

The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

Mass Intentions

July	13	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	14	8:00 AM	Mike Landis requested by Kathy Landis
July	15	8:00 AM	I/O Jerry & Karen Kupris requested by Saint Bernard K of C
July	16	8:00 AM	I/O Mary & Galin Rice requested by Rich & Kathy Dubois
July	17	8:00 AM	Sharon Ford requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
July	18	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
July	19	9:00 AM	Sharon Ford requested by Joe & Judy Rich

Liturgical Ministries July 18-19

Extraordinary Ministers

	Lectors		Servers
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Reed Kreider	Helena Krieger
9:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Jory Harlan	Joe Morrison Noah Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 12	Kim Lane & Marian McCoy
July 19	The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Wisdom 12:13, 16-16	Romans 8:26-27	Matthew 13:24-43
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,600.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$4,254.23

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 12th

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 13th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, July 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, July 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, July 18th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, July 19th

Mass, 9:00AM

“The seed is the word of God;

Christ is the sower.

**All who come to Him will have
life forever.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

If you attentively listen to today's gospel, you probably immediately try to identify yourself with one type of seed Jesus talks about: the seed that fell on the path, the seed that fell on rocky ground, the seed among thorns, or the seed in good soil. But have you ever stopped to wonder why the sower is throwing seeds so haphazardly? This is worth



meditating on, too. I believe it says to us that God is generously offering his grace and his mercy to everyone equally, in all places, at all times. But we aren't all in a place where we are open to receive that gift. In those moments when we feel as though we're not bearing the fruit that we hope to,

perhaps it's time to examine our spiritual surroundings and see if there is something we can change that might help us to be more receptive to God's grace. Perhaps it's as simple as checking out a faith-sharing group that can help us tend our spiritual soil so it is ready to receive what God is doling out.

Our first reading from Isaiah speaks of the power and efficacy of God's word, comparing it to the rain and snow that come down and water the earth, making the soil fertile, helping the seed to grow into a bountiful harvest that can be made into bread that nourishes. What we grasp from all of this is that God's word bears fruit over time. As evangelizers, it's important to consider that we often won't see fruit right away when sharing God's word with others. That word must take root, grow, and be cultivated. This process will take time, but the long-term fruit is worth our sustained and patient effort as we nurture relationships of accompaniment with others.

There's a certain patience we must exercise when sharing God's word with others. If you find yourself struggling with impatience – with yourself or with others' slow progress – find solace in this prayer: *“Patience is a virtue of the Lord: He awaits the return of His children. Forgive my trespasses Lord Jesus, for many times have I tested You. I deserved the wrath of Your hand, but You saw greater things for me: Your patience has been enormous! Grant me a droplet of such endurance, that I may abolish my impious impatience, refrain from using unpleasant words, and always reflect Your serenity. Great is the Lord Jesus in His ways!”*

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@analogyapologetics.com.

Prayer Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:30AM in church. If you have prayer intentions for your loved ones or family members, for sick co-workers or people in the community, please give them to the Parish Office for prayer and spiritual support!

Consider bringing Flowers for Mary: There is a sign-up form on the bulletin board if you would like to bring summer flowers to honor Mary.

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 on 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 Vilks ASAP at (alicevilks4@gmail.com).

A sense of decorum in dressing for Church: The summertime can be hot and humid and often call 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. While fancy Sunday-best dresses/hats or suit and tie may not be the attire we wear in the “causal” atmosphere of today’s society, there is always a need to monitor closely what we wear because it reflects on us, our values, and the importance we place on our respect for God and our

neighbor. 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!

Sunday Mass: Parents are reminded of the importance of Sunday Mass attendance for themselves and their children during these summer months – even on vacation! Catholic Churches can be found in almost all vacation destinations. Parents should also consider the importance of receiving the Sacrament of Penance at least once over the summer. Our children need to know that our spiritual life never takes a vacation.

Please Register your Children for CCD: If you have not registered or re-registered your child(ren) for CCD for the 2026-2027 school year, please do so as soon as possible. Textbooks and other materials must be ordered shortly so they arrive in time for the beginning of September. Contact Alice Vilks (alicevilks4@gmail.com) for registration forms or see the bulletin board.

Good Catholic Apps: Many of us use apps on our computers and cell phones to access information and make some daily tasks easier. Did you know that there are many Apps that can be used by Catholics to increase knowledge of the faith and spirituality? Many of these Apps allow you to access Catholic teaching, movies, shows, theology, or answer questions you might have about anything Catholic. Here are some reliable Apps that support authentic Catholic theology, teaching and spirituality: Amen, **Hallow**, Laudate, Ascension, Intercede, EWTN, Formed, Catholic Answers, iBreviary, iMissal, and **Truthly**. Some of these Apps are free and some require a yearly subscription. Check them out and grow in your knowledge and spirituality as a Catholic.

Baptized in Christ: We welcome to our parish *Hui-Ling Victoria Myers*, daughter of Justin and Linnet Myers, and *James Francis Morrison*, infant son of Matthew and Elizabeth Morrison. These children were baptized in our church on the weekend of June 27/28. May the Lord grant them many graces and assist them as they grow in age, grace, and wisdom.