the coming year.

Refreshments will be served, and, for your convenience, someone will be available to babysit your children, if you desire to bring them.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary: Thursday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation for Catholics. A vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00PM and Mass on the feast day will begin at 8:00AM. Let us gather in faith and give thanks to God for giving us a most loving mother, since in following her, we shall never go astray from her Son.