

The Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024

Mass Intentions

August	19	8:00 AM	NO MASS
August	20	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Suzann Meyer
August	21	8:00 AM	Kathy Brennan requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
August	22	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Cole Robinson
August	23	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce
August	24	5:00 PM	Elizabeth Leach requested by John & Mary Blair
August	25	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries August 24-25

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Yvonne DePaulis	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	Mark Ticehurst	Joseph Morrison Anna & Julia Sheaffer

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 25

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

September 1

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5: 21-32

John 6: 60-69

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,332.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,414.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 18th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 19th

No Mass

Tuesday, August 20th (Feast of Saint Bernard)

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Vigil Mass, 7:00PM

Thursday, August 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, August 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 24th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, August 25th

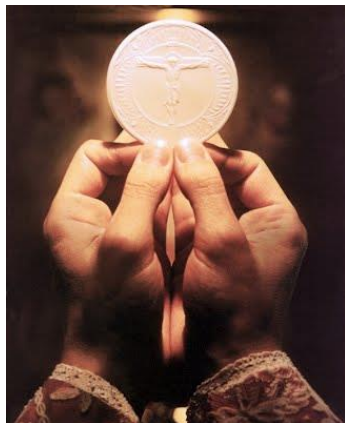
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**“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks
my blood remains in me and I in
him...”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

We tell our children to make wise choices. It's a sort of catch-all to cover the endless possibilities of circumstances – good, bad, or neutral – they might find themselves in. But what does it mean to be wise? To have wisdom? In today's first



reading from Proverbs, we are shown a depiction of wisdom herself, spreading a table where the guests will dine when they arrive. “Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!” she says.

This invitation is echoed in the Gospel, by Wisdom personified: Jesus Christ. “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” Simplicity of heart and the forsaking of foolishness are criteria for accepting the offering of wisdom. It seems we are to come and be fed. But how do we discern, in our fast-paced,

consumer-based world, what exactly is a wise choice? It's hard to advance in true wisdom; it is acquired by the humble and the simple, not the busy and the overcomplicated. Often, what the Christian deems important the world finds “foolish or weird.” It can be hard to keep our priorities rightly ordered, but advancing on the path to wisdom begins first by recognizing the centrality of God in our lives and humbly allowing him in.

In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he instructs the people, saying, “Watch carefully how you live.” I'd like to think that's where we got our “make wise choices” instruction, but I can't be sure. Again, the dichotomy between foolishness and wisdom is addressed. Wisdom is described as being prudent, which is living with one eye in the present, but also one eye toward the future, and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Elaborating even further, Paul provides a beautiful image of “singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything.” In the life of one living with wisdom, there is a turning toward true joy. Living in a spirit of gladness is in direct opposition to living in a spirit of fear or comparison. Since wisdom and understanding are both gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit, we can invite him into our midst and ask him to increase our wisdom, understanding, and our capacity for joy.

Cultivating wisdom and understanding is a lofty, but worthy, goal! This week, spend some time familiarizing yourself with the Wisdom literature of the Bible (which consists of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach) by reading the some of these scriptures.

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 Odat, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Joe Rich, 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.

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!



Fall Schedule of Masses will begin on the weekend of September 7/8. Mass on Saturday will be celebrated at 5:00PM and Masses on Sunday mornings begin at 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD Begins September 8th: Parent and guardians should be aware that our program of Religious Education begins on Sunday, September 8th. Classes start at 9:15 and conclude at 10:15 for all registered students (Pre-K through high school). Please



have your children to the Schmidt Center by 9:10AM at the latest so classes can begin on time and will not be disrupted by the tardiness of the students arriving late. Please be mindful of your speed while driving in the parking lot. Many students dart between parked cars on their way to the Schmidt Center.

Carlisle Area Family Life Center Autumn-Fest 2024:

The Carlisle Area Family Life Center will be holding their annual Autumn-Fest on Friday, September 13th from 6-9 pm at the pavilion behind the LeTort View Community Center on Carlisle Barracks. The theme this year is "Historic Carlisle." Come and enjoy a Fried Chicken and Italian Sausage dinner, listen to music provided by Bluestone Bluegrass Band, and visit with friends! Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at CAFLC, by calling 717-243-6544 or online at www.carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org. Ticket price includes dinner and two drinks. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible and before August 30th since we need to provide a guest list to the LVCC two weeks before the event. Hope you can join us and support Carlisle's only pro-life pregnancy and family resource center.

Diocese of Harrisburg 2024 Women's Conference is



scheduled for Saturday, October 19th from 8:30AM to 5:30PM at the Diocesan Center. The theme of the conference is: Hope and Healing at the Foot of the Cross and features keynote speaker Ann Koshute.

Workshops, confession, and Mass will be offered during the day. To register, please go to the Diocesan website: hbgiocese.org.

Knights of Columbus Thank You: Our Knights are most grateful for the many parishioners who graciously assisted at the Perry County Fair this past week. The Ice Cream Stand, their major yearly fundraiser, was a great success and will allow them to host many activities for our parish throughout this coming year, which brings such joy and life to our community!

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux's feast day is Tuesday, August 20th. Let us continue to ask his intercession for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, especially from our parish!

**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux,
Pray for us!!**