

The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025

Mass Intentions

August	11	8:00 AM	NO MASS
August	12	8:00 AM	I/O Joe Rice requested by Reid & Judy Wilson
August	13	8:00 AM	I/O Deacon Robinson and His Family
August	14	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
August	15	8:00 AM	Mary Requena requested by John & Mary Blair
August	16	5:00 PM	Connie Krause requested by The Strazisar Family
August	17	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries August 16-17

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Yvonne DePaulis	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Nancy Stanton	Olney Innerst	The Morrison Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 10	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy
August 17	The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10	Hebrews 12:1-4	Luke 12:49-53
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$7,700.00
The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,620.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 10th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 11th

No Mass

Tuesday, August 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, August 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Vigil Mass for the Assumption BVM, 7:00PM

Friday, August 15th (Assumption of the BVM)

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 16th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, August 17th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00

“Stay sober and awake!

**For you do not know on what
day the Son of Man
will come.”**

From the Pastor’s Desk:

If we’re honest with ourselves, we often want God to give us exactly what we ask for in prayer, or to provide immediate comfort in moments of need. But from the beginning, God revealed that the life of faith would entail trusting in his promises even as we wait for their final fulfillment. The example of Abraham in the second reading can be our model. We are called to



emulate Abraham’s obedient trust: “for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy.” Throughout the Scriptures God promised his people that he would prepare a place

for them. This promise propelled the Israelites through famine, exile, and agony, until God brought them to their earthly homeland. Jesus promises a new and everlasting place of rest, where we will live with God forever. We wait in joyful hope that one day he himself will bring us to our heavenly home. Amid the difficulties of life, in seasons of grief, pain, or confusion, it is easy to let doubt creep in. This is when, more than ever, we must cling to our faith, which Paul describes as “the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.”

Trusting in God, we are called to wait with hope and prepare ourselves to readily receive him when he comes. Today’s Gospel from Luke provides an image for us to imitate: the faithful servant dutifully awaiting his master’s return. What does Jesus say about these servants who keep close watch, always prepared for the moment their master will return? “Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.” The faithful witness of the servants in the Gospel reminds us not to overcomplicate our faith. We simply need to remain diligent in carrying out the work that God has given us to do here and now and to keep ourselves alert as we wait with patience for the coming of the Lord.

Our faith strengthens us as we wait for the Lord – as we hold on to the radical belief that our destination is heaven, and our God keeps his promises. Wherever you find yourself on the journey today, cling to his promises! Ask for the grace for deeper trust in him and for greater faithfulness to the work of building up his kingdom as you wait for God to bring all things to their ultimate fulfillment.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, 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).

Deacon Robinson’s Contact Information: Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or deacon.robinson@analogyapologetics.com.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary: Friday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation for Catholics. A vigil Mass will be celebrated on



Thursday, 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.

Celebrating the Assumption of

the Blessed Virgin Mary is also a way to remind ourselves that our ultimate destiny is life with Christ in His kingdom.

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 12th through the 16th. 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 kind 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 at 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!

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.

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

CCD Meeting

CCD Personnel this Sunday, August 17th 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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will begin on September 16th with a series of prayers, reflections, and instructions in the Catholic Faith for those who may be interested in joining the Catholic Church. We meet each Tuesday evening from 7:00 – 8:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more information, please call Father Sharman.

Thank you, Brother Knights! Our parish is grateful to the Knights of Columbus for hosting our annual Parish Picnic. We had over 125 parishioners attend for fellowship, good food, and fun. God also provided excellent weather so we could enjoy each other's company without heat and humidity. Well done, Brother Knights!!

"For no one is redeemed except through unmerited mercy, and no one is condemned except through merited judgment." (St. Augustine)

Pray the Rosary
for vocations from
our Parish and Diocese