

The Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

Mass Intentions

August	25	8:00 AM	NO MASS
August	26	8:00 AM	I/O Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
August	27	8:00 AM	I/O Camilla Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
August	28	8:00 AM	I/O Mark & Ginny Ticehurst requested by Deacon Robinson
August	29	8:00 AM	Mike Landis requested by The Morrison Family
August	30	5:00 PM	Rose Ann Kublic
August	31	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries August 30-31

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Reed Kreider	Helena Krieger
9:00 AM	Jeff Aro	Rosanne Wheatley	Jacob Innerst Austin Hoffman

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 24	Tonya Sands
September 7	Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,718.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,872.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 24th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 25th

No Mass

Tuesday, August 26th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 27th (Saint Monica)

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, August 28th (Saint Augustine)

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, August 29th (Martyrdom of St John Baptist)

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 30th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, August 31st

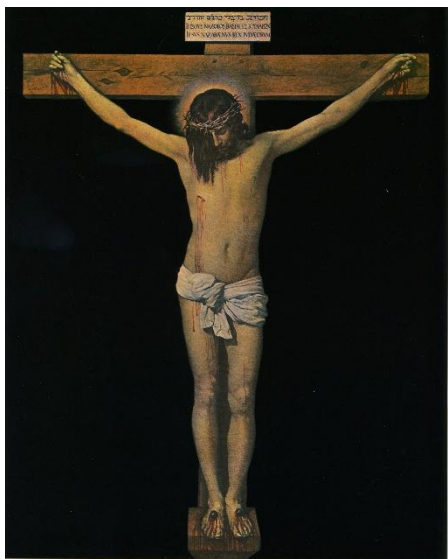
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Mass, 9:00

“I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me.”

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Have you ever felt as though God is punishing you? Throughout the course of our lives, we experience what might seem like a barrage of hardships. This battering down of our



interior and exterior fortresses over time can test our faith and weaken our resolve. If you find yourself in this position, read today’s passage from

Hebrews again: “Do not disdain

the discipline of the Lord,” St. Paul reminds us, “for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.” In our human nature, we may find these “disciplines”

painful (and rightfully so). But Paul urges us to shift our mindset, recognizing that just as a good father disciplines his children for their greater good, so our heavenly Father does the same for us. Paul goes on to explain that we may consider every trial we endure in this sense, as a loving “discipline” – a sign of the Lord’s attention and desire for our sanctity.

Modern society loves the concept of a God who is soft, inviting, sweet, and tender. Of course, our Lord in his goodness and mercy can be described by those adjectives. But today’s Gospel reminds us of an equally important characteristic of the Lord: He is the supreme and final judge, and at the final judgment we will be held accountable for our lives. In the end, we will stand before the Lord, and he will put all things in proper order. Will it be glorious, loving, and merciful? Yes. Painful and piercing? Perhaps. Our Lord’s love knows no bounds, and he withholds his mercy from no one. It is precisely from this place of perfect love and profound mercy that rightful judgment emerges. May we live a life worthy of welcome when we meet him face to face.

In addition to accepting the discipline that the Lord sends our way, we can engage in voluntary practices to strengthen our spiritual lives. These practices are necessary, as Jesus tells us that many “will not be strong enough” to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life. Our second reading exhorts us to “strengthen [our] drooping hands and [our] weak knees.” What spiritual disciplines have you found helpful to foster your growth in holiness? What areas are weak or need strengthening?

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, Virginia Klug, Ron Scheib, Camilla Fordyce, 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@analogypologetics.com.

Fall Schedule of Masses will begin on the weekend of September 6/7. Mass on Saturday will be celebrated at 5:00PM and Masses on Sunday mornings begin at 8:00 and 10:30AM. Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon from 4:00-4:45PM and on Sunday mornings from 7:00-7:45 and 9:45-10:15AM.

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!



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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. OCIA registrations are available on the bulletin board.

CCD Begins September 7th: Parent and guardians should be aware that our program of Religious Education begins on Sunday, September 7th. 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



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Get Hold of your finances: a parishioner is offering a series of six meetings on taking control of your personal finances. This workshop is open to all parishioners. Please see the bulletin board for details, dates, topics, and signup.

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 8th 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.

Lectors Needed: Our Parish needs additional lectors, especially for the 5:00PM Vigil Mass on Saturdays. If you have ever considered being a Lector at Holy Mass and would like to discuss the possibility, please sign up at the bulletin board.

Thank You to the Parish Mowers: Many of our parishioners do not realize that the grounds are mowed each week by seven parishioners, who contribute their time throughout the summer to keep our property looking its best. While they do not want to be named, we are most grateful for their dedication, service, and labor of love. Well done good and faithful servants!!

**Fall Schedule of Sunday Masses
September 6/7th**

**Saturday Evening Vigil Mass
5:00PM**

**Sunday Masses
8:00 and 10:30AM**

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