

The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

Mass Intentions

February	16	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	17	8:00 AM	Helen Lysak requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
February	18	8:00 AM	Mary Everett requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
February	19	8:00 AM	Mike Flickinger requested by Kathy Landis
February	20	8:00 AM	Nancy Woods requested by The Ken Morrison Family
February	21	5:00 PM	Teresa Fioti requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
February	22	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries February 21-22

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Reed Kreider	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Erin Jenkins	Scott Sheaffer	J. Morrison, H. Krieger
10:30 AM	Christine Ticehurst	Bill Davies	A. Hoffman, J. Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 22

Robin & Mike Chiccini

March 1

Madeline Rogers, Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,662.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,473.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 15th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, February 16th

No Mass

Tuesday, February 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, 6:45 PM

Wednesday, February 18th (Ash Wednesday)

Masses, 8:00AM and 7:00PM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, February 19th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, February 20th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Stations of the Cross, 7:00PM

Saturday, February 21st

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, February 22nd

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“Immense is the wisdom of the Lord.”

From the Pastor's Desk:

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that “unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” In Matthew 23:3-5, Jesus says, “Do and observe all things whatsoever [the scribes and Pharisees] tell you, but do not follow



their example. For they preach but they do not practice ... All their works are performed to be seen.” What Jesus is inviting us to see is that to authentically live the commandments requires more than mere external compliance with the letter of the law. It's also not about putting on a show so that others

think we're “holy.” Rather, it's about the quiet, inner transformation of our hearts. The Gospel tells us it's not enough that we avoid murder; God

wants to free us from anger and wrath. It's not enough to avoid unfaithfulness in marriage; God wants to give us hearts that are pure and free from lust. Our task is to open our hearts to the transforming power of his commandments which, if we live them, lead us to fullness of life.

In our second reading, St. Paul speaks about some challenges we face when sharing the faith with others. There are those who are unable to grasp God's wisdom, which is different from the wisdom of this age. God's wisdom is mysterious, hidden, and can only be understood and grasped through a revelation of the Spirit. This is an important concept for us as evangelizers. Sometimes no matter how hard we try, no matter how eloquent we are at explaining something, those who are not ready to receive what we have to share will not be able to receive it. In order for others to understand the Gospel, the Spirit must open their hearts to receive it. While we are responsible to share the Gospel as well as we're able, it is up to the person before us to respond to God's invitation.

Accepting the Lord's teaching in the commandments requires humility, and understanding their true meaning and depth is the result of the Spirit's work in our lives. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you true insight to live the commandments with your whole heart. Consider using these lines from today's psalm in your prayer: “Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law. Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart.”

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, Jeff Galgon, Dawn Lowe, Mary Schoedel, Matt Morrison, 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.

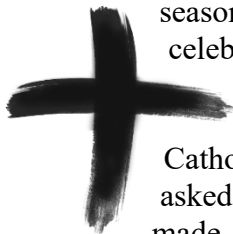
The Fran Hannon Educational Grant is being offered by the parish Knights of Columbus to any



high school senior graduating in the spring of 2026 that plan to continue their education. The grant is \$500. To apply you must be a practicing member of the parish, and must submit an essay of 500 words or less on the theme *“What My Catholic Faith Means to Me.”* The application deadline is March 29th, and they are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

First Penance: Parents are reminded that our youth in second grade will celebrate their First Penance on **Saturday, February 28th at 10:00AM** in the church. As parishioners, let us remember to pray for these children as they prepare to encounter the God's forgiving in the Sacrament of Penance.

Ash Wednesday, February 18th, begins the holy season of Lent. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 7:00PM with the distribution of ashes after the sermon. Every Catholic 14 years of age or older is asked to abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) should also fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Rite Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



Lenten Confessions will be heard daily, Tuesday through Friday, from 7:15 – 7:50AM. Confessions on Saturday begin at 4:00PM until 4:45PM. Sunday morning confessions are available from 7:00AM to 7:40AM and from 9:45 to 10:10AM.

“Repent and believe in the gospel”

Rest in Peace: In your charity and prayers remember the souls of **Reid Wilson and Karen Peters** of our parish. May God grant them a merciful judgement and give healing and consolation to their families.

Lenten Stations of the Cross: Come and walk the way of the Cross with Jesus during Lent. Stations begin at 7:00 PM in the church and are followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. These beautiful Lenten devotions can help us spiritually prepare to celebrate the Easter Mysteries by meditating on the passion and death of Christ and the Paschal Mystery of His life, death, and resurrection. Confession precedes the Stations.



Pro-Life: “Bingo for Babies” - This fundraiser for the Carlisle Area Family Life Center, Carlisle's only crisis pregnancy and family resource center, will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus #4057. It will be held Friday, March 6, 2026 at St. Patrick Church, Carlisle-Parish Activity Center- 87 Marsh Drive, Carlisle. The doors open at 5:30 pm, a light dinner will be served at 6:00pm and games begin at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner. They can be purchased at the center, which is located at 200 North Hanover Street, by calling 717-243-1918 or online at www.carlisleareafamilylifecenter.org. Prizes include a fabulous array of gift cards, tickets and certificates from local and area businesses and attractions. There will also be 2 black-out games with cash prizes up to \$500. Please join us for a fun, family evening!

Lenten Parish Penance Service: Our Parish Penance Service will be celebrated for the season of Lent on Monday evening, March 2nd at 7:00PM in the Church. Additional priests will be available to help with confessions. Please plan to attend with your family to spiritually prepare for Easter.

