

The Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024

Mass Intentions

August	26	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Teresa Cudihy
August	27	8:00 AM	Marge Kozarcki requested by Ron & Kay Utzig
August	28	8:00 AM	June Shaeffer requested by The Shaeffer Family
August	29	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Cole Robinson
August	30	8:00 AM	NO MASS
August	31	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
September	1	9:00 AM	Gordon Stowell requested by Yvonne DePaulis

Liturgical Ministries August 31-September 1

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Mary Zimmerman	The Hoffman Family
9:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Rosanne Wheatley	Christopher Harlan Jacob Innerst, Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 1

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

September 8

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,872.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,824.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 25th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, August 27th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 28th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Vigil Mass, 7:00PM

Thursday, August 29th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, August 30th

No Mass

Saturday, August 31st

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, September 1st

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00

**“Lord, to whom shall we go? You
have the words
of eternal life...”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve.” Not much nuance or wiggle room in that phrase, is there? This is what Joshua said to the people in today’s first reading, when he gathered together all the tribes of Israel. Although these were God’s chosen people, they still had to make a conscious choice – a decision to live with God and be obedient to him, or not. Jesus’ followers and disciples faced the same test of resolve in today’s



and every day. Too busy or distracted to attend to God? Then what? Do we have a plan? In this busy world, there is always something calling out for our attention. But there is nothing more important for our happiness in this life and the next than to

Gospel, as he had just revealed himself as the bread of life. Some left and some stayed. We, too, must decide, today

stay focused on a life of service to Christ and his Church. For, as Peter says, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” The Twelve have made the choice as to whom they will serve: they will serve the Lord.

We serve the Lord in building his kingdom, and we all have a role to play in that. First, we use the gifts and talents with which we have been blessed. Next, we ignore the world’s charge to put ourselves first and, instead, turn to family, friends and even strangers, and take care of them. Loving people the way Jesus loves is not easy. Paul compares the love of Christ for his Church and the love between husband and wife: It is sacrificial, all-encompassing love that submits the whole of oneself to its flourishing. It is the love of Christ in the Eucharist which he offers to give us the clarity and strength to do the work we are called to do. We are called to serve the Lord and may we do so with praise and thanksgiving.

“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” What a beautiful verse. How can you, as a family or individually, serve the Lord this week? Think of one or two specific aspects of your life and ask the Lord to show you how they may be used for his glory and in service to him.

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, 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).

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.

Pro-Life: In Washington, DC in 1994 Mother Teresa said that we fight abortion by teaching the mother what love really means: "to be willing to give until it hurts...So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child." Gustave Thibon has said that the true God transforms violence into suffering, while the false god transforms suffering into violence. The woman tempted to have an abortion will transform her suffering into violence unless she allows love to transform her and make her willing to give herself away. The Eucharist gives both the lesson and the power. Mom is to say, "This is *my* body, *my* blood, *my* life, given up for you my child."

"Life Quotes"

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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.

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: hbgdiocese.org.

First Friday/First Saturday Devotions: On Thursday, September 5th, devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin with confessions at 6:15PM and a holy hour at 7:00PM. First Saturday Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, September 7th at 8:00AM.

Thank you, Saint Bernard Garden Club: Our parish is indebted to the many individuals and families who have kept our parish grounds looking their best throughout the summer. Your hard work in mowing the lawn and weeding the flower beds did not go unnoticed by all who visit our church. All your hard work has beautified our property. God bless and reward you!

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, September 9th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. We will hold the election of new Council officers and discuss some issues important to the life of our parish.

Change in morning Mass this week: Morning Masses this week will be celebrated Monday through Thursday at 8:00AM. Please note that morning Mass will not be celebrated on Friday, August 30th.

Fall Schedule of Sunday Masses September 7/8th

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass
5:00PM

Sunday Mornings
8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD also begins on September 8th at 9:15AM