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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 17, 2025

I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE, AND HOW I WISH

it were already blazing!

LUKE 12:49

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is almost over for some of us who have to go back to school. Father Phil asked me to provide an update on my next steps in formation.

DEACON'S DESK

As you know, after being ordained to the diaconate, I was reassigned to our parish, Saint Bernadette, to continue my formation. Before sending me, Bishop Malesic told me, "You will eat well there". Truly, I am blessed with not only a wonderful rectory full of love and food, but also with the love from all of you, who always support me with prayers and kindness.

This weekend, I will be returning to the seminary for school, but my time at St. Bernadette has not come to an end. Starting next week, for the majority of the time, I will be at the seminary. I will also be at the parish one day per week, either Saturday or Sunday, with an exception for breaks from school that I will be at the parish. This routine will continue until December 15, when I will complete my last semester and return to the parish full-time until May 15, 2026. **On May 16, 2026**, God willing and with your prayers, I will be ordained to the priesthood for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

That being said, my next nine months at the seminary are very pivotal for my formation and growth as a future priest. Your prayers for me on this next step are always appreciated. Please know that I will keep you in my daily prayers.

Thank you for being an essential part of my life and formation. Your love and support inspire me every day.

Deacon Joseph Ho

Thank you for your support of the COAR missionary appeal in July. You contributed \$6,819. Thank you for your generosity!!

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, August 18, Weekday

9:00 Drusia Sciulli

Tuesday, August 19, Weekday

8:00 Thomas McGloin

Wednesday, August 20, Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Martin Cooney

Thursday, August 21, Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00 Frances Samples

Friday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Linda Gulden

3:00 Etzler-Mask (Nuptial)

Saturday, August 23, Weekday

8:00 Nicholas Valentino

5:00 Susan Rodgers

Sunday, August 24, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 Richard A. Jenkins

11:30 For Anniversaries: Brother Albert Koch, S.M. – 75th Anniversary of Ordination, and Sister Audrey Koch, C.S.J. – 70th Anniversary of Religious Life

5:00 For the Day School and PSR Programs

St. Bernadette Liturgical Choir resumes on Thursday, September 4th at 6:45pm in the Community Room of the church. If you are interested in joining, please contact Brook Benedict at 440-734-1300.

WEDDING BANNES

III Paul Etzler and Wendy Mask

II Timothy Halsmer and Veraniz Vazquez

Please pray for: Linda Mencke; Dan & Jane Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; 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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BACK TO SCHOOL

MASS & COOKOUT

SUNDAY • AUGUST 24TH • 5PM

Outdoor Mass - Bring your own chair or blanket!

Cookout and Fellowship to follow!

Backpack Blessing - bring yours to Mass!

Let us know you are coming!

RSVP



If interested in learning about the Catholic faith or desiring baptism, now is the time! Please call the Parish Office for more information!



The Parables of Jesus: For Heaven's Sake, What's The Point?

SCRIPTURE SESSIONS FOR ADULTS

Monday evenings starting on September 8th from 7:00-8:30PM, repeated on Tuesday mornings starting September 9th from 9:15-10:45AM.

The content for both sessions is the same. Choose one for your convenience. Scripture Sessions take place in the Community Room. Adult parishioners and their friends are welcome! Bring your bible! Notes are provided. No fee, just a desire to learn God's Holy Word!

Attention PSR Families Registration is open and ongoing through September 15th. Please make sure that you register your child by this time so we can make arrangements for materials necessary for the school year. There will be no homeschooling offered this school year. Registration forms are available on the parish website or in the Parish Office.

There is a very important informational meeting on August 20th at 6:30-7:00PM for Grades 1-5 and 7:00-7:30PM for Grades 6-8 in the Community Room.

Teachers will be present for you to meet and answer any questions. The first day of PSR will be Monday, September 15th. Contact Liz Hajduk at psrprincipal@stbern.net with any questions.

Christ Present in Action Committee (CPA) Sandwich Making We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall.

Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. **Our next sandwich making days are August 27th and September 10th.**

One Wednesday a month, from Noon until 1:30 PM, all those who are **“YOUNG AT HEART” and over 50 (!)** are invited to attend a gathering in the Community Room. The purpose is to join with other parishioners, meet some new friends, enjoy lunch together, a short presentation of various kinds, and a time to chat together!

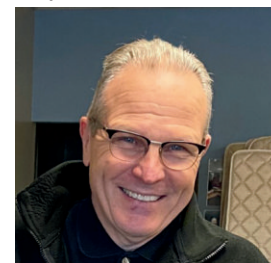


Given limited spacing, reservations are necessary. Our maximum capacity is 30 – this number includes couples and individuals.

Join us for Young at Heart on Wednesday, September 10th from Noon to 1:30PM in the Community Room.

Topic: The Catholic Community Today: Where's the Hope?

Presenter: Deacon Lou Primoic, Diocese of Cleveland



Deacon Lou is founder/CEO of Orion Consulting Co., a national consulting and financial firm. Ordained as a Permanent Deacon in 2005, he “switched gears” and used that expertise in his Diaconal Ministry by beginning the foundation, **I'M IN MINISTRY**, a **non-profit volunteer ministry** helping local families re-establish themselves after suffering homelessness, family displacement, low-income elderly, etc., **Catholic community service to the needy at its finest.**

Please submit your registration with the lunch fee to the PARISH OFFICE.

Do not use the Collection Baskets at Church.

Name(s): _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Lunch fee: \$15.00 per person; tea, coffee, water included

Questions? Confidential Contact– Sister Donna Marie at 440-734-1300

Festival volunteer sign-ups are now open! Scan the QR code or visit the parish website under ‘Quick Links’ to sign-up! Thank you so much for volunteering your



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Save the Date!

St. Bernadette Parish 75th Anniversary Gala will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Westwood Country Club! More information to follow.

St. Bernadette School's 17th Annual Holiday Mart

**November 8, 2025
from 10:00AM-3:00PM**

For more information or vendor inquiries, please contact
Natalie Stolp at NATSTOLPH@GMAIL.COM.

**Perpetual Endowed Fund (PEF) 75th Anniversary Campaign****Our current contributions are:**

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