

# The Catholic Community of Bradford

*Seventeenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 26, 2026*

*Rev. John Jacquel  
Pastor*

*Rev. Edward Walk  
Senior Associate*

*Our Mission: We are a Catholic Christian community committed to being welcoming, outreaching to the homebound and forgotten, while strengthening the faith formation of our youth and adult members in their faith journey.*

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux**  
**95 East Corydon Street, P.O. Box 2394**  
**Bradford, PA 16701-5394**



## **St. Bernard Masses**

**Saturday 4:00 pm**

**Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am**

## **Divine Mercy Chapel Masses**

**Monday & Thursday — 9:00 am & 12:10 pm**

**Tuesday — 9:00 am Wednesday — 12:10 pm**

**Friday — 12:10 pm Saturday — 9:00 am**

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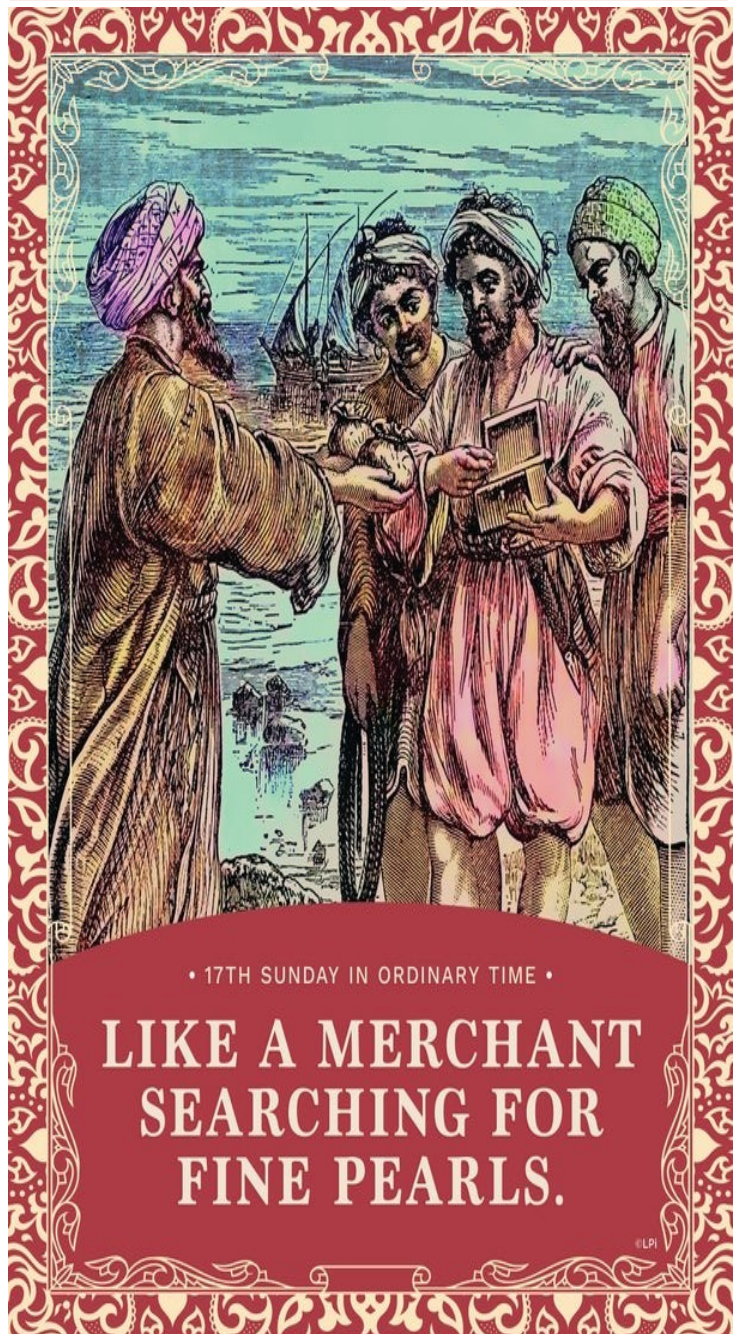
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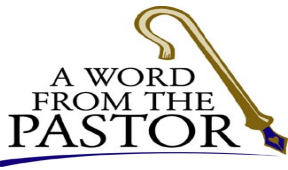
**St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford, PA**

**LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM**

**Youtube.com**

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Bradford PA**





The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance / Confession) is a precious gift. Few are choosing to approach this sacrament and thus few are benefiting from the graces it bears.

Sometimes it feels like, "I haven't committed serious sin, I can get by without it." While true, Confession gives us an opportunity to cast off the burden of our venial (smaller) sins and not keep lugging them around. The penitential rite at the beginning of Mass does not absolve sins (thus, it seems not appropriate to make the sign of the cross at this point) – it only helps us acknowledge that we *are* sinners and we *didn't earn* (or merit) this Eucharistic encounter. It helps us remember we are human.

Sometimes it feels like, "I haven't confessed in such a long time, it's hard to do this now." This is true – the longer we avoid this sacramental encounter, the harder it might be to resume. Remember, this is not the Lord speaking in our hearts, but rather another spiritual being that is convincing us we should stay away. Jesus' Sacred Heart is *always* open to receive us.

At our Emmaus Convocation this year, I walked into the reconciliation room, knowing there was probably a Benedictine priest there – it was St Vincent College in Latrobe, after all. There was! It was Fr Shawn Anderson, a native of Clearfield. While I served there, Shawn graduated high school and college and became a pharmacist at the hospital. He went to St Vincent for a retreat and subsequently entered the community, studied in seminary, was ordained a priest, and became a faculty member for the seminary there.

When I saw Fr Shawn, I was taken aback, but decided that although I was his elder, I was also in need of the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a profound moment and I was truly blessed.

I always tell people who hesitate to approach me for the Sacrament that I "can't throw stones." (John 8:7) I'm a sinner, too. We all need this experience of Divine Mercy.

Fr John



**TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR  
THE ST. BERNARD 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION SOIREE!**

Saturday, August 22nd. Join us in the gym with Happy Hour 5-6pm followed by heavy hor d'oeuvres and desserts provided by the Bradford Club. Music and dancing 6-8pm.

**Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office for \$20 each. Cash or Check only! Flyers listing the week long celebration events are available at the Church doors or at the office.**

**SECURITY UPGRADES AT 95 E. CORYDON**—You will now encounter new procedures for entering the building. The upgrades will be ongoing but currently, if entering through the front door, you will note instructions to follow. We ask for your patience as we, and you, get familiar with the new procedures. You will continue to enter through the Chapel entrance in the usual manner. Other doors will be added to the system as the work progresses. These upgrades are for the safety of office staff, meeting attendees, visitors, and those renting our facilities for events.



**UNBOUND**

**A LAY CATHOLIC MINISTRY**

Please welcome Rev. William Donnelly who is here to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 16 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875

-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.Unbound.org/FrBill](http://www.Unbound.org/FrBill)



**NATIONAL NEEDS (CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS)**

**APPEAL**—Thank you for your generous support for last week's National Needs (Catholic Home Missions) Appeal. Our donations go to strengthen the Church at home and to spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for the collection if you prefer to donate online.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Rosary Altar Society:** Summer break until September  
**Widow's Group:** Summer break until September  
**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, August 11th @ 7:00 pm  
**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, September 9th @ 11 am  
**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, August 25th @ 6:00 pm  
**Finance Council:** Thursday, August 27th @ 4:30 pm  
**SF 50+ Club:** Summer Break until September  
**Liturgy Committee:** Tuesday, September 1st @ 6:30 pm  
**Catholic Women's Club:** Board Meeting Tuesday, August 4th @ 5:45pm followed by General Meeting @6:30 pm. All are welcome!



*St. Bernard Sanctuary Candle  
 will be burning this week in  
 Memory of  
 Deceased Members of  
 Douglass & Thorne  
 Families*



**The Bradford Council #403  
 of the Knights of Columbus**  
[www.koc403.com](http://www.koc403.com)

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the parish office. **Please Note: Next meeting on August 11th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
 ADVERTISERS**

**MINICH ELECTRIC, LLC****COLLECTIONS**

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 8,654**

**July 19..... \$ 6,983**

**National Needs..... \$ 2,882**

**2026 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 99,059**

**CSA 2026 Collected \$ 58,993**

**Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard. Please do not COMBINE CSA or Second/Special Collections with weekly payments.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**ST. BERNARD  
 OF CLAIRVAUX****Security  
 Committee****Parish  
 Response Team**  
**Volunteers needed!**

Seeking individuals with  
 EMT, paramedic, law  
 enforcement or military  
 background to help  
 ensure the safety of the  
 Church.

Must be willing to  
 meet and train on  
 emergency response  
 procedures.

For information on signing up,  
 contact the Security  
 Committee Chair: Trevor Jines  
[trevor.w.jines@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.w.jines@gmail.com)

**PARENTING POINTERS**—"When they failed to find [Jesus], [Mary and Joseph] went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere." (Luke 2:45) Have you ever lost your child – actually or figuratively? Panic or grief set in. Often there are parental recriminations (I should have been more attentive; I should have monitored his tech use more closely...) Like the mother in *Runaway Bunny*, never stop seeking to connect, even when they are grown.

**ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**—if you are currently taking Communion to the homebound, or to any of the long term care homes, please call the office so we can update our records. Thank you!

**MARRIAGE MOMENT**—"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34) Maybe you need to ask forgiveness from your spouse; maybe you need to offer it. If there's nothing recent to forgive, forgive someone that you've been holding a grudge against. You'll be more pleasant to be around.

"What is St. Peter's favorite kind of music?"



**"Rock!"**



**FUN FACT!** Jesus renamed Simon to "Peter," a name that means "Rock." Biblically, name changes mark a significant moment in a life of faith.

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### Blessing for Our Parish

Dear God,  
Pour Your blessing upon our parish, in need of Your renewal and inspiration.  
Prune the places that need pruning, and pour fresh grace and courage into our midst.  
Help us to find You and, with great joy, follow You wholeheartedly. Amen.

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**CATHOLIC TRIVIA Question:** Who is considered the founding father of the Catholic Church in Ireland?

**Answer:** St. Patrick

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**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**—In today's gospel, the man "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are true "treasures" that demand our total personal investment. Dedicate yourself fully to the "treasure" of your family.

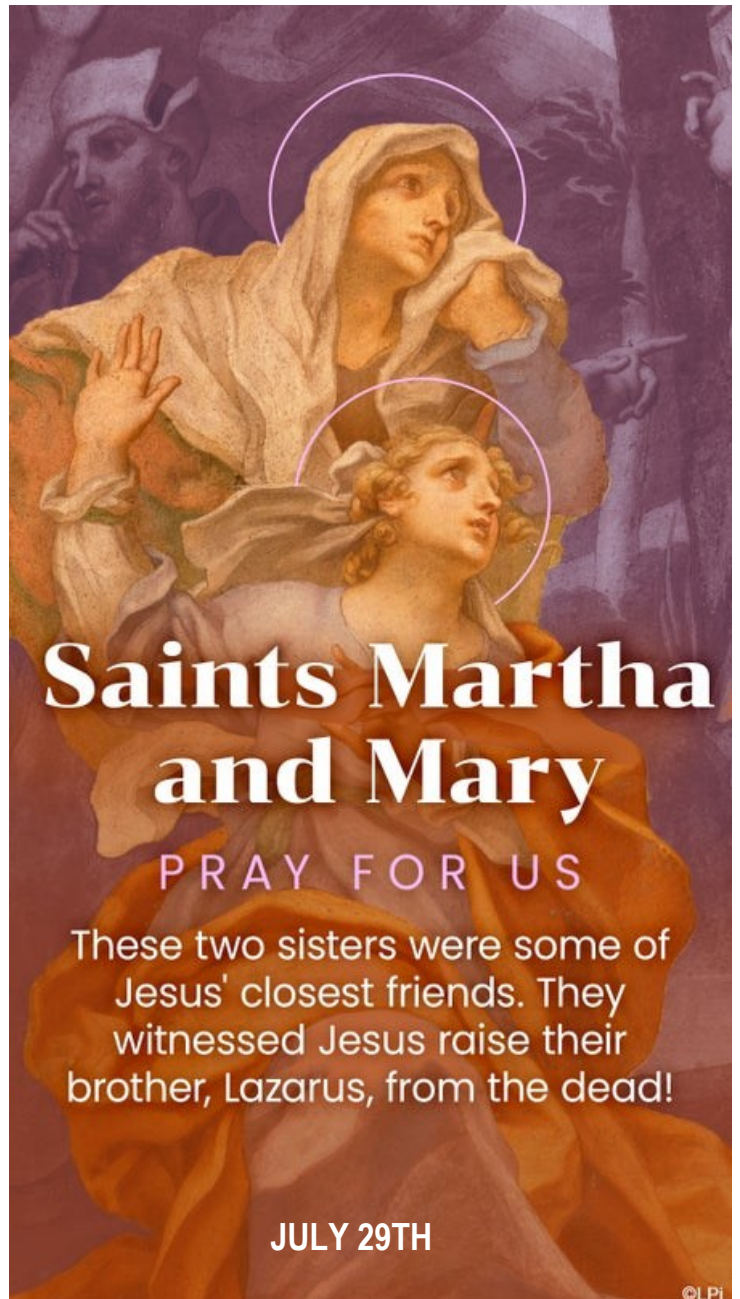


*July 19, 2026*  
**WELCOME**  
*Ruby Grace Brooks*



### COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

The Blood Bank will be available  
in the St. Bernard **Cafeteria** (Gallina Hall)  
Monday, **JULY 27TH**  
12:00 Noon until 5:00 pm



# August 2026

## PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

| Sun                                        | Mon                               | Tue                                    | Wed                                 | Thu                                    | Fri                                       | Sat                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                   |                                        |                                     |                                        |                                           | 1<br><i>Pray for Vocations</i>                                                            |
| 2<br><i>Rev Raymond Gramata</i>            | 3<br><i>Rev Michael Kesicki</i>   | 4<br><i>Rev Paul Siebert</i>           | 5<br><i>Rev Msgr Henry Kriegel</i>  | 6<br><i>Rev Howard King</i>            | 7<br><i>Rev Glenn Whitman</i>             | 8<br><i>Rev Richard Allen</i>                                                             |
| 9<br><i>Rev Christopher Singer</i>         | 10<br><i>Rev Brandon Feikles</i>  | 11<br><i>Rev Ignatius Camello, OSB</i> | 12<br><i>Rev Matthew Kujawinski</i> | 13<br><i>Most Rev Lawrence Persico</i> | 14<br><i>Rev Joseph Kalinowski</i>        | 15<br> |
| 16<br><i>Rev William Barron</i>            | 17<br><i>Rev James Gutting</i>    | 18<br><i>Rev Leo Gallina</i>           | 19<br><i>Rev Raymond Hahn</i>       | 20<br><i>Captain Joseph Campbell</i>   | 21<br><i>Rev Obinna Paschal Ezeihuoma</i> | 22<br><i>Rev Msgr Gerald Koos</i>                                                         |
| 23<br><i>Very Rev Brandon Kleckner, VF</i> | 24<br><i>Rev Msgr Henry Krebs</i> | 25<br><i>Rev Ian McElrath</i>          | 26<br><i>Rev Cory Pius</i>          | 27<br><i>Rev John Miller</i>           | 28<br><i>Very Rev Michael Ferrick, VF</i> | 29/30/31<br><i>Pray for Consecrated Life</i>                                              |

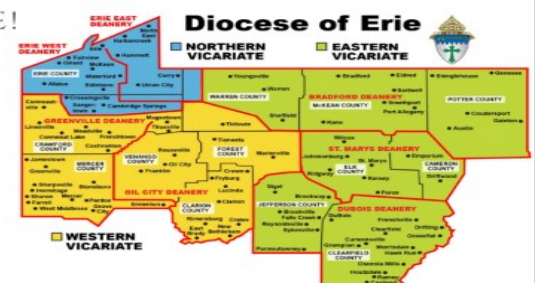
## Wedding Anniversary Celebration

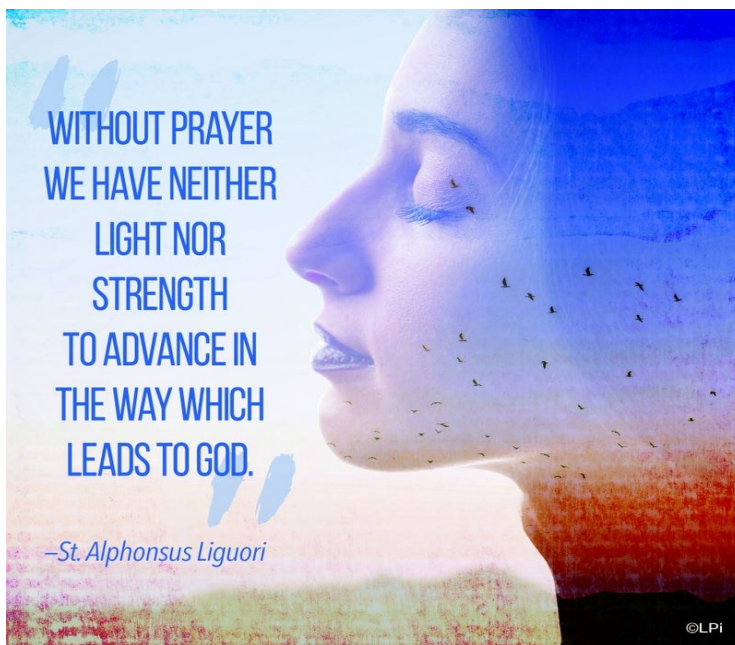
St. Leo Magnus Church, Ridgway  
August 30, 2026 @ 2PM

WHO IS INVITED: ANY PARISHIONERS  
THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE OF ERIE WHO  
WANT TO CELEBRATE THEIR MARRIAGES NO  
MATTER HOW MANY YEARS YOU ARE  
CELEBRATING. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

CONTACT: RENA URMANN 814-772-3135 OR  
SECRETARY@STLEOMAGNUS.ORG

If you would like a certificate from the  
Diocese, please reserve your spot by July 27th.



**PASTORAL STAFF**

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**LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM**

You Tube, **St Bernard of Clairvaux Bradford**

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**FACEBOOK:** **St Bernard of Clairvaux - Bradford Pa**

**MAILING ADDRESS:** PO Box 2394, Bradford, PA 16701

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday thru Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm**

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Elaine Doriguzzi, *Administrative Assistant*

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**CONFESSIONS:**

**St. Bernard** — Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45 pm before

4:00 pm mass; Thursday before First Friday from

4:30 to 5 pm; After 9 am mass on Saturdays.

Private appointments may be made by calling the **Parish Office 362-6825**.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)**

**REP Coordinator: Cindy Greek**

Students not attending Catholic school should be enrolled in REP programs. The Bradford Catholic Community Religious Education program is Grades 1—5 & Grades 6—9 (Confirmation). Please call the parish office for more information or email Cindy Greek @ [StBernardREP@outlook.com](mailto:StBernardREP@outlook.com)



**BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE  
RECEIVED IN WRITING  
BY NOON ON FRIDAY  
2 WEEKS PRIOR TO BULLETIN DATE.**

**MEMBERSHIP:** All Baptized Catholics should be registered, practicing and supporting members of a Parish. Only properly registered members appear on our parish list and are eligible to receive the benefits of parish membership for sacraments. Each parishioner is called upon to practice good stewardship of time, talent and treasure. If you are not currently receiving envelopes, you may not be registered. Call the Parish Office - we would love to meet you!

**MARRIAGE:** Couples need to contact a priest *at least six months before their wedding*. Registered and active participation needs to be considered before marriage.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **OCIA** process begins in the fall of the year. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion for the sick is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and the home-bound on a regular basis.

**BAPTISM:** Both parents must attend the Pre-Baptism Preparation Program. Please call the St. Bernard Parish Office for dates and times of upcoming class. Baptisms are scheduled after completing the program. Call the Parish Office to schedule the class and baptism. Godparents must be at least 16, confirmed and active, registered members of their parish.

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES****Liturgical****Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

Organist St. Bernard Rita Bennardi

Michael Hicks

Resurrection Choir Joan Raabe

God's Housekeepers Parish Office

Liturgy Fr. John B Jacquel

**Parish Community**

Pastoral Council Doug Kuntz

Catholic Women's Club Lynne Kuntz

Rosary Altar Society Dawn Kozminski

Telephone Prayer Chain Natalie Marasco (598-5565)

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## JULY 27TH-AUGUST 2ND

Daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel. Weekend Masses in the Church.

### Monday, July 27th

SBC 9:00 am Kay Camas (BCCHS Class of 1963)  
SBC 12:10 pm Oliver Lerch & Family (Family)

### Tuesday, July 28th

SBC 9:00 am Judy Freaney (John Freaney)

### Wednesday, July 29th

SBC 12:10 pm Fred Gallagher Family (Family)

### Thursday, July 30th

SBC 9:00 am Alex Geis (Roger & Joyce Geis)  
SBC 12:10 pm All Parishioners

### Friday, July 31st

SBC 12:10 pm Marie & Angelo Borsa (Helen Carroll)

### Saturday, August 1st

SBC 9:00 am Tom Munn (Charla Munn)  
SB 4:00 pm Linda Monti (Mary Lou Sapko)

### Sunday, August 2nd

SB 8:00 am Brian Lanich (Cheryl Lanich)  
SB 10:00 am Bob Sr, Kristin & Bob (McCann Family)  
SB 11:30 am Patrick Geary (Ann Miller)

**Weekly confessions: Saturdays after 9 am Mass & 3:15 to 3:45 pm before 4 pm Mass.**



## MASS SCHEDULE

### AUGUST 1ST, 2026

**Saturday: St. Bernard 4:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Jim Long

**EM:** Dick Williams **CUP:** Tammy Black/Peggy Johnson

**Servers:** Aidan & Sean Kramer



### AUGUST 2ND, 2026

**Sunday: St. Bernard 8:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Martha Torrey

**EM:** Deb Woodley **CUP:** Joan Yohe/Dave White

**Server:** Dave Hill

#### **St. Bernard 10:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Greg Ulyan

**EM:** Lynn Hogue **CUP:** Gloria Scarano/Beth Mongillo

**Servers:** Luke Erickson

#### **St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Sue Lee

**EM:** Kim Ditz **CUP:** Carol Vinca/Charlotte Cuthbertson

**Server:** Dan Cuthbertson



### ***Please pray for those who are sick or suffering***

Thomas Ackley, Virgil Anderson, Arnold Family, Dianne Barr, Mary Beth Behan, Nancy Black, Theresa Bond, Sue Bradley, Jenna Bresnehan, Nancy Bukowski, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Tami Charters, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Madison Cunningham, Mike Curcio, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Gerry Davis, Josh Dawson, Judy Dilick, Christina DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Emma Fuhrman, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Tonya Graves, Anthony Haller, Paul Hamer, Melissa Hannon, John Hart, Jill Henry, Joy James, Craig Johnson, Judy Keenan, Lilly Keesler, Mary Keesler, James Kibby, Bill Kline, Craig Kloss, Lisa Komidar, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Dan McCarthy, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Ann Miller, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Rosanne Strotman, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Patricia Verelli, Damion Wasiewski, Heather Watson, Philip Weese & Family, Rick Wheaton, Matthew Whelan, Beckett Whitney, Jim Wineberg, Lisa Zurat.

***May they be strengthened by the healing presence of God's Spirit.***



### Readings for the week of July 26th



**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46  
**Monday:** Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35  
**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58  
**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12  
**Next Sunday:** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21