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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 13, 2025
TEACHER, WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT

eternal life?

LUKE 10:25

Dear Parish Family,

We desire to express great sympathy and support to all who have been affected by the flood that occurred in Texas. My prayers have been for all involved but focused most on the parents and families of the young girls lost in the flood waters. I ask myself, why Lord does such evil occur and why do you allow it to happen? One gentleman interviewed on tv kept repeating “*we stand on the rock of our faith.*” Yes, our faith tells us there is no eternal death, and that Jesus died and rose from the dead. He has conquered sin and its effect natural death. In the light of faith, how do we respond to the sorrow felt by all who are involved. With our hearts we love and care for those grieving. Our presence and attentiveness to the grieving must speak louder than any word of consolation we can offer. I looked to the wisdom of the Church and I offer the passage:

The Reality of Evil

If God has created all things to be good and cares providentially for his creation, why does evil exist? There is no quick answer to this challenging question. Christian faith, after centuries of reflecting on the answers revealed in the Bible, provides the only comprehensive answer. This answer includes the drama of sin, the love of God who sent his only Son to be our Redeemer and Savior, and the call of God to sinful humanity to repent and to love him in return.

We may ask why God did not create a world so perfect that no evil could exist in it. God freely willed to create a world that is not immediately at its state of ultimate perfection, but one that must journey toward that perfection through time. “In God’s plan this process of becoming involves the appearance of certain beings and the disappearance of others, the existence of the more perfect alongside the less perfect, both constructive and destructive forces of nature” (CCC, no. 310). Physical evil can thus exist alongside physical good because creation has not reached its ultimate perfection. On this journey, created realities remain limited and thus subject to decay and death.

Continuing my best wishes for a good summer and the consolation of our Catholic faith.

God Bless you,

Father Philip



Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the souls of: **Catherine Rudolph and Timothy Francis McMahon, Jr.**

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

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, July 14, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

9:00 Jim Schram

Tuesday, July 15, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 Alfred S. Blazek, Sr.

Wednesday, July 16, Weekday

9:00 William Lenhard

Thursday, July 17, Weekday

8:00 Special Intention-Donald Mills

Friday, July 18, Weekday

9:00 Special Intentions

Saturday, July 19, Weekday

8:00 William Cizmadia, Sr.

5:00 Deceased Members of the Cleary and McNulty Families

Sunday, July 20, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 Edward Kresovsky

11:30 Victoria Mendoza

WEDDING BANNES

I Keegan McCafferty and Olivia Lizanich

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.

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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.

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 this weekend, 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



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!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! The Perpetual Endowed Fund recently received a new donation of \$50,000. This brings our new total of pledges and cash on hand to \$1,268,000. We thank our generous donors!

ADORATION XLT AT Sunset

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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. Please park in the middle parking lot between the school & church as the South parking lot will be under construction.

Weather permitting, our South parking lot will be resurfaced on Thursday, July 17th and Friday, July 18th. The following week will be the roadway area and restriping of the Clague Road lot. The funding for this work is provided by the Pious Trust.



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Caroline Mae Robinson

Amelia Jane Robinson

SUMMER PRAY & PLAY

Parents with young children are invited to come together on Wednesdays this summer for Mass and playtime! It's a simple, meaningful way to build community with other families raising little ones in the faith!

PRAY: MASS AT 9:00AM, WEDNESDAYS

PLAY: PARISH/SCHOOL PLAYGROUND, FOLLOWING MASS

JULY 16, JULY 23, JULY 30, AUGUST 6, AUGUST 13

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 30th and August 13th.*

St. Bernadette Parish

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Elizabeth Hajduk, *PSR Principal*

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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

Livestream: Daily Mass & Sunday's 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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