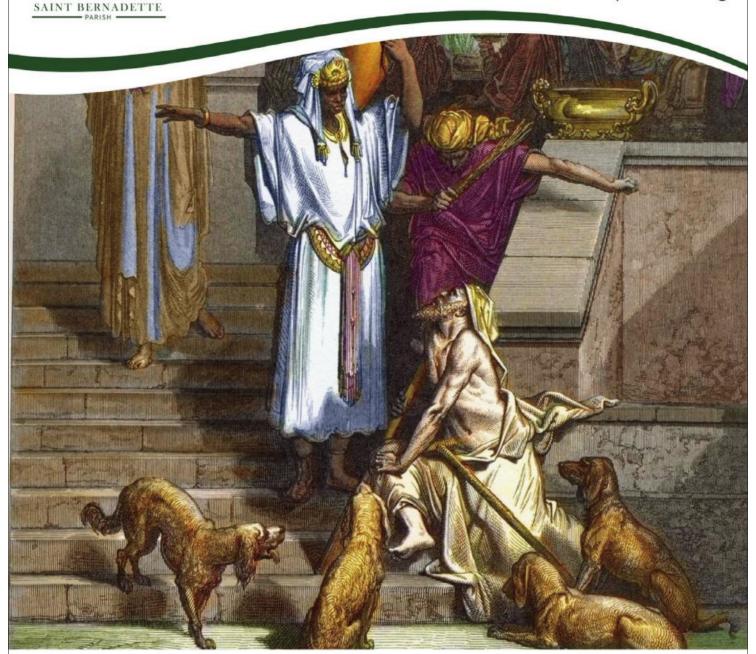
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IF THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, NEITHER WILL THEY, BE PERSUADED IF SOMEONE SHOULD

rise from he dead LUKE 16:19

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

All three readings this weekend of September 27-28 herald a trifecta of the biblical message! Eternal life eagerly awaits each one of us **IF** one knows and acts in accord with the Golden Rule of loving God as well as loving neighbor (neighbor being inclusive of gender, lifestyle, race, economic status, etc.)



The Prophet Amos spares no condemnation as he quotes the Lord God, "Woe to the complacent!" Who Me? Stretching out comfortably? Eating and drinking to my heart's content? Lathering myself with the latest of oils and creams? Yes, me, when I live more comfortably than I need to and shed no tears for my neighbor who has less than the bare essentials of life.

First Timothy salves the conscience a bit when he offers the antidote to greed and selfishness. This reading encourages those who fear they are still lacking in kindness and compassion, despite doing their best with their talents and resources. Continue, he says, with faith in the Lord, loving the unlovable, forgiving the hardhearted, being patient with the meanspirited, and praying for the homeless and hopeless. **Then**, Timothy says, "Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called."

Finally, Jesus offers a graphic image of the haves-and-have nots in the Gospel of Luke. This gospel preaches itself. Little more need be said. Perhaps, a word to the wise... Everyone of us comes with an expiration date. None of us can change the beginning, but we can change the ending... with the grace of God.

Sister Donna Marie



Prayers of the congregation are requested for the repose of the soul of: Jane Curran.

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

#### + Intentions for the Week +

Monday, September 29, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

9:00 Hubert Forrey

Tuesday, September 30, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 Special Intention—Diane Menkhaus

Wednesday, October 1, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Mama Chiquita

Thursday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 Angela Russo and Family

Friday, October 3, Weekday

9:00 Catherine A. Weir

Saturday, October 4, Saint Francis of Assisi

8:00 Brendan Chambers

4:00 Charles Bellm

**Sunday, October 5, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

8:00 For the Parish

9:45 Frank and Inez Racco

11:30 Good Health and Blessings for the Bias and Pervan Families



The Saturday Vigil Mass will move to 4:00PM on Saturday, October 4th. Confession will move to 3:00-3:45PM.

Please pray for: Linda Mencke; Dan 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;
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First Friday Adoration October 3, 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.

#### **Mass of Anointing of the Sick**

On Saturday, October 4th at the 4:00PM Mass and Sunday, October 5th at the 11:30AM Mass, St. Bernadette Parish will celebrate the Mass of Anointing for those who have an illness or those who are elderly and would like to receive the Sacrament of Healing. There is no need to wait until a person is close to death. We welcome everyone regardless of age, who feels the need for physical or emotional healing and the Peace of the Lord.

# Cooking Classes are back! The next class will be a demonstration on how to make Korean Chop Chae and Sides!



By: Nancy Benkalowycz

Saturday, October 4th in Dempsey Hall from 10:00 AM – Noon

Fee:\$10.00 – Lunch Included; Payable at Parish Office. Reservations are a must as food is being served to the group. Register by Tuesday, September 30th. Capacity of 20!

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#### The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

What is the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and where did this sacrament of healing originate? Like all seven sacraments, it originated from the words and deeds of Jesus Christ. Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, he gave the Apostles the power to heal the sick by laying hands on them. We hear Jesus commission the Apostles in the Gospel of Mark: "Go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. In my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mark 16:15-18).

There are numerous accounts in *The Acts of the Apostles* where Peter and Paul healed those who were sick. The power to lay hands on someone and to heal them was passed from Jesus to the Apostles and then to the bishops and priests of the Church, and it became known as the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The *Letter of James* gives us further scriptural evidence for the Sacrament of Anointing: "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the Church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven" (James 5:13-15).

For the first 800 years of the Church's existence, the Sacrament of Anointing focused on the restoration of bodily health, but under the Emperor Charlemagne in the late 8th century, the sacrament became referred to as "Extreme Unction" (unction is Latin for "anointing") as it focused on preparing people for death. With the publication of the *Summa Theologica*, by Saint Thomas Aquinas in the mid-thirteenth century, the theological shift of the sacrament was made complete. For centuries to come, the Sacrament of Anointing was administered in order to prepare a person for immanent death.

In the mid-sixteenth century, the Council of Trent slowly began restoring the original practice of the sacrament as being one that was administered to those who were sick and not necessarily on their deathbed, and this shift continued through the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960's. Finally, in 1972 Pope Paul VI established a new sacramental form of anointing and approved the new rite which is still used today: "Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites and Anointing and Viaticum."

There are many Catholics today who still associate the Sacrament of Anointing with imminent death and what is known as the "Last Rites." Because of this association with death, some people are very hesitant or even refuse to be anointed since they don't want to tacitly admit that they are in imminent danger of dying. What many Catholics don't realize is that the "Last Rites" is not the same as the Sacrament of Anointing. A person who is not in imminent danger of death can receive the Sacrament of Anointing to help them recover from an illness.

Christ Present in Action Committee (CPA) Sandwich Making We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall. You may bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. Our next sandwich making days are October 8th and October 29th.

St. Bernadette Church September 28, 2025





The Church prepares adults for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) which involves the study of the basics of the Catholic faith, prayer and fellowship and preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation.

PERHAPS you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic for some time but never got around to doing anything about it...

PERHAPS you are married to a Catholic, but you have not yet made a religious commitment of your own...

PERHAPS you were baptized Catholic, but never received Holy Communion and Confirmation...

PERHAPS you were raised in a non-Catholic Christian community and want to learn more about the Catholic tradition...



To sign up for OCIA or for more information, please contact Father Phillip Racco at the parish office at (440) 734-1300.

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Who: Children ages 3-8 (not yet received First Eucharist).



What: A Liturgy of the Word geared for young

children presenting the Sunday readings and reflections on their level.

When: Each Sunday at the 9:45am Mass.

Where: Father invites the children to the altar prior to the first reading. From there we proceed to the Community Room in the back of the church. After the Prayers of the Faithful, the children are welcomed back to join the rest of the community for the celebration of the Eucharist.

**Why:** The readings are presented in a simpler language and the children have an opportunity to reflect on the readings meaning within their daily lives. Children are encouraged to participate fully in this liturgy. We hope to foster a love of the Mass and help them grow in their relationship with Christ.

How: Parents like you! We're a small group and have a need for more moms & dads to come join us in this wonderful ministry! No teaching experience is necessary—only a desire to help the children relate to God's Word. Please reach out with any questions!

We invite you to come share this special liturgy with us—we begin again this Sunday, September 28th.

Please feel free to contact Jaclyn Mahoney at 440-409-5171 or JaclynRN915@gmail.com for more information.

BLANKET SUNDAY The weekend of October 11-12 has been designated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Catholic Charities as BLANKET SUNDAY. Please consider a monetary donation to help them purchase blankets, beds, and other winter essentials for those in need. All money raised stays in NE Ohio. Please visit BlanketSunday.org for more information or to donate online. Donations can also be made through the envelope in your parish packet payable to St. Bernadette. Checks may also be mailed to: St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday (check payable to St. Vincent de Paul), 1404 East 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114. Envelopes are at the door of the church for your convenience. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN CARING FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY!

#### St. Bernadette School

Our youngest bulldogs, the preschool 3s, enjoyed some sunshine in the courtyard. They loved seeing all the fruits and vegetables growing! Their favorite was the giant pumpkin.





# Saint Bernadette Parish Anniversary



Westwood Country Club Saturday, November 8, 2025 6:00PM

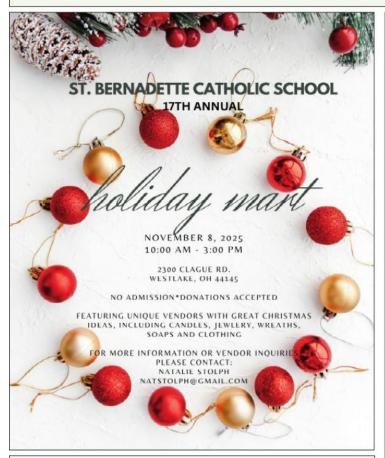


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The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 1:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

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#### **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.

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