

The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

Mass Intentions

August	3	8:00 AM	NO MASS
August	4	8:00 AM	I/O Tonya Sands requested by Deacon Robinson
August	5	8:00 AM	Michael Matunis
August	6	8:00 AM	Peggy & Charles Middleton requested by Louise Kline
August	7	8:00 AM	Bruce Landis requested by Kathy Landis
	8	5:00 PM	Helen Hayden requested by Tom Hayden
August	9	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries August 8-9

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Jessica Grindle	Yvonne DePaulis	Helena Krieger
9:00 AM	Kathy Dubois	David Pray	The Robinson Family

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 2

Robin & Mike Chiccini

August 9

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

Next Sunday's Readings

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

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$3,726.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$7,825.00

The Parish Contingency Collection amounte to: \$2,128.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 2nd

Mass, 9:00AM

Parish Picnic, 1:00-4:00PM

Monday, August 3rd

No Mass

Tuesday, August 4th (Feast of St. John Vianney)

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 5th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, August 6th (Transfiguration of the Lord)

Mass, 8:00AM

Confession, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

Friday, August 7th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 8th (Feast of St. Dominic)

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

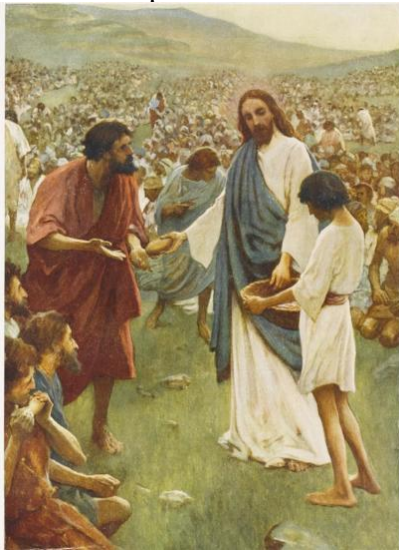
Sunday, August 9th

Mass, 9:00AM

**“Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

In a homily on today's gospel reading, the homilist pointed out that the Lord had seemingly “over-multiplied” the loaves and fish. The crowds had eaten to the point of satisfaction, and yet there were



twelve baskets of leftovers remaining.

“Why so many leftovers? Did the Lord not know how to count?” The homilist asked jokingly, of course. But the point that he went on to share that day was that with God, there

is always abundance. God doesn't simply provide the bare minimum of what we need for survival; the Scriptures tell us that he provides “rich fare” that will “satisfy the desire of every living thing.”

As we reflect on today's readings, let us not question the Lord's ways, but trust in the abundant generosity of God that satisfies all our needs.

Moments in which God provides for our every need strengthen our faith in him. Yet when difficulties come, we know that God never abandons us. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans speaks about the unshakable confidence Paul has in God's love for us, despite the difficulties (including shipwreck, beatings, and imprisonment) he endured: “What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?” “No,” he says. Nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.” Take stock of times in your life when God's providence has carried you through difficult times. Consider ways you can share these moments with others as part of your testimony. When our faith rests on a deep awareness of God's faithful love in our lives, we will be able to bear a compelling witness of his goodness to others.

In the Gospel, God shows his loving care by providing for the needs of his people in practical ways. Consider one way you might be able to accompany others going through periods of challenge or trial by providing practical help. This might look like preparing a meal for a new mom in the throes of postpartum, helping with yardwork for a fellow parishioner recovering from surgery, or helping gather classroom supplies for a teacher serving in an impoverished district. In these simple yet concrete ways, we manifest the abundance of God's care and concern for each and every person.

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, Lois Morningred, 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!

Parish Picnic: Our parish picnic 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. We hope to see you at the pavilion!!



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults to begin in the fall of 2026: You are invited to join a journey of faith and explore your possible interest in the



Catholic Church. This fall, Saint Bernard's Parish will begin another OCIA program, a series of basic instructions in the Faith.

This program of prayer and study is designed to assist you in growing in your knowledge and love for the Lord. We will open our OCIA year with an inquiry evening on Tuesday, September 22nd. For more information contact Father Sharman (582-4113) or complete the application you will find on the bulletin board and return it to the parish office.

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 Vilks (alicevilks4@gmail.com) for registration forms or see the bulletin board.

Spiritual Dispositions necessary for the proper reception of Holy Communion:

State of Grace: You must be free from any conscious mortal sin. If aware of a mortal sin, you must receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) before approaching the altar.

Living Faith: You must firmly believe that Jesus Christ is truly and fully present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—under the appearances of the bread and wine.

Right Intention: You should approach the sacrament out of a desire to grow in love for God, seek spiritual healing, and unite more closely with Christ, rather than out of habit or social custom.

Humility and Reverence: Acknowledge your human unworthiness to receive the Creator, echoing the words of the centurion: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof..."

Physical and Canonical Dispositions

Eucharistic Fast: You must abstain from all food and drink (except water and medicine) for at least *one hour* before receiving Holy Communion.

Church Membership: You must be a baptized Catholic in full communion with the Church.

Marriage: If you are married, you should have been married in the church or with proper dispensations from the Church. Those who are civilly divorced and remarried or married without the dispensations should refrain from receiving Holy Communion until their marriage can be convalidated in the Church.

External Deportment: Dress appropriately and approach with a respectful and quiet demeanor.