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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 31, 2025

BUT THE ONE WHO HUMBLER
HIMSELF WILL BE

exalted.

LUKE 14:1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Fathers Racco and Menkhaus mentioned last week from their chair, a new Choir season will soon be upon us! I first want to take this opportunity to thank everyone from our parish who has had the courage to step forward and offer their gift of music to our parish. Their talents combined with their dedication and hard work glorifies God and brings honor to our parish liturgies. In the light of this new season, we humbly ask that you please keep us in your prayers. The prayers of all of you, our parish family whom we serve, is the greatest support for all of us as we grow as parish musicians to better serve you. When we gather to prepare for our liturgies, be assured of your liturgical choir's prayers for all of you as we strive to humble and offer ourselves to be instruments through which God may speak to our hearts.



As God wishes to speak in all of us, I invite you to reflect on your own gift of song that dwells in your heart. What do you hear? Is it "Peace train" by Cat Stevens? Is it Lady Gaga? Is it "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zeplin? Is it Beethoven? Whatever it may be, even if secular and not sacred, let it be a reminder that, as our source and origin is in the redeeming God, so too is the gift of his song within in us where music is born. This is why it is fitting for us to use the gift of song when we gather as a parish family, that it may lead us to the realm of higher things. By its very nature, song has both an individual and communal dimension. But unless the cry of music from deep within us sounds, it does not become music. When the cry from deep within us does become music, it is accessible to others.

While it remains a privilege and honor to offer our gift of song for the greater glory of God, we know, as the Choir, that the greater voice of the gathered assembly is the primary voice of our Church. It is our duty, our ministry, to enable and support our parish family to have the courage to always lift up their voices in song as the scriptures so profoundly command us. Knowing full well how vulnerable of a feeling singing in public can be for anyone, we pray our ministry in this new season may serve as a reminder that your gift of song is a powerful gift from Almighty God. You have been called by God to praise His Name. You have a right to praise Him, and he delights in your gift of song you offer back to Him. If we have the courage to sing in the midst of the assembly, we are sure to truly experience, in greater ways, the presence of God in our midst.

It has been and continues to be the joy of my life to be your organist, and I remain, your servant in Christ,

Brook Benedict.

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



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.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, September 1, Weekday

9:00 Norman and Kathy Teckman

Tuesday, September 2, Weekday

8:00 Donna Irving

Wednesday, September 3, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Cecilia Dzurec

Thursday, September 4, Weekday

8:00 Hugh McLaughlin

Friday, September 5, Weekday

9:00 Thomas McGloin

Saturday, September 6, Weekday

8:00 Yianni Kostandaras

5:00 Una Wendt

Sunday, September 7, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 The Nunney Family

11:30 Tom Gottermeyer

Attention Lectors: Lector books for 2026 are available for pick-up in the Parish Office.

Please pray for: David Nickels; 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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**First Friday Adoration
September 5, 2025**

**Mass 9:00 AM; Adoration 10AM-5PM;
Benediction 5:00 PM**

**Two guardians are needed each hour
between 10:00AM-5:00PM. Please call the Parish
Office to sign-up.**

Topic:

First Epistle of James; First, Second, Third of John

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!



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 1:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

St. Ladislav

Growing Through Grief

St. Ladislav Church invites those grieving the loss of a loved one to join an 8-week support program beginning Monday, September 8th through Monday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m. Sessions offer a caring, faith-filled space to share, heal, and find hope together. Mass is at 6:30PM followed by the 7:00PM Bereavement sessions. St. Ladislav is located at 2345 Bassett Road, Westlake. For more information or to register, contact Carol Burtnett at 440-835-2300 or email at cburtnett@stlads.org.

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Thanks to you and Diocesan, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish!

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 Primozic,
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**

____ Registration confirmed ____ Lunch fee enclosed

Christ Present in Action Committee (CPA) Sandwich Making We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall. You may bring sandwiches from home nothing their contents. ***Our next sandwich making days are September 10 and September 24.***



St. Bernadette's 12th Annual Heart and Harvest Festival

September 12 & 13, 2025

Schedule of Events

6:00 pm – 11:00 pm		5:00 pm – 11:00 pm	
6:00 – 11:00 pm	Grill Food Services (Pulled Pork)	5:00 pm	Outdoor Mass
6:00 – 11:00 pm	Great Lakes Beer Tent	6:00 – 11:00 pm	International Food Night (New)
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Playlist music	6:00 – 11:00 pm	Great Lakes Beer Tent
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Kids Games	6:00 – 10:00 pm	Bourbon & Cigar Tent
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Soubirous (Fr. Joe & Band of Priests)	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Cornhole, Pie-in-the-Face, BIG games
8:00 – 10:00 pm	Bourbon & Cigar Tent	6:00 – 10:00 pm	Caricature Artist (New)
8:30 – 9:15 pm	Rick Smith Jr. (Magician & Illusionist)	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Playlist music
9:15 – 10:00 pm	Soubirous (Fr. Joe & Band of Priests)	6:30 – 7:30 pm	Corn eating contest (New)
10:00 – 11:00 pm	Karaoke	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Dan Zola Orchestra
7:00 – 9:30 pm	Every 30 min \$500 Raffle Drawings	9:00 – 10:30 pm	Movie night
10:00 pm	\$3,000 Raffle Drawing	9:30 – 11:00 pm	Karaoke
10:30 pm	Raffle Basket Drawing	7:00 – 9:30 pm	Every 30 min \$500 Raffle Drawings
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		10:30 pm	Raffle Basket Drawing

Friday night will include our famous smoked pulled pork sandwiches! Saturday will be International Food night, new this year! A wonderful assortment of other food items and the Great Lakes Beer Tent will be available both days. A performance Friday evening by our own Fr. Joe and his Band of Brother Priests – “The Soubirous.” Saturday we will have the Dan Zola Orchestra! Popular magician/illusionist Rick Smith, Jr. will be back and as always, we will have kids games! Also new this year will be a corn eating contest! Please see the schedule for a listing of all the events. We hope to see you there!

The Cake Walk is back and we'd love your help! We're looking for donations of delicious goodies: cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, or any sweet treats (homemade or store-bought welcome!) If you'd like to contribute, scan the QR code, visit the Parish Office or visit the parish website to sign-up.



Raffle tickets will be available throughout the festival on Friday and Saturday. You may also purchase raffle tickets at the Parish Office during business hours. Each ticket provides 14 chances to win cash prizes! Each day we will hold raffle ticket drawings of \$500 (6 total) and an end-of-evening draw of \$3,000. Drawings will be every half hour starting at 7:00pm. Drawings for \$3,000 will be at 10:00PM. **Ticket price: \$10.00 each. Winners need not be present.**

Heart and Harvest Festival Volunteers Needed!

We need many hands to help out at the festival! Scan the QR code or visit the parish website under ‘Quick Links’ to sign-up! Students can use this event for service hours. Thank you very much for volunteering your time to make this years Heart and Harvest Festival one to remember.



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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 Stolph at NATSTOLPH@GMAIL.COM.

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

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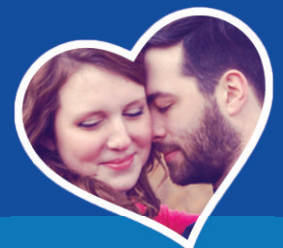
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