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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 6, 2025

REJOICE BECAUSE YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN
Heaven.

LUKE 10:1

My Dear Parish Family,

The lyrics of this song written in the 1970's, by one of my favorite singers, Jim Croce, always causes me to reflect.

If I could save time in a bottle, the first thing I'd like to do, is to save every day till eternity passes away, just to spend them with you.

If I could make days last forever, if words could make wishes come true, I'd save every day like a treasure and then again I would spend them with you.

But there never seems to be enough time to do the things you want to do, once you find them I've looked around enough to know that you're the one I want to go through time with.

If I had a box just for wishes, and dreams that had never come true, the box would be empty, except for the memory of how they were answered by you.

But there never seems to be enough time, to do the things you want to do, once you find them I've looked around enough to know, that you're the one I want to go through the time with.

This July, taking a theme from the Bishop's letter, "A Flourishing Apostolic Church," I encourage each of us to examine our life of prayer. He writes, "I encourage every Catholic in the Diocese of Cleveland to spend at least fifteen minutes in prayer each day. The Bishop quotes the catechism of the Catholic Church, "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him." The above lyrics touch upon a truth that each of us knows well. Time is a gift, and it is not forever in this world.

When so many urgent tasks crowd my mind, I approach them after prayer. Prayer makes the day and the work at hand so much more fruitful. I know when I walk with the Lord, at the end of the day, so much more is not only accomplished, but physically tired, my spirit is refreshed. Time cannot be contained in a bottle but it won't slip away unfulfilled when we realize that time is God's gift to us.

God Bless you,

Father Philip



Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the soul of: **Matthew P. Garlock.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, July 7, Weekday

9:00 Cecilia Dzurec

Tuesday, July 8, Weekday

8:00 Angela Russo

Wednesday, July 9, Weekday

9:00 Attilio Sciulli

Thursday, July 10, Weekday

8:00 Hugh McLaughlin

Friday, July 11, Saint Benedict, Abbot

9:00 Edwin Schweitzer (Anniv)

Saturday, July 12, Weekday

8:00 Special Intention— Don Hutton

5:00 Katie Stewart

Sunday, July 13, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 Patricia Gechoff DiDonato

11:30 Robert Galvin

Please pray for: Fr. Lanning; Martin Morisky; Gerri Popovich; Linda Mencke; Bruce Betz; Frank Stepic; Tom Howard; Nancy Thorn; Bobbie Corrigan; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; Eileen Jamieson; Mandi Petonic; Mercedes Aemilia Scullion & her Da; Bernadette Andrews; Roberta Werner; James Faddoul; Herbert Hastings; Lynda Arth; The Bartko Family; Vicki Gannon; Lydia Caroline Milligan; Ellen Burch; Barbara Waitkus; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Bob Becker; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown; Edward Presley.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

The Welsh Home

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On Corpus Christi Sunday, we carried the KING of KINGS through our neighborhood. Not a symbol. Not a memory. THE LIVING GOD. TRULY PRESENT. Veiled in bread. Carried with honor. Worshipped with our footsteps, our silence, our song. This wasn't just tradition. It was a declaration. That Jesus Christ reigns here. In our parish. In our families. In our hearts. Thank you to all who joined in this powerful procession. May we never be the same. "This is my body, given up for you."



—Thank you to parishioner, Clare Sloan, for capturing these photos!

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?



Did you ever wonder WHY Catholics remain in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who has been thinking about inquiring about Catholicism? Are you?

OCIA inquiry has begun!

Join Fr. Philip Racco and other parishioners as we share our stories about our faith journey! If inquiring, contact Fr. Philip Racco for more information at 440-734-1300.



Faith with Fire

will be on Friday, July 25th at 7:00PM behind the Rectory. We will be reflecting on the Bishop's letter, *A Flourishing Apostolic Church*. All men are welcome!

St. Bernadette Adult Education Series in the Community Room on Tuesdays from 9:15am-10:45am No registration required, just show up!

July 8 HEAVEN OR HELL: TAKE YOUR PICK — NOW!

"I'm terrified about the day that I enter the gates of heaven and God says to me, 'Just a minute...'"

— Maureen O'Hara

What evidence do we find for either of the above in the Old and New Testaments? Are they "places?" What will human existence look like? What insurance policy guarantees heaven? Bishop Desmond Tutu says, "We may be surprised at the people we find in heaven. God has a soft spot for sinners. His standards are quite low!"

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Project Update



Thank you to all parishioners who have volunteered for our 75th Anniversary Habitat for Humanity Faith Build project. Unfortunately, our first volunteer day was rained out on Saturday, June 14. We've now added a new volunteer day in July and still have our August and October dates.

St. Bernadette Parish volunteer Saturdays:

July 12, August 16, and October 11

- 8 volunteers needed for each day
- Approximately 6 hours of work each day – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- No experience/construction skill required
- Volunteers must be at least 16 years old
- Home construction location – East 142rd Street in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood of Cleveland

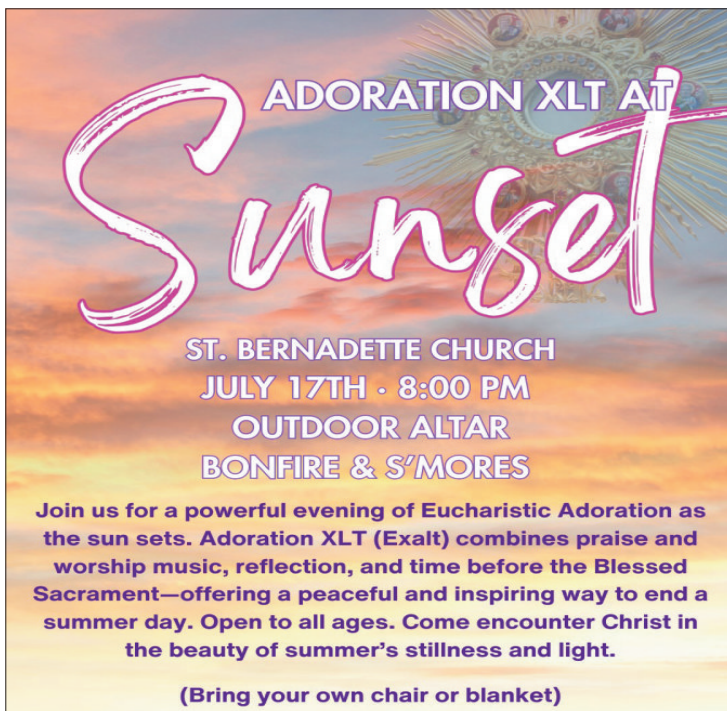


Anyone who is interested in volunteering should use this QR code to express their interest and receive additional information regarding sign-ups.



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 1:00PM in the Parish Office Library. Call the Parish Office to register.

Christ Present in Action Committee (CPA) Sandwich Making We start our activity at 12:30PM in Dempsey Hall during summer break. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. ***Our next sandwich making days are July 9th and July 30th.***



**ADORATION XLT AT
Sunset**

**ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH
JULY 17TH • 8:00 PM
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Join us for a powerful evening of Eucharistic Adoration as the sun sets. Adoration XLT (Exalt) combines praise and worship music, reflection, and time before the Blessed Sacrament—offering a peaceful and inspiring way to end a summer day. Open to all ages. Come encounter Christ in the beauty of summer's stillness and light.

(Bring your own chair or blanket)

The Martin Group, A Men's Fellowship

Next Meeting—July 12, 2025

Join us from 8:45am-9:45am in the Community Room

For All Men 18+

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. The Knights of Columbus Council 16376 at St. Bernadette will be holding a membership drive after all Masses the weekend of July 12th & 13th. You will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Drop by the community room after Mass to talk to a Knight and find out more about us.

—Paul Nicholas, Grand Knight, 440-465-2975



We congratulate the following parishioners for making Honor Roll at St. Ignatius High School:

First Honors: Thomas Boker, Adam Bornhorst, Nolen Bradford, Dominic Castelluccio, John Chambers, Bryce Comeau, Thomas Corrigan, Max Erdos, Robert Fedor III, Michael Hamad, Edward Lentz, Johnny Mulloy, Kyle Niehaus, Ryan O'Leary, Benjamin Plona, Jonathan Plona, Greg Rayle, Max Reed, Zachary Smolak.

Second Honors: Stephen Corrigan, Andrew DeMonica, Anthony DeMonica, Michael Grady, Liam Hill, Paul McNeeley, Patrick Myers, Nicholas Rivera.

Honor Roll: Jude Banks, Jack Cousineau, Patrick Cousineau, Charles Farrall, Daniel Jenne, Sam LoParo, Benjamin Petrus, Jacob Presley, Charles Teeter.

PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Philip G. Racco, *Pastor*
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 Elizabeth Hajduk, *PSR Principal*
 Brook Benedict, *Director of Music Ministries*
 Maria Nicaise, *Associate for Parish Family Ministries*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday
 9:00AM to 4:30PM
 Saturday: 9:00AM to 2:00PM
 Closed Monday – Friday: 12:30-1:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Vigil: Saturday, 5:00PM
 Sunday: 8:00AM, 9:45AM & 11:30AM
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00AM
 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM
Masses are Livestreamed on our website daily as well as Sunday at 9:45AM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Winter Schedule: Saturday, October through March:
 3:00 – 3:45PM
Summer Schedule: Saturday, April through September:
 4:00-4:45PM
 *Confessions may also be arranged by an appointment with a priest.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal class. Arrangements to be made at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least **six months** before intended date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at 12:00PM. Please send articles to emorris@stbern.net.

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Mission Statement

As parishioners of St. Bernadette, we commit ourselves to refresh our participation of Liturgy through attentive listening to God's Word, in raising our voices in prayer and song, and in reverent reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. We pledge to work for justice for those inside and outside of our boundaries and to be instruments of healing in our families and in our community.

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