

The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026

Mass Intentions

August	10	8:00 AM	NO MASS
August	11	8:00 AM	Annamarie Casner requested by Dave & Patty Suydam
August	12	8:00 AM	All Saint Bernard Parishioners req. by Gene & Kathy Odat
August	13	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
August	14	8:00 AM	Connie Krause requested by The Strazisar Family
	15	8:00 AM	Diana Prowell requested by Joe & Sue Meyer
		5:00 PM	Mary Requena requested by Mary Blair
August	16	9:00 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries August 15-16

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Gary Hilbolt	Reed Kreider	Terry Meek
9:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Evan Ticehurst	The Morrison Family Zoey Lowe

Schmidt Center Cleaning

August 9	Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger
August 16	Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7	Romans 11:13-15, 29-32	Matthew 15:21-28
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Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$7,817.00

The Collection One Year Ago amounted to: \$3,963.00

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 9th

Mass, 9:00AM

Monday, August 10th

No Mass

Tuesday, August 11th

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, August 12th

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

Thursday, August 13th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, August 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, August 15th (Assumption of BVM)

Feast Day Mass, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, August 16th

Mass, 9:00AM

**“Lord, let us see your kindness,
And grand us your salvation.”**

From the Pastor's Desk

All new teachers soon discover that the most effective way to command the attention of a room full of boisterous students is to lower your voice. Matching their volume only adds to the

chaos.

But approaching with a low, calm voice demands attention due to the contrast in volume. Prior to the scene in which Elijah encounters God on Mount Horeb, he was fleeing for his life. He was distraught. Likewise, in the Gospel the Apostles were in distress as



they were tossed about on the sea. Chaos, anxiety, and distress are unfortunately all too common experiences. But God breaks through our worries and brings peace. God speaks to Elijah in a

whisper. Christ walks calmly toward the disciples in the rocking boat. God doesn't match the chaos and the volume of our broken world. When Christ says, "Peace be with you," it is a genuine extension of peace to our weary souls from the Prince of Peace. The challenge for us comes in finding the quiet to experience the peace that Christ offers.

Doing the work of God does not mean that we always have to get louder. Proclaiming the Good News may mean that our words grow softer while the gentleness and peace from the Holy Spirit become more visible. It is interesting that as the crowds are dispersing and the Apostles are getting into a boat, Jesus finds a spot of solitude to pray. All too often we see the tasks that need to be completed and disregard our own need for solitude. But it is in this quiet that we hear the voice of God that gives life our apostolate and that guides us in the path of holiness. God will not add chaos to the world – peace is in His nature, and He cannot act contrary to His nature. And so, in the midst of our busyness and brokenness, God lowers His voice and calls us to attention.

Particularly with the expansive nature of technology, it can be difficult to block out the world in order to silence our minds and hearts. But we know from Christ's example of prayer and from Elijah's experience on Mount Horeb that God speaks to us in the quiet. Spend some time this week in quiet solitude to make yourself available to encounter God and hear his voice.

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!

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 attached to 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 Vilk (alicevilk4@gmail.com) for registration forms or see the bulletin board.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Saturday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. While not a holy day of obligation this year (because it falls on a Saturday



the obligation to attend Mass is removed), Holy Mass will be offered on Saturday morning at 8:00AM for all who desire to honor God for taking the Mother of His Son, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. What we celebrate in Mary's Assumption is the pledge that God will one day do the same to us who remain faithful in our love and

service. Mary entered heavenly glory completely, meaning both her physical body and soul were raised. It acts as a sign of hope for believers, foreshadowing the future bodily resurrection promised to all Christians.

Thank you, Knights of Columbus: Our parish is most grateful to the Knights for hosting our Parish Picnic last Sunday. Their time and effort in setting up and cleaning up enabled many of our fellow parishioners and guests to enjoy fellowship and a good meal. May their love and members increase!

K of C Perry County Ice Cream Stand: The Knights of Columbus are asking for your assistance in staffing the Ice Cream Stand at this year's Perry County fair from August 18th through the 22nd. The Ice Cream Stand is the K of C major source of support to continue the



programs they sponsor for our parish. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board with scheduled time slots you can choose from. Your kind assistance is appreciated.

Knights of Columbus New Member Initiation Ceremony will be held in the church hall on Sunday, August 30th from 10AM to 2PM. Any male parishioner who is active in the practice of the faith and over 18 years old who is interested in joining the Knights should contact a member of the Knights prior to the ceremony.