

The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026

Mass Intentions

July	20	8:00 AM	NO MASS
July	21	8:00 AM	I/O Dr. Mark & Mrs. Jackie Cook requested by Deacon Robinson
July	22	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
July	23	8:00 AM	Reid Wilson requested by Kathy Scheib
July	24	8:00 AM	Karen Peters requested by Louise Kline
July	25	5:00 PM	People Of The Parish
July	26	9:00 AM	Joan Jackson requested by Jeff & Jennifer Aro

Liturgical Ministries July 25-26

Extraordinary Ministers

	Lectors		Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Olney Innerst	The Morrison Family Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

July 19	The Rough Family
July 26	Tonya Sands

Next Sunday's Readings

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

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12	Romans 8:28-30	Matthew 13:44-52
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,748.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$3,329.05

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 19th

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, July 20th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, July 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, July 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, July 24th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, July 25th

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, July 26th

Mass, 9:00AM

**“Blessed are You, Father, Lord
of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the Kingdom.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

There are moments in your life when you have not been able to find words for prayer, which may leave your efforts feeling unproductive and fruitless. But prayer's worth is not measured by the



words we say. Prayer is the lifting of the mind and the heart to God. We place ourselves in the presence of God and allow our desires, our suffering, and our weakness to be transformed by his grace. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans he

writes, “we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.” In prayer, we place our hope in that

what we bring to God will be heard and magnified by his divine grace. And as Christians, we live with the intention of pleasing God, and we trust that God transforms our actions into something meaningful as well. As the mustard seed grows into a large tree or a small teaspoon of yeast enlivens an entire loaf of bread, God takes what we offer – regardless of whether or not we have the right words, or even any words at all – and transforms it into something extraordinary.

In the first reading, we are reminded of God's leniency in the face of justice. God's mercy does not mean a lack of accountability – Christ desires and commands that we love God and love our neighbor. But in his mercy, he does not condemn us for our sin but rather gives time for us to repent. As a Christian community, we are called to show that same mercy – that same patient forbearance with one another. By doing so, the love of God ripples across a community through acts of charity and compassion, making individuals feel known and cared for. In this kind of environment, like the birds who find rest in the branches of the large mustard bush, all who seek the Lord will find a welcome among God's people.

Prayer is not only offered in words but also in sacrifice offered on behalf of another. Today, think of someone who needs your prayers. Bring their intention to God either in word or by offering a sacrifice on their behalf, not thinking about what is equal but what reflects God's mercy.

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.

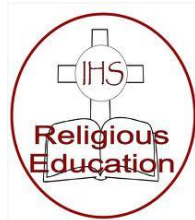
Parish Picnic: Mark your calendars now for our Parish Picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the parish pavilion. Families are



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 Vilk ASAP at (alicevilk4@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!

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 Vilk (alicevilk4@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.

Welcome, Father Boniface: This weekend, we are pleased to welcome Father Boniface, a missionary priest from Kenya. Father is here on behalf of our yearly Missionary Cooperative Program. This program exists to reflect upon the universal missionary spirit that animates the Church and how we are called to participate as missionary disciples in extending the Gospel message throughout the world. Father Boniface will reflect upon the work he does and ask your prayers and support so he may continue to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ. There will be a second collection after communion to help support Father’s missionary efforts. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**Pray the rosary this week
for the intention of all missionaries!**