

# The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

## Mass Intentions

February	17	8:00 AM	<b>John &amp; Helen Lysak requested by Jerry &amp; Karen Kupris</b>
February	18	8:00 AM	<b>Intentions Of Jen Meek requested by Foster Meek</b>
February	19	8:00 AM	<b>Diana Prowell requested by Joe &amp; Sue Meyer</b>
February	20	8:00 AM	<b>Tony Gravante requested by Patti Gravante</b>
February	21	8:00 AM	<b>Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce req. by The Fordyce Family</b>
February	22	5:00 PM	<b>Anna Neal</b>
February	23	8:00 AM	<b>Andrew DePiero requested by Deacon Robinson</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>People Of The Parish</b>

## Liturgical Ministries February 22-23

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Scott Dunkelberger	Christopher Harlan Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Bill Davies	The Morrison Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 16

Kim Lane, Marian McCoy

February 23

The Raugh Family

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$2,792.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,101.00

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>*

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM  
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM  
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM  
Mellott Baptism, 11:30AM

### *Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Parish Finance Council, 7:00PM

### *Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM  
Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM  
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM  
CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

**“Rejoice and be glad; your reward  
will be great in heaven.”**

### **From the Pastor’s Desk:**

“It is so good to be poor, to have nothing, to await all from God!” These sentiments of the humble French religious sister St. Jeanne Jugan sum up the spirit of Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel. Jesus praises poverty, hunger, sadness,



and rejection, but certainly not as ends in themselves;

God does not take pleasure in our suffering!

He does use our suffering,

however, to awaken us to our need for him. Poverty can spur us to

pursue

heavenly goods, and thus Jesus assures the poor, “the kingdom of God is yours.” Hunger can cause us to seek God who alone can truly satiate our

desires, and thus Jesus says to the hungry, “you will be satisfied.” Those who weep will laugh, Jesus says – so long as their sadness inspires them to seek happiness in the service of God and the joys of eternal life. For all of us, no matter our means or our circumstances, today’s Gospel is a reminder to allow everything – including our difficulties, disappointments, and unfulfilled desires – to turn our hearts to God and rely on his loving care.

It can be difficult to practice the spirit of the Beatitudes (as the “blessings” in today’s Gospel are called) in the moment. Suffering, distress, and confusion easily divert our attention from God as we attempt to “make the problem go away.” Sometimes we are even tempted to give up, to turn aside from God, and to seek consolation in other things. This is exactly the opposite of what he wants for us, and for good reason! God knows that it is best for us to always rely on him. This is why, as today’s first reading explains, the man who trusts in the Lord is secure – “like a tree planted beside the waters ... it fears not the heat when it comes” – and fruitful – “its leaves stay green.” For those who trust in the Lord, help comes from the all-powerful, infinitely loving Creator of the universe. When we entrust ourselves to him, we have nothing to fear.

Is there someone in your life who is struggling with fear, loneliness, anxiety, or sadness? Take time to pray with that person and, together, try to discover God’s invitation to a deeper reliance on him in the midst of the distress. These moments of suffering are never occasions for us to get “preachy.” Instead, accompany your friend and be a reminder of the hope we have in God.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odat, Annetta Round, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Dennis Haag, Louise Kline, Frances Kute, Nancy Zelenky, Tom Polcha, Joe Rich, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

**Online Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website ([www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)).

**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information:** Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or [deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com](mailto:deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com).

**Parish Contribution Statement** for your church contributions will be available in early January. If you would like to have a statement emailed to you, please contact the parish office ([info@stbernardsnbpa.org](mailto:info@stbernardsnbpa.org)) and request one. Paper statements will also be available upon request.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by Bishop Senior on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30AM Mass. There will be 8 parish youths and two adults who will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Please remember them as they spiritually prepare to receive this sacrament.

**The Fran Hannon Educational Grant** is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any



high school senior graduating in the spring of 2025 that plan to continue their education. The grant is \$500. To apply you must be a practicing member of the parish, and must submit an essay of 500 words

or less on the theme ***“What My Catholic Faith Means to Me.”*** The application deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup> and they are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**“Bingo for Babies”** - This fundraiser for the Carlisle Area Family Life Center, Carlisle's only crisis pregnancy and family resource center, will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus #4057. It will be held Friday, March 7, 2025, at St. Patrick Church, Carlisle-Parish Activity Center. The doors open at 5:30 pm, a light dinner will be served at 6pm and games begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner. They can be purchased at the center, which is located at 155 North Hanover Street. Prizes include a fabulous array of gift cards, tickets and certificates from local and area businesses and attractions. There will also be 2 black-out games with cash prizes up to \$500. Please join us for a fun, family evening! For more information please call the center at 717-243-6544 or email at [info@carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org](mailto:info@carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org).

**First Penance and First Holy Communion:** There are 8 parish youth who are preparing to make their First Confession on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please remember them in your prayers as they spiritually prepare to celebrate the mercy of Jesus in confession, and to come to the altar for the first time to receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Eucharistic Reflection:** “Adoration will heal our Church and thus our nation and thus our world... Adoration is more powerful for construction than nuclear bombs are for destruction.” *(Peter Kreeft, Catholic theologian, apologist, professor and author)*



**Time to think about Lent:** Lent is only three weeks away. Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, begins the holy season of Lent. It is time to think about your spiritual life and the goals you hope to achieve this Lenten season. Lent is about change of heart and



*The Season of Lent* change of life. What in your life stops you from growing spiritually in your relationship with God? What habit or vice clings to you and weighs you down? What is it that you can give up or take up that will help you change your life by changing your habits? Make a firm resolution now to reflect on how this lent can and will make a difference in your Catholic life and spirituality!

**Ordo Amoris (Order of Charity):** As many of you might have heard, the Vice-President created a controversy two weeks ago by mentioning a Catholic concept called “Ordo Amoris” or the Order of Love. This principle is deeply rooted in the teachings of Catholic theologians, like Augustine and Aquinas. At its core, the concept is a hierarchy of affections that structures human life. St. Augustine speaks of the disorder of human love as the cause of societal and personal corruption in “The City of God,” and St. Thomas Aquinas later refined the term in “Summa Theologica.” Both emphasize that one's loves must be rightly ordered according to a hierarchy that focuses on God first before flowing outward to others.