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Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow Me.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time · August 30, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to believe that the school year started this past week! It was a great joy to welcome our students back to St. Bernadette School. Speaking of the last week, what a gift our back to school Mass was! I was overjoyed at the enthusiasm and energy present in our parish family. A special word of thanks to all who made it happen.

It has been fun to see our CYO athletes practicing and participating in their first games/meets over the last few weeks. I am very grateful for to our Athletic Board and our coaches who make CYO such a great experience for our youth.

This weekend, you will be hearing from our Heart and Harvest Committee about the many opportunities to support and volunteer for the festival. Please consider supporting us as you are able. This is one of our major fundraisers every year. We are very grateful for all who can support us as Patrons and Sponsors. I am also particularly thankful for the committee for all their hard work. Please pray for the success of this event!

Over the next few weeks, our PSR, OCIA and EDGE programs will begin. This year, we will be celebrating Catechetical Sunday on September 20th, 2026 at the 10:30 AM Mass. All of our teachers and catechists from our school and our various ministries are invited to attend this Mass to receive a special blessing for the start of the catechetical year. Please keep all of our teachers and catechists in your prayers!

Know of my continued prayers for each of you and for our parish. Please keep me in yours!

Peace, Fr. Joe

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Back-to-School Mass and brunch last Sunday! We are so grateful to everyone who helped make it such a wonderful celebration as we begin a new school year!



Please note: There will be no confessions on Saturday, September 12th due to the Heart and Harvest Festival.

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, August 31, Weekday

9:00 Edward Hack

Tuesday, September 1, Weekday

8:00 For the Health of Peter Sboukis

Wednesday, September 2, Weekday

9:00 Jean Luthman

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

8:00 All Souls Intentions

Friday, September 4, Weekday

9:00 Hugh McLaughlin

Saturday, September 5, Weekday

8:00 In Thanksgiving-Helen Kubovchik Family

5:00 Thomas McGloin (Anniv)

Sunday, September 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Tom Gottermeyer

Attention Lectors: Lector books for 2027 are available for pick-up in the Parish Office.

Please pray for: Joyce Klotzbach; Mary Burich; Ron Monyak; 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; McKayla Coyne; Tom Seltel; John Keys; Mary Mertus; Leslie Ann Kosenta; Greg Harrison; Carol Brown.

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First Friday Adoration, September 4, 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, September 5, 2026

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

PSR Registration is open and ongoing through September 14th. Please make sure that you register your child by this date so we can make arrangements for materials necessary for the school year. Register on the parish website, www.saintbernadetteparish.org. Contact Liz Hajduk at psrprincipal@stbern.net with any questions.

PSR TEACHER NEEDED for 5th grade and substitute teachers are needed. Must be Virtus trained and a practicing Catholic. Please contact the Parish Office if interested, 440-734-1300.

Part Time Parish Employment Opportunity

St. Bernadette Parish is seeking a part time Coordinator of Stewardship and Development to formalize and professionalize our parishioner engagement, stewardship and fundraising efforts as we look to maintain and build upon the good work of the last several years, ensuring the necessary resources are available to support the many needs of the parish. The full position posting can be found at <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/jobs/stewardship-and-development-coordinator> or contact Richard Klingshirn, Director of Parish Operations in the Parish Office or via email at rklingshirn@stbern.net.



Attention High School/Local College Students Interested in making money? St. Bernadette Parish is seeking one or two hard working, self motivated high school or local college students to work part time with our Maintenance team school days from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. (flexible based on school schedule – approximately 20 hours per week) with additional hours available weekends and during school breaks. If you are interested, please email Richard Klingshirn, Director of Parish Operations at rklingshirn@stbern.net.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Needed – 7th & 8th Grade Math St. Bernadette School is seeking a **Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher beginning in early November** for our 7th and 8th grade students. Courses include **Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, and Geometry**. Candidates should be **certified to teach high school-level mathematics** due to the advanced coursework included in the position. For more information or to apply, please contact Mary Beth Sullivan at mbsullivan@stbern.net.

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?

OCA 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.

St. Bernadette Liturgical Choir resumes on Thursday, September 3rd at 6:45PM in the Community Room in the Church. If you are interested in joining, please contact Brook Benedict at 440-734-1300.

Scripture Sessions are conducted in the Community Room in the Church on **Tuesday and Thursday Mornings from 9:15AM -10:45AM**, beginning October 13 and again on October 15 as a repeat of the Tuesday session. **There are No Evening Sessions.** All parishioners and their friends are very welcome to attend! Just bring a bible. Notes are provided. Attendees are welcome to participate at the level of their own comfort – ask lots of questions or simply sit and listen. No Pressure! No Homework! No Tests!! **The topic this year of study will be the Prophets of the Old Testament and how their prophecies are relevant in our culture and ethics today.** For more information, contact Sister Donna Marie at 440-734-1300.



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 12:00PM in the Community Room in the church. Registration is now available on the parish website by clicking on the 'Worship' tab and then 'Baptism' or call the Parish Office to register.

Christ Present in Action Committee Sandwich Making We start our activity at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall. Feel free to bring sandwiches from home noting their contents. All are welcome to participate in the sandwich making effort! ***Our next sandwich making days are September 9th and 30th.***

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.



September 11th & 12th

FRIDAY

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm International Food Night

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Great Lakes Beer Tent

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Playlist Music

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Kids Games

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Soubirous (Fr. Joe's Band)

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Bourbon & Cigar Tent

8:30 pm - 9:15 pm Rick Smith Jr. (Magician & Illusionist)

9:15 pm - 10:00 pm Soubirous (Fr. Joe's Band)

10:00 pm - 11:00 pm Karaoke

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm \$500 Raffle Drawings every 30 Minutes

10:00 pm \$3,000 Raffle Drawing

10:30 pm Raffle Basket Drawing

SATURDAY

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Outdoor Mass

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Oktoberfest Night **New!**

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Bourbon & Cigar Tent

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Playlist Music

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Cornhole, Pie-in-the-Face, BIG Games

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm 360 Camera

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Corn Eating Contest

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Oktoberfest Band

9:00 pm - 10:30 pm Movie: Super Mario Brothers

9:30 pm - 11:00 pm Karaoke

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm \$500 Raffle Drawings every 30 Min.

10:00 pm \$3,000 Raffle Drawing

10:30 pm Raffle Basket Drawing

Friday night will be **International Food night** featuring rice, hummus, taboulli, stuffed cabbage, pulled pork, cavatelli & meatballs, pizza and grill items! New on Saturday will be **Oktoberfest Night** featuring brats, pierogis, schnitzel kielbasa, half chickens, spaetzle, stuffed cabbage, pretzels & more! A wonderful assortment of other food items and the Great Lakes Beer Tent will be available both days. Please see the schedule for a listing of all the events. We hope to see you there!

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! **Tickets are \$10 each. Winners need not be present.**

The CAKE Walk is back at Heart and Harvest-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, visit the parish website or stop by the Parish Office to sign-up. Thank you for adding a little extra sweetness to this year's Heart and Harvest!



Heart and Harvest Festival Volunteer Sign-Ups are now open!! Scan the QR code or visit the parish website under Quick Links" to sign-up. Thank you for volunteering your time to make this year's festival the best yet!

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Medjugorje with Fr. Joe Menkhaus Fr. Joe is happy to announce that he will be the chaplain of an upcoming pilgrimage to Medjugorje from October 10-19, 2026. The pilgrimage is hosted by Trapper Jack (Philip) and Elizabeth Keller. Space is still available! Sign up at: <https://padrepiopilgrimimages.com/trapperjack/>.

Are You Grieving the Loss of a Loved One? We invite you to register for an 8-week bereavement support group that will be held at St. Ladislav Parish (2345 Bassett Road, Westlake) on Wednesday evenings. "Growing through Grief" presents a different topic each week while offering compassionate spiritual and emotional support for those grieving the death of a loved one. The group will meet September 9 through October 28 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. To register, call 440-835-2300 or email the facilitator Carol Burtnett at cburtnett@stlads.org.

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WEEKEND HEALING RETREAT Bethesda House of Mercy invites women seeking help after an abortion to a confidential, private healing retreat at Loyola Retreat House, just north of Canton. October 23-25, 2026. Encounter the mercy of the Lord through the sacraments, prayer and scripture in a safe, supportive and sacred environment. For 36 years, Bethesda has provided a compassionate place of hope and healing. For more information, contact Bethesda House of Mercy at 1.800.482.4100 or email bethesdahouseofmercy2008@gmail.com.

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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 10:30AM

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.

Parish Office: 440-734-1300 **School:** 440-734-7717

Parish Website: www.saintbernadetteparish.org

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