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When he finds a

pearl of great price

he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time · July 26 , 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First of all, I want to thank you for all of the input I received at the first listening session this last week. Your thoughtful input will be extremely valuable as we look to strategizing about the future of our parish.

I wanted to share a story from this past week that has been affecting me very much. I was blessed to visit a monastery last weekend for the celebration of the anniversary of one of the nuns. One of the guests at the celebration was a woman who has been fighting cancer for the last year or so. She and her husband were some of the kindest and warmest people I have ever met. Unfortunately, the woman is very sick. She has been taking a variety of drugs with horrible side effects to try to eliminate the cancer. From all perspectives, she has had a really horrible journey with the illness.

In the midst of the suffering, this woman had the courage to share that she has experienced numerous blessings and graces because of the illness. She spoke of the incredible amount of prayer warriors lifting her up. She shared of friends who had different connections to different doctors and medical professionals who have been able to care for her along the way. She also spoke very tenderly of moments in prayer where she really felt the presence of Jesus and of our Blessed Mother. For a person who has every reason to despair and doubt God, she kept giving every reason to believe in His goodness, care, and love.

All of us experience trials and difficult moments in our lives, but as we hear in our Second Reading this weekend, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." The woman at the monastery witnessed that to me last weekend: even a debilitating and painful illness can be a window into the love and mercy of God. Please pray for this woman and her family. Let us pray, also, for ourselves, that we may be faithful and joyful in all that the Lord permits us to experience in this life so that we can experience the joy of Heaven with Him in the life to come.

Peace,

Fr. Joe



+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, July 27, Weekday

9:00 Dean Szalai

Tuesday, July 28, Weekday

8:00 Victoria Seicean

Wednesday, July 29, Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

9:00 John Sr., Katherine and James Caja

Thursday, July 30, Weekday

8:00 Peter Lally

Friday, July 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9:00 Maureen H. McLaughlin

Saturday, August 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 Jean Luthman

5:00 Joe Campagna

Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Robert and June Bierman -Wedding Anniversary

Please pray for: Ron Monyak; Mary Stepic; Bev Pasko; Mickey Gallagher; Cailyn Wagner; Linda Mencke; Dan Curran; Fr. Lanning; Gerri Popovich; Nancy Thorn; John Dawson; Natalie (Partee) Hallis; Mackenzie Miles; James Tunney; 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; Rob Geszler; Betty Logue; Evan; Janice Thomas; Mary Burich; Michael Coyne; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

Bon Appetit

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First Friday Adoration, August 7, 2026

**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.

First Saturday, August 1, 2026

8:00AM Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession.

THINKING OF BECOMING
CATHOLIC?



Did you every 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. Joe Menkhaus and other parishioners as we share our stories about our faith journey!

Contact Fr. Joe for more information at 440-734-1300.

The Social Concerns Committee would be happy to receive after vacation extra toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) Please bring them to the Parish Office for distribution to those in need.



Listening Session *with Father Joe*

You're invited to join Fr. Joe for a Parish Listening Session.

Come share what you love about our parish, where you've seen the Holy Spirit at work, and your hopes for how God is calling us forward together.

This is an opportunity to celebrate the blessings we have received, discern where the Lord is leading us next, and build upon the good that is already happening in our parish family.

Together, let's listen to one another, seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and move forward with faith, gratitude, and joyful expectation.

Sunday, August 16 - 5:00 to 6:00 pm

in the Community Room

make a difference

LOOKING FOR YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

God is doing amazing things in our youth! If you're interested in learning more about how you can get involved please contact Maria (mnicaise@stbern.net) to learn more!



SUMMER PRAY & PLAY

Wednesdays, 9:00 am Mass

Playtime following, check social media for updates



BACK TO SCHOOL MASS + COOKOUT

Sunday, August 23 - 10:30 am Mass

Supply Drop Off 9:30 am to 10:30 am, Cookout following Mass



HEART & HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12

Save the date! Can't wait to see you there!





The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 12:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Call the Parish Office to register.

Christ Present in Action Committee Sandwich Making

Please Note: During the summer we will start our activity at 12:00PM in Dempsey Hall. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. **Our next sandwich making days are July 29th and August 12th.**

Reminder to PSR Families!! First Communion and Confirmation pictures are available for pick-up in the Parish Office. Please pick them up as soon as possible.

Thank you!!

Before You Wave Goodbye... Please remember to consider St. Bernadette Parish in your Estate Planning! "75 Years" is a graced achievement in the life of a parish, but the hope remains that the generosity and commitment of our parishioners will continue for generations to come! Any gift you consider builds the Perpetual Endowment Fund and provides for sustaining this beautiful testament to God's Glory and our Faith. May St. Bernadette Parish always continue God's Work!

250th Anniversary Day of Reflection Saturday, August 15 from 8:00AM-1:45PM at St. Adalbert Church, Berea. **The day will include: Mass, Reflection by Fr. Curtis Kondik, Recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lunch and Fellowship.** A brief remembrance will also be offered for all who serve or have served our country, entrusting them to the loving care of Our Lady. **Cost: \$10; Checks payable to: St. Adalbert Sanctuary Guild. Registration:** Call 440-234-3443 or email stasanctuaryguild@gmail.com. **Mail checks to:** St. Adalbert Church, 66 Adalbert St, Berea, OH, 44017. *Note on envelope: 250th Anniversary Day of Reflection.



Celebrate Mass with Bishop Malesic at 8PM. Come for prayer, worship, adoration, reconciliation, and all your FEST favorites.

Visit www.TheFest.us for all the details and ticketing information.

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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: 8:30AM & 10:30AM
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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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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