

The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026

Mass Intentions

February	9	8:00 AM	NO MASS
February	10	8:00 AM	Patty Robinson requested by John & Mary Blair
February	11	8:00 AM	Michael Lysak requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
February	12	8:00 AM	Gail Holland requested by Joan Dunkelberger
February	13	8:00 AM	I/O Ron Scheib requested by The Scheib Family
February	14	5:00 PM	Cathy Steiner requested by John & Mary Blair
February	15	8:00 AM	Kay Dorundo requested by The Ken Morrison Family
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries February 14-15

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Gary Hilbolt	Betty Berry	Dave Suydam
8:00 AM	Trudi Heffley	David Pray	C. Harlan, J. Sheaffer
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Rose Wheatley	The Morrison Family Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

February 15

Tonya Sands

February 22

Robin & Mike Chiccini

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Sirach 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$7,600.50

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$2,792.00

The Parish Contingency Collection for January amounted to: 3,590.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 8th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, February 9th

No Mass

Tuesday, February 10th

Mass, 8:00AM

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, 6:45 PM

Wednesday, February 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, February 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, February 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, February 14th

Confirmation Retreat, 8:30AM-1:00PM

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

K of C Valentine Dinner/Dance, 6:00PM

Sunday, February 15th

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

“Our light must shine before men.”

From the Pastor’s Desk:

St. Teresa of Calcutta made an interesting insight on the nature of prayer when she said, *“I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.”* Prayer is



not an incantation that can change the will of God. It is the act of raising our hearts and minds to God, and of opening ourselves — our will, our understanding, our joys, and our sorrows — to be sanctified. The prophet Isaiah seems to be saying

something similar in the first reading. He lists off the commands of the Lord to clothe the naked,

feed the hungry, and shelter the homeless, and then tells the faithful that if they do these things, “then your light shall break forth like the dawn.” We certainly serve those who are vulnerable because each person has immeasurable dignity and deserves to be cared for as a child of God. But the act of caring for another also changes us. We are made more fully into who we were created to be — not an individual living in isolation, but one who is deeply connected in community to the rest of humankind.

An act of service, then, is much bigger than simply donating money or giving of our time. In caring for our neighbor, we proclaim God’s goodness to a world in darkness, bearing witness to the love of God which is the source of all our actions. In the Gospel, Christ calls his followers to be “the light of the world,” reminding us that He wants to shine His light through us. But we are not the source of the light. Even when we are the ones serving, we still remain only the vessel the true light shines through. When we love others, we are changed because we allow ourselves to be conformed more closely to Christ, allowing others to encounter his love in our actions.

The corporal works of mercy are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. This is not a list meant to overwhelm, but rather to provide opportunities to care for God’s children. What act of service can you and your family engage in this week to allow the light of Christ to shine through you?

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@analogyapologetics.com.

Parish Contribution Statements for your church contributions will be available in early January. If you would like to have a statement emailed to you, please contact the parish office (info@stbernardsnbpa.org) and request one. Paper statements will also be available upon request.

Update Your Parish: If your address, email, or telephone numbers have changed in the past few months, could you please call the parish office and update your records. This is important so our records are correct when we try to contact you! Also, please contact the parish office if you are going into the hospital, so a pastoral visit can be made.

Confirmation Retreat: Our 8th Grade students who are being prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded of their retreat scheduled for **Saturday, February 14th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM** in the church and Parish Hall. This retreat is mandatory for all confirmands. Bishop Gainer will celebrate this sacrament with our parish youth on Sunday, March 8th at the 10:30AM Mass.

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.

K of C Valentine Dinner/Dance: Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their annual Valentine Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 14th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. The menu includes a

Valentine's Dinner Dance

meat course, appetizers, various vegetable sides, salad, and a variety of desserts. Bring a bottle of wine to enjoy and share with your table guests. Music will be provided. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the bulletin board and pay (\$20 per person) at the door before the dinner. Proceeds will benefit Lourdeshouse Maternity Home and Carlisle Area Family Life Center!

Time to think about Lent: Lent is only weeks away. Ash Wednesday, February 18th, begins the holy season of Lent. It is time to think about your spiritual life and the goals you hope to achieve this Lenten season. Lent is about change of heart and conversion of life. What in your life stops you

The
Season
of
Lent



from growing spiritually in your relationship with God? What habit or vice clings to you and weighs you down? What is it that you can give up or take up that will help you change your life by changing your habits? Make a firm resolution now to reflect on how this Lent can and will make a difference in your Catholic life and spirituality!

Pro-Life: “Protection of innocent human life is not an imposition of personal conviction but a demand of justice. Each human being is known by God and loved by Him. Each is willed by God,



and each is made in God’s image...whoever violates a human being violates God’s property.” (Pope Benedict XVI). Let us continue to pray that all who perform abortions may realize their sin and seek God for forgiveness. Let us stand on the side of life whenever it is threatened or abused!

**“To obtain the gift of holiness
is the work of a lifetime.”**