

The Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026

Mass Intentions

June	29	8:00 AM	NO MASS
June	30	8:00 AM	I/O Gene & Kathy Odató requested by Saint Bernard K of C
July	1	8:00 AM	Mary Everett requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
July	2	8:00 AM	Sharon Ford requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
July	3	8:00 AM	Amber Lawrence requested by The Wilkinson Family
July	4	8:00 AM	I/O David & Shannon Horn requested by Rich & Kathy Dubois
		5:00 PM	Richard Eichelberger requested by Sue Guarducci
July	5	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries July 4-5 Extraordinary Ministers

	Lectors		Servers
5:00 PM	Jessica Grindle	Betty Berry	Intentionally Blank
9:00 AM	Nicole Wood	Bill Davies	Austin Hoffman Jacob Innerst

Schmidt Center Cleaning

June 28	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
July 5	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Zechariah 9:9-10

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,942.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,237.77

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 28th

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, June 29th

No Mass

Tuesday, June 30th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 1st

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, July 2nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, July 3rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, July 4th

Mass in Honor of IHM, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

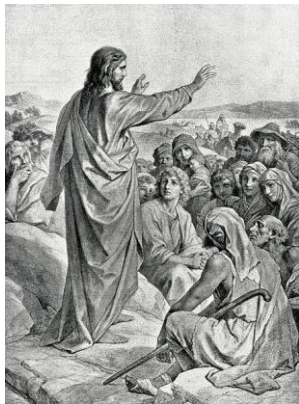
Sunday, July 5th

Mass, 9:00AM

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, Christ tells the Apostles of the rewards given to those who welcome his disciples. He reminds us that God sees and values



any support offered to those whom he sends to proclaim his word. While we're accustomed to receiving a reward that is proportional to the effort required for that task, God provides a generous reward for even the simplest acts (showing hospitality, offering a cup of cold water). The reward

offered is not based on the grandeur of our action, but on the goodness of God who generously blesses our small acts of faithfulness. Christ preaches of this same concept when he describes the poor widow's offering of two coins in the Gospels of Mark and Luke (Mk 12:41-44, Lk 21:1-4). Jesus did not judge the monetary value of the

two coins; he saw only the sacrifice and generosity that was communicated by the gesture. We can trust in the overwhelming grace of the Father that even the smallest gift we offer to him is worthy of a great reward.

In the first reading, a woman generously offers lodging for the prophet Elisha. She saw Elisha's need, knew that he was a holy man, and used the gifts and resources she had to support him in his sacred work. We are also called to generously support and encourage the ways in which our brothers and sisters are leading others to Christ. In other words, we are called to accompany our fellow disciples, whether they need a listening ear or a simple acknowledgment of their efforts. Because each baptized person shares in the mission of spreading the faith, every action we do to support one another is also supportive of this essential task of discipleship. As we begin to walk alongside other disciples, we pray that our witness manifests God's love at work in the world and brings many closer to him.

Our Scriptures today invite us to consider how we can support and accompany our fellow disciples: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple ... will surely not lose his reward." One of the simplest ways we can offer support is to pray for one another, asking for the grace to be faithful to the Lord and to our efforts to share our faith with others. Even a simple, heartfelt prayer for one another will not go unnoticed by the Lord.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Pat Widdowson, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Shirley Scotta, Samantha Strazisar, Ellen White, Louise Kline, Emerson Zahn, Virginia Klug, Jeff Galgon, Dawn Lowe, Mary Schoedel, Matt Morrison, Kay Utzig, Glenn Harshberger, Joe Rich, Yolanda McMillan, 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.

CCD Catechist Needed: We need catechists to team-teach in our CCD program. Are you interested in working with the children to teach our Catholic faith? Just your willingness to pass along the faith to children is one of



the most important characteristics of a good catechist. All classes are teamed with two catechists, and the younger classes also have an aide. I will meet with any interested person to discuss our program, the text we use, and the duties/responsibilities of our teachers and aides. Please contact Alice Vilk at alicevilk4@gmail.com. It takes many caring individuals to educate the students of our parish -- so come join us!

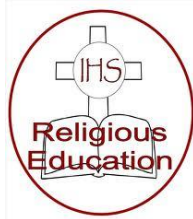
Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the parish pavilion.



Families are asked to bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Our gracious Knights of Columbus will provide the meat course and drinks. It is a fun time for everyone and

early enough in August for our college-bound youth to enjoy before heading off to school. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you plan to attend!

CCD Information: If there are children in our parish who plan to attend CCD in the fall, but who have not already registered, please let us know as soon as possible. If you are new to our program, a child must be 3 before September 1st to be accepted into the Pre-school class



or age 5 by September 1st for the Kindergarten class. Your cooperation in this effort will allow us to secure an adequate number of teachers, prepare classroom areas, and purchase books and supplies. Early registration will reduce mayhem and confusion for the opening classes in September. Email Alice Vilk ASAP at (alicevilk4@gmail.com).

Saint Bernard's Garden Club: Thank you to those who signed up to keep our parish property weeded throughout the summer. It only takes a little of

your time (a few times a month) to keep our parish looking well kept the whole summer long. Your participation is appreciated by all of us.

A sense of decorum in dressing for Church: The summertime can be hot and humid and often calls for clothing that is more comfortable. There is, however, a proper decorum to be used when considering the clothing we wear for Mass and church. We have no church dress codes we can look to except the one dictated by the virtue of modesty and good taste. In general, we should avoid the following when dressing for church: *Spaghetti straps/tank tops, bare backs or shoulders, sleeveless shirts or plunging necklines, tubes, skimpy skirts or shorts, low waist pants, Jersey shorts/gym wear, caps or flip-flops.* Thank you for your consideration!

Just a Thought: Pope Pius XI wrote an encyclical on Communism (*Divini Redemptoris*) in 1937, in which he reflected on the growing menace of Marxist ideology across Europe. These words are just as valid today. "Nevertheless, We cannot deny that there is still much to be done in the way of spiritual renovation. Even in Catholic countries there are still too many who are Catholics hardly more than in name. There are too many who fulfill more or less faithfully the more essential obligations of the religion they boast of professing, but have no desire of knowing it better, of deepening their inward conviction, and still less of bringing into conformity with the external gloss the inner splendor of a right and unsullied conscience, that recognizes and performs all its duties under the eye of God. We know how much Our Divine Savior detested this empty pharisaic show, He Who wished that all should adore the Father 'in spirit and in truth.' The Catholic who does not live really and sincerely according to the Faith he professes will not long be master of himself in these days when the winds of strife and persecution blow so fiercely, but will be swept away defenseless in this new deluge which threatens the world. And thus, while he is preparing his own ruin, he is exposing to ridicule the very name of Christian."

Pray the Rosary for vocations and peace!