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...unless each of you forgives your brother

from your heart

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY.....5:00PM VIGIL

SUNDAY.....8:30AM & 10:30AM

MON. WED. & FRI.9:00AM

TUES. THURS. & SAT.8:00AM

LIVESTREAM: DAILY MASS & SUNDAY AT 10:30AM

CONFESSION TIMES

SATURDAY.....4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

CONFESSIONS ALSO AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

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MONDAY - FRIDAY.....9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

SATURDAY.....9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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PODCAST

Dear Parish Family,

Today's Gospel lands where *"the rubber hits the road!"* Forgiveness is not easy; Sometimes it can be undeniably painful.

From God's perspective, forgiveness for each of us exacted a great price – the death of His Son on a Cross. Our forgiveness of another doesn't demand the same, but may cost us our pride, or denying ourselves revenge, or letting go of the silent treatment, maybe even a loss of our self-esteem. *...never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God.* (Mark 11:25)

"Why forgive? He/she will just do the same thing again?" Forgiving a person does not mean excusing their responsibility! **Forgiveness is worth it.** Why? Our Gospel is clear – unless we forgive one another, we risk not receiving the gracious mercy and forgiveness of God. ***So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart. (Matt 18:35)*** When we forgive, we release the bitterness, anger, pride, and hurt residing in our own soul. We become free **because forgiveness is a choice we make based on the fact that Christ has already forgiven us.** Pope Leo comments, ***"True forgiveness does not await repentance, but offers itself first, as a free gift, even before it is accepted."***

Forgiveness deals with relationships; it's not a feeling; it is a decision you make. Whether or not the person deserves forgiveness is not the issue, because we don't deserve forgiveness either! Jesus chose forgiveness for us by dying on the Cross. **The choice/decision is ours to make in sacrifice toward healing the other and healing ourselves.**

Take an inventory: ***What has my lack of forgiveness cost me over the years? My Health? Friendships? Family Harmony? Peace of Mind? Alienation from those I love?***

Gandi once said, *"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."* From what source comes our strength to forgive? **It comes from our belief that the grace of God will supply us with the courage to forgive.**

The question is: Do I trust God to be there for me when I take the risk of offering forgiveness?

Sister Donna Marie

+ Intentions for the Week +

Monday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 Susan and John Klingshirn

Tuesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 Special Intention– Gilbert and Sandra Bialas

Wednesday, September 16, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9:00 Deceased Members of the Stroh, Adams and Steadley Families

Thursday, September 17, Weekday

8:00 James DePauw

Friday, September 18, Weekday

9:00 Peg Cristino

Saturday, September 19, Weekday

8:00 Edwin Schweitzer

5:00 Barbara Waitkus

Sunday, September 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 For the Parish

10:30 Colleen Moore

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

Please pray for: Charlie Zak; 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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Heart & Harvest FESTIVAL



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)

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10:00 pm - 11:00 pm Karaoke

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm \$500 Raffle Drawings
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10:00 pm \$3,000 Raffle Drawing

10:30 pm Raffle Basket Drawing

SATURDAY

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Outdoor Mass

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

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

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PSR Registration **The last day to register for PSR without being charged a late fee is Monday, 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 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED Must be Virtus trained and a practicing Catholic. Please contact the Parish Office at 440-734-1300 or Liz Hajduk at psrprincipal@stbern.net if interested.

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 scripture topic this year is: First and Second Peter, Jude.** For more information, contact Sister Donna Marie at 440-734-1300.

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Sunday, September 20

6:30 pm · Dempsey Hall

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Christ Present in Action Committee Sandwich Making More Volunteers Needed— Please Join Us!

Our next sandwich making day is **September 30th at 1:30PM in Dempsey Hall**. We are looking for **additional volunteers to help make sandwiches**. All are welcome, and no special experience is needed—just willing hands and a desire to help others!

You may also **make sandwiches at home and bring them with you**, clearly noting their contents.

Drivers Needed Too!

We also need **volunteer drivers to deliver the prepared sandwiches to the St. Augustine Family Center** and a nearby women's shelter following our sandwich making session.

Whether you can **make sandwiches, help deliver them, or do both**, your participation will help us put our faith into action and serve our neighbors in need. **Please consider joining us on September 30!** For further information, please contact Felicia Madden at 440-225-3467.

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.



Franciscan Month 2026



During the month of October, people across the country will celebrate the Franciscan vision of building a more fraternal and evangelical world. We encourage all parishioners to pray for peace in our community and in the world. Learn more and join the celebration: www.franciscanmonth.org.

September's Saint: Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

St. Padre Pio's feast day is September 23rd, (1887-1968). He was a Capuchin friar, priest and mystic known for his deep prayer life, compassion and devotion to Jesus and the Blessed Mother. His famous words, "Pray, Hope and don't worry". Canonized by Pope John Paul II; he bore the stigmata: the wounds of Christ. He would hear confessions for long hours, and was known to tell penitents what sins they forgotten or reluctant to mention: an extraordinary gift given to him by God. He is the patron saint of: catholic charities, adolescents, stress relief and the sick and suffering. He is also associated with confession, prayer and spiritual conversion.

Bishop Edward Malesic is frequently asked for his thoughts on the challenging immigration issues facing our country. He has prepared a summary of his reflections and included links to his previous individual and joint statements made with other bishops on this important issue. The page is available here: <https://dioceseofcleveland.org/immigrants> or use this QR code to link to it. I encourage all faithful Catholics to read Bishop Malesic's message and spend some time reflecting on it. —Fr. Joe



Medjugorje with Fr. Joe Menkhous Fr. Joe 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://padrepiopilgrimages.com/trapperjack/>.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

In-Person Discussion Groups

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Fridays, 10:00AM

September 18 & October 2



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 bethsdahouseofmercy2008@gmail.com.

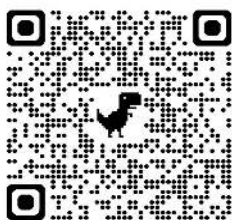
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Questions?
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