

The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

Mass Intentions

August	4	8:00 AM	NO MASS
August	5	8:00 AM	John Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
August	6	8:00 AM	I/O Dr. & Mrs. Sterling & Family req. by The Raugh Family
August	7	8:00 AM	Bruce Landis requested by Kathy Landis
August	8	8:00 AM	Joanna Buck requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
August	9	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
August	10	9:00 AM	Sara & Richard Zettlemyer req. by Rick & Madeline Rogers

Liturgical Ministries August 9-10

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Mary Zimmerman	Helena Krieger
9:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Shelby Adrich	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 3

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

August 10

Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,670.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,929.46

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 3rd

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 4th (Feast of Saint John Vianney)

No Mass

Tuesday, August 5th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 6th

Mass, 8:00AM

Thursday, August 7th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, August 8th (Feast of Saint Dominic)

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 9th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, August 10th

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00

**“Blessed are
the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
Kingdom of God.”**

From the Pastor’s Desk:

We have all heard this witty but thought-provoking phrase: “You never see a U-Haul attached to a hearse” – a reminder that we don’t get to take our



physical belongings with us when we die. This phrase came to mind as I read today’s Gospel. Jesus offers us a parable about the perils of placing our ultimate hope in amassing possessions. In our own lives, we might be challenged or inspired by the quiet example of people around us who demonstrate that material things aren’t what matter most. From individuals who lose their possessions but express gratitude for

their physical safety to the child who hears about

others in need and gathers up items from their own room to share, we glean gentle reminders that in the end, stuff is just stuff. Pondering this, what we’re left with is an invitation from Jesus to look inward: Where are our hearts in relation to our material possessions? Do we cling to them tightly, or do we hold them lightly? What does it mean to be “rich in what matters to God”?

The antidote to our disordered attachment to material things is to cultivate Gospel simplicity. In sending his disciples out to spread the Gospel, Jesus often instructed them to “pack light”: “Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money . . .” Jesus told his disciples (Lk 9:3). Instead, they were to go into the surrounding villages and rely on the hospitality of those they encountered to provide for all their needs. By carrying nothing with them, they learned to rely on God’s providence and to intentionally reach out to others from a place of vulnerability and humility, both necessary in sharing the Gospel. While we aren’t necessarily called to be itinerant preachers as the disciples were, we can take up Jesus’ call to “pack light” as we strive to share the Gospel with others in our daily lives.

What can we learn from the disciples about overcoming the temptation to think that we are self-sufficient, as if sharing the Gospel depends entirely on us, rather than his grace? How might we adopt a simpler lifestyle, so that others see in us a living witness to the fact that our hope is not here in this world, but in the life to come? Reflect about how to live Gospel simplicity more intentionally in your life this week, and what that might offer for your efforts to share the Gospel with others.

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, Lucy Joy, Emerson Zahn, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

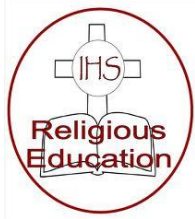
Online Information: You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website (www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

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

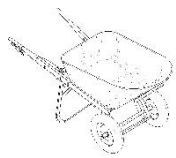
Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 3rd from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the parish pavilion. Families are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Our gracious Knights of Columbus will provide the meat course and drinks. It is a fun time for everyone and early enough in August for our college-bound youth to enjoy before heading off to school. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you plan to attend!



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 books and supplies. Early registration will reduce mayhem and confusion for the opening classes on September 7th. Email Alice Vilk (65vair@embarqmail.com) ASAP.



Knights of Columbus "Wheelbarrow of Groceries" The Knights are offering chances to win a Wheelbarrow full of Groceries worth over \$200. Chances are \$1 or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at the parish picnic on August 3rd. See the Knights after Mass to purchase your winning ticket!!



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 12 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!



Rest in Peace: In your charity and prayer, please remember the souls of **Annamarie Casner and Dennis "Tiny" Haag** of our parish. May God grant them a merciful judgement and bring them one day to the fullness of life in the kingdom of Heaven. May their families also be given consolation for their spirits and healing in their hearts.

**Pray the Rosary
for vocations from
our Parish and Diocese**