

# The Thirtieth- Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

## Mass Intentions

October	27	8:00 AM	NO MASS
October	28	8:00 AM	Father Francis Wright
October	29	8:00 AM	Sharon Fordyce requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
October	30	8:00 AM	I/O Dr. Mark & Mrs. Jackie Cook requested by Deacon Robinson
October	31	8:00 AM	I/O Camille Howlett requested by Ron & Kathy Scheib
November	1	8:00 AM	Anthony Guarducci requested by Sue Guarducci
		5:00 PM	Holy Souls In Purgatory
November	2	8:00 AM	Holy Souls In Purgatory
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries November 1-2

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Jessica Grindle	Mary Zimmerman	Helena Krieger
8:00 AM	Trudy Heffley	Shelby Aldrich	The Morrison Family
10:30 AM	Julie Richelderfer	Nancy Stanton	A. Hoffman, Z. Lowe

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

November 2	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek
November 9	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 3:1-9

Romans 6:3-9

John 6:37-40

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,645.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$5,164.00

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

## Church Calendar

### **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

### **Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM  
OCIA, 6:45PM

### **Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM  
Finance Class, 6:30PM

### **Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saint's Day)**

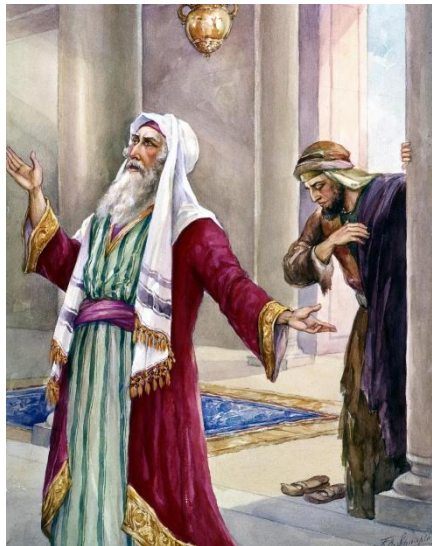
Mass for Solemnity of All Saints, 8:00AM  
Confession, 4:00-4:45PM  
Mass, 5:00PM

### **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (All Soul's Day)**

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM  
CCD Classes, 9:15-10:15AM  
K of C Pro-Life Breakfast, 9:15AM

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Today's first reading says, "The Lord is a God of justice who knows no favorites." While we humans show deference to people we admire



or give preferential treatment to those we like, God loves all his creatures with the same perfect love. But then the reading goes on to say something that seems to contradict that opening line,

even suggesting that God has a soft spot in his heart for the poor: "Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed." The text mentions that God hears the prayers of the widow and orphan, and that "the

prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." So what are we to make of all this? While God loves all perfectly, his heart is moved to mercy particularly toward the poor and lowly. And so the tax collector's humble prayer is heard, and he goes home justified, while the Pharisee does not.

Jesus knew how to tell stories that acted as a mirror to reveal the state of peoples' hearts. Today's Gospel opens with the line: "Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness." Because we cannot know what's going on in someone's heart the way Jesus knows, we have to be careful not to assume we know what another needs to hear. Yet, in our efforts to accompany others on the road to discipleship, there may be moments where we're called to speak a word that "afflicts the comfortable or comforts the afflicted." If we do, we must always do so from a place of love and humility, recognizing that sometimes we are sharing this word because God has convicted us of precisely the same thing we're sharing with another! In that way, our sharing becomes more witness to the ways God has humbled us.

There is a short, ancient Christian prayer known as the Jesus Prayer that is derived, in part, from our Gospel reading today. The entire text of the prayer is one line: "**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner**" which is repeated over and over again. Consider praying this prayer throughout the week as a way of rooting yourself more deeply in humility and an awareness of our need for God's mercy.

**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, Karen Peters, 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.*

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Lourdeshouse this 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.

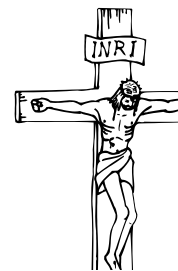
**All Saints Day:** Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of All Saints. Since this holy day is not a day of obligation to attend Mass this year, our parish will celebrate All Saint’s Day Mass on Saturday

morning, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00AM. Let us gather at Mass to celebrate our spiritual heroes who inspire us to follow Christ more faithfully.

**The Cemetery of the Innocents**, remembering the babies who lost their lives by abortion in Perry County, will be dedicated on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at our parish from 2:30-3:30PM. 42 white crosses will be erected, and roses will be placed representing the babies who died in Perry County last year through abortion. Please come and join us in praying for those who lost their lives through this horrible offense to human dignity as we affirm the goodness of every precious life that God sends into the world.

*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, November 2<sup>nd</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.



**Wise Stewardship Workshops’** last three sessions are individual workshops where you can attend any class that interests you. **October 30<sup>th</sup>: Benevolence** – being a faithful steward of what God has given you; **November 6<sup>th</sup>: Fraud Fighter** on how to spot Fraud and Scams to keep your money safe; **November 13<sup>th</sup>: Legacy planning** to avoid a mess for your spouse and family. If you are interested in joining any or all these workshops, please sign up on the bulletin board or call/text Phyllis Krieger at 717-379-1135.