

# The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

## Mass Intentions

September	1	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	2	8:00 AM	NO MASS
September	3	8:00 AM	Johanna Laucks
September	4	8:00 AM	I/O The Otsstott Family requested by Deacon Robinson
September	5	8:00 AM	June Shaeffer requested by Karen Gochenaur & Kathy Heller
September	6	8:00 AM	Stephanie Paladino requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
		5:00 PM	Helen Hayden requested by Tom Hayden
September	7	8:00 AM	Naomi Molnar requested by The Fordyce Family
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries September 6-7

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Betty Berry	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Shelby Aldrich	C. Harlan, H. Kreiger
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Olney Innerst	A. Hoffman, Z. Lowe

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

September 7

Robin & Mike Chiccini

September 14

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,568.85

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$3,154.00

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

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>*

Confessions, 8:00-8:45AM

Mass, 9:00AM

### *Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>*

No Mass

### *Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>*

No Mass

### *Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

### *Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>*

Mass in Honor of Immaculate Heart, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### *Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>*

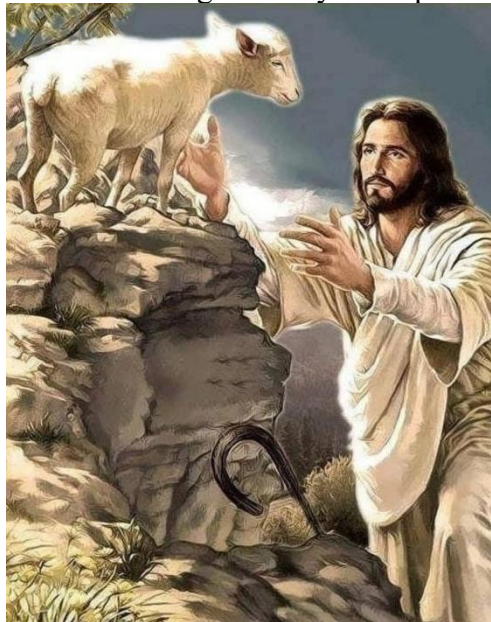
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

**“Take My yoke upon you, says  
the Lord, for I am meek and  
humble of heart.”**

### **From the Pastor’s Desk:**

There’s a well-known story about an actor who was asked by an elderly priest to recite Psalm 23. The actor agreed only if the priest also recited



the psalm. While the actor’s delivery was met with esteem and applause, the priest’s delivery was met with raw emotion, stunned

silence, and tears. The actor, smiling, said, “I may know the psalm, but the priest, he knows the Shepherd.” I can’t help but be reminded of this

story when reading today’s Gospel. Like the Pharisees, the actor represents the one who was the “center of attention” who was humbled whereas the priest, in his humble service to God, found himself exalted. That is where true humility lies, when our actions and our everyday lives are rooted in God first and not ourselves.

As Jesus reminds us today, “Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Beyond telling us this truth, Jesus lived it. Scripture tells us that Jesus – the second Person of the Holy Trinity – “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...” (Phil 2:7), and that he came not “to be served but to serve” (Mk 10:45). Each of us is invited to consider the ways we can imitate the same humble servant-leadership which Jesus showed throughout his life. What does servant leadership look like, practically speaking? Some simple examples: At work, it might look like signing up to do those less desirable tasks that others would prefer to avoid. In our homes, it could look mean letting your children or spouse choose what’s for dinner rather than asserting your own preferences over meal planning. In our relationships, it might mean allowing a friend to talk through their struggles without offering advice or sharing how you might have handled things differently. With the eyes of faith, each of us can see countless opportunities to practice the virtue of humility in daily life.

Like the priest in the story above who revealed God to the crowd in his recitation of Psalm 23, you have the opportunity to let God shine through in your life to others. Be a servant leader, seeking to glorify God rather than yourself. When you are humble you “will be exalted” and “repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Gene Odat, 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](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).

**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.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** will begin on September 16<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>:** Parent and guardians should be aware that our program of Religious Education begins on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 lot. Many students dart between parked cars on their way to the Schmidt Center.

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**First Friday/First Saturday Devotions:** On Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin with confessions at 6:15PM and

a holy hour at 7:00PM. First Saturday Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM.

**BOOK SALE**



**Knights of Columbus Book**

**Sale:** Our Parish Knights of Columbus are planning their annual book sale on September 11/12 (9AM-7PM) and September 13 (9AM-2PM) in the parish hall. The Knights are offering both hardbound and softback books of every kind.

**A Eucharistic Thought:** “Let the souls of Christians be like altars on each one of which a different phase of the sacrifice, offered by the High Priest, comes to life again, as it were: pains and tears which wipe away and expiate sin; supplication to God which pierces heaven; dedication and even immolation of oneself made promptly, generously and earnestly; and, finally that intimate union by which we commit ourselves and all we have to God, in Whom we find our rest. (Pope Pius XII: Mediator Dei, 1947)



**Change in morning Mass this week:** Morning Masses this week will be celebrated Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00AM. Please note that morning Mass will not be celebrated on Monday or Tuesday this week.

“To live according to the spirit is to think, speak, and act according to the virtues that are in the spirit, and not according to the sense and sentiments which are in the flesh.” (Saint Francis de Sales)

**Fall Schedule of Sunday Masses  
September 6/7<sup>th</sup>**

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass  
5:00PM

Sunday Masses  
8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD also begins on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM