

The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 4, 2024

Mass Intentions

August	5	8:00 AM	NO MASS
August	6	8:00 AM	Mike Brennan requested by Frank & Alice Vilk
August	7	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Ernest Uebersax requested by Margaret Jones
August	8	8:00 AM	Kenneth Britcher requested by Ken Risner
August	9	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Athan Robinson
August	10	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
August	11	9:00 AM	Robert & Crit Charlton requested by Celine Robinson

Liturgical Ministries August 10-11

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Patty Suydam	Helena Krieger
9:00 AM	Kathy Dubois	Scott Sheaffer	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 11	Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands
August 18	Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

1 Kings 19:4-8	Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2	John 6:41:51
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,929.46

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,439.47

The Parish July Parish Contingency amounted to: \$1,221.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 4th (Saint John Vianney Feast)

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 5th

No Mass

Tuesday, August 6th (Transfiguration of the Lord)

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 7th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, August 8th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, August 9th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 10th

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, August 11th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00

**“The Lord gave them
bread from heaven...”**

From the Pastor's Desk:

When have you grumbled against God instead of consenting, trusting, and believing he would see you through to a brighter future? In this first reading from Exodus, the whole Israelite community laments over their wanderings in the desert; their earthly focus on hunger and thirst leads them to believe slavery in Egypt would have



been better than God's freedom for them. When we are struggling for whatever reason, it's easy to forget all that God has done for us in the past and all he desires to do for us in the future. We may not even recognize the very life-giving and life-sustaining “bread” that lays before us, much as the Israelites did not recognize the bread that lay before them in the desert. Despite our hard-heartedness at times, however, God is truly patient; he loves us beyond measure. Just as

he did not condemn the Israelites, he does not condemn us but rather, calls us back to him time and again with love and mercy.

As we heard, God sends the people quail and manna – bread from heaven – to satisfy their frustrated longings while preparing them for an even greater “bread from heaven” that is still to come. In the Gospel, Jesus references this Scripture passage and clarifies that it was not Moses, but his Father who provided the bread from heaven. Jesus tells his disciples to “work for food that endures for eternal life” because he wants them to see the bigger picture. He wants them (and us!) to understand that we should not toil only for physical bread, but for the truest food that is life-giving to our souls – the food found in accomplishing the works of God by believing and following the one he sent: Jesus. We do this by following Paul's advice from the second reading and seek to “be renewed in the spirit of [our] minds,” following God's way of holiness. Only in and through this conformity to Christ will we be prepared to go forth and witness to the mystery of our faith.

This week, in thinking about how you can “accomplish the works of God,” turn to Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. He tells them to put away their old self and “put on the new self, created in God's way.” Examine where you might not be seeing your own manna from heaven and refocus your efforts to give praise and thanksgiving to God for his never-ending mercy and care.

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).

September 9th. Email Alice Vilk (65vair@embarqmail.com) ASAP.

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.

Just a Thought!! "Scattered about the entire earth, your mother the Church is tormented by the assaults of error. She is also afflicted by the laziness and indifference of so many children she carries around in her bosom as well as the sight of so many of her members growing cold, while she becomes less able to help her little ones. Who then will give her the necessary help she cries for if not her children and others to whose number you belong?" (Saint Augustine)

Parish Picnic: This Sunday afternoon our Knights of Columbus will host our Parish Picnic 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. If you did not sign up, please come since there is always enough.

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

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.

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.



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!

Thanks to the Schmidt Center Cleaners: A special thanks to all who helped clean the Schmidt Center in readiness for a new CCD year. Your time and willingness to serve the needs of our parish is a mark of your love and faith! May God bless you richly.