

# The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

## Mass Intentions

October	20	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	21	8:00 AM	Don Shaeffer requested by Karen Gochenaur & Kathy Heller
October	22	8:00 AM	I/O Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
October	23	8:00 AM	I/O The Donald Scheib Family requested by Ron & Kathy Scheib
October	24	8:00 AM	I/O Keegan McCoy requested by Barry & Marian McCoy
October	25	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
October	26	8:00 AM	Butch Landis requested by Kathy Landis
		10:30 AM	Richard Zettlemyer requested by John & Mary Blair

## Liturgical Ministries October 25-26

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	David Pray	Betty Berry	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Scott Sheaffer	A. Sheaffer, J. Morrison
10:30 AM	Kathy Dubois	Bill Davies	The Robinson Family

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

October 26

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

November 2

Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,747.50

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,712.00

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

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> (World Mission Sunday)**

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

### **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

O CIA, 6:45PM

### **Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Finance Class, 6:30PM

### **Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

### **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

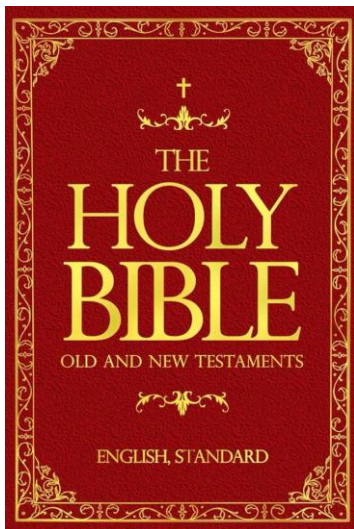
CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM

Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00PM

*“Our help is from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.”*

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Studying Scripture is not a side dish on the plate of practicing the faith. It is an essential component of the virtuous life, and without it, our faith will surely falter. In his second letter to Timothy, Saint Paul reminds us that the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God, and they train us in righteous living and equip us for every good work. There will undoubtedly be times when we feel ill-equipped – when we are fatigued, frustrated, or concerned. It is precisely in these moments that we're invited to go quickly to the holy Word of God! Read it, pray with it, and invite the Spirit to speak to you through it. There



you will find the wisdom needed to face every circumstance.

Our faith journey was never meant to be a solitary endeavor! We see this in today's first reading when Aaron and Hur stand beside Moses, holding his weary arms in the air as the battle rages on against the Amalekites. This image of the three men on the mountain – Moses with his arms raised high, Aaron and Hur on either side supporting them – is a powerful image of companionship in the Christian life. When you feel too weary to pray, look around – the Lord has likely given you companions who can support you precisely in the ways you need at this time. Pay attention, too, to who God might be inviting you to support in prayer. Our Gospel tells us that God always hears our prayer and calls us to be persistent in prayer. Certainly, God will “secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night.” God calls us to persist in prayer because it reveals our faith and trust in him that we constantly bring our needs before him.

Our readings offer helpful tools to turn to when discouragement or isolation may cloud our spiritual vision. Take some time this week to listen to the Lord's voice in Scripture. Or, if you're feeling weary, ask a few friends to pray with and for you. Remember that although God may seem distant, he always hears us. Be persistent in bringing your needs to him and wait with patience – surely, he will come swiftly to your aid.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, Virginia Klug, Ron Scheib, Camilla Fordyce, Duane Morningred, 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).

**Notification of Hospitalization:** If you or a family member is hospitalized or if you know of someone homebound who would like to be visited, please notify the parish office so Father Sharman can make a pastoral visit. Each month Holy Communion is brought to our homebound parishioners.

**Trunk or Treat:** As an alternative to the traditional house to house “Trick or Treat,” our parish is hosting a “Trunk or Treat” on Sunday evening, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM.



This is a fun time for our children, and all are welcome to participate – with or without children. Cars will be parked in the lot with the trunks open so candy or treats can be given out to the children. You can decorate your trunk or dress yourself if you desire. Parents (and trunkers) are asked to sign-up their children at the bulletin board so the “trunkers” will know how many children to anticipate. If you are unable to attend, you can still donate candy or treats by dropping them off in the narthex over the next three weeks. *Children should seriously consider dressing up as “saints or Catholic historical figures” to keep the Christian spirit of the holiday.*

**World Mission Sunday:** This Sunday, we celebrate World Mission Sunday in the universal Church. It is our opportunity to grow in an awareness of our missionary vocation as Christians to proclaim Christ “to the ends of the earth.” Through prayer and sacrifice, we also assist missionaries in their work of bringing the love of Christ to



people who long to hear of God’s love and salvation. There will be a second collection this weekend so we can financially support the work of missionaries in over 1150 mission dioceses throughout the world. Please be as generous as your means allow!

**Parish Pastoral Council Leadership:** The Parish Pastoral Council has elected the following members:

- Bill Davies: Chairman
- Terry Meek: Vice-Chairman

If you have concerns you want to bring to Council’s attention, please contact one of the members of Parish Council. The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2025, at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

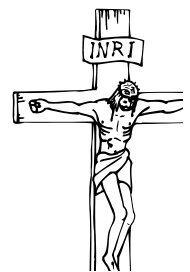
**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Lourdeshouse on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:15AM. There will be a guest speaker from Catholic Charities. CCD



Students in 6th grade or higher are invited to attend at no cost with a signed parental permission slip. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and drinks. The requested adult donation for breakfast is \$10.00. We will also be collecting specific items for Lourdeshouse, which can be deposited in the pack-n-play in the narthex. A sign-up for breakfast and a list of items needed are posted on the bulletin board.

### November – the Month of the Holy Souls

From the earliest days of the Church, we have commemorated the faithful departed by offering prayers for them on All Souls Day (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) and throughout the month of November. A Novena of Nine Masses will be offered during this month. To have your loved ones remembered, you may place their names on your ‘All Souls Day’



envelope which will rest upon the Altar for the month. *Your envelopes can be returned in the collection next Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.* Please remember to pray for the Souls in Purgatory -- since our prayers and good works can help our deceased relatives and friends overcome tribulation and reach eternal happiness in the company of God. Prayer for the deceased is a blessed act of charity and a way of keeping those we loved and who have loved us in our minds and hearts.