

# *The Catholic Community of Bradford*

*Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
October 26, 2025*

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*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*



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Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

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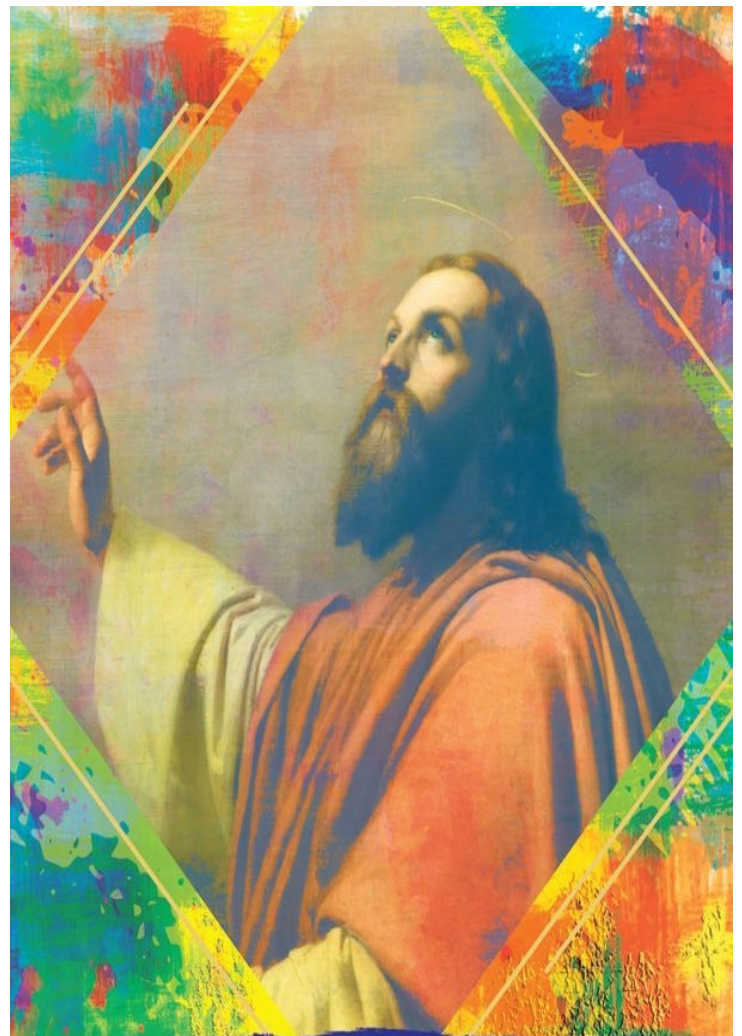
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## **30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:14

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

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**MASS REQUEST FORMS (BLUE)** FOR 2026 ARE AT THE DOORS FOR PICK-UP. **PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE YOUR CHECK TO THE FORM.**



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which unbaptized adults or those baptized in other Christian traditions are fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church through the sacraments. . If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and becoming Catholic, please call Laura Brewer at 814-596-0181.



*Adult Faith Formation Class - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* Refresher to the Great Adventure Bible. To register, or for more information, contact

Laura Brewer at 814-596-0181.



**The Special Cleaning Crew** will meet on Saturday, November 1st at 10 am in the Church. We're in need of volunteers. If you are interested please attend. This Crew does in-depth cleaning periodically to keep the Church looking good. Any help is appreciated. Thank you!



**IMPORTANT:** If you MAIL something to the Parish Office please **do NOT use the street address**. Only use PO Box 2394. The Post Office has been returning mail to the sender if the street address is included!! Thank you!



**CAUTION:** The repointing of brickwork on the Church has begun. There will be equipment in the parking lots and around the outside of the Church during this project. We anticipate the work to take about a month. Just be aware of your surroundings when entering and exiting the church.



## COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

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

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** In today's gospel, Jesus says, "...who humbles himself will be exalted." It's not the occasional big events, but the daily, humble routines of family life and "ordinary time" that create bonds and relationships that last a lifetime. Embrace this approach, and you'll see the difference.



## St Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church

# Good Seeds

## Monthly REP News

"The measure of love, is love without measure" - St Bernard

October 2025



There are many benefits to attending religious education including the enhancement of spiritual and emotional well being. I am delighted to report attendance is exceptionally good in our second month of this year's program!

Grades 1-5 met on 9/28 with over 92% attendance! We started class by discussing the Feast of the Archangels and the Feast of the Guardian Angels on 10/02. As a group of students and their Guardian Angels, we recited the Guardian Angel prayer.

Grades 6-9 met on 10/05 with over 96% attendance! The day fell on the Feast Day of St Faustina Kowalska (Divine Mercy message) and on the heels of the Feasts of St Terese of Lisieux and one of our patrons, St Francis of Assisi.

Thanks parents and students for that great attendance record! All you Saints and Angels, pray for us!

God's Peace and Blessings to all,

Cindy Greek – REP Coordinator

### What we are learning

Grade 1 – Discussed the Holy Trinity, did crafts and colored. Grade 2 – Discussed how God shows His love for us and how we can show love for others. Also practiced the "Our Father." Grade 3 – Discussed what covenants are and God's covenant with Noah and Abraham. Grades 4 & 5 – colored and discussed the Creation Bible wheel and discussed the current week's Gospel reading.

Edge – Grades 6-8 – Discussed the Family of God and God as Father. Also reviewed Grace received from the sacraments and how that strengthens our relationship with God the Father.

Purpose – Confirmation – Examined human desires, the root of those desires and how they truly point to our desire for God.

*Parishioners – please continue to pray for our students, parents, and catechists*

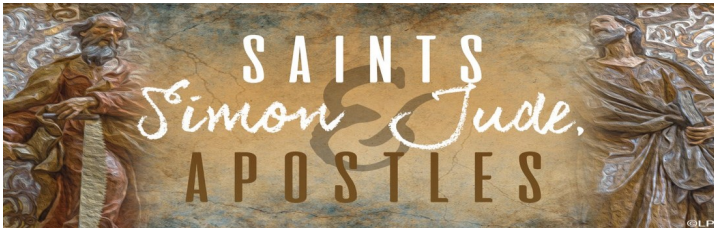
### Meet Nancy Vinelli – 2nd Grade Catechist

Nancy loves spending time with her husband and their two children. They enjoy being outdoors together, whether its going on little adventures, exploring new places, or just relaxing in the backyard. Nancy also likes spending time with friends and she enjoys gardening. Her adventurous spirit and love of family and gardening are gifts that will help plant those Good Seeds in our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders!

Nancy has a fairly small group, but it has just increased 25% from 4 to 5! So exciting to be receiving new students!

We thank God for Nancy and for those 2nd grade REP students! Please keep all of them in your prayers.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Rosary Altar Society:** TBA**Widow's Group:** Wednesday, November 19th @ Noon  
In Chapel for Rosary. Meeting to follow in Social Hall. Bring your lunch**K of C #403 :** Tuesday, November 11th @ 7:00 pm**Cemetery Board:** Wednesday, November 5th @ 11 am**Pastoral Council:** Tuesday, October 28th @ 6 pm**Finance Council:** TBA**SF 50+ Club:** Wednesday, November 12th @ 11 am (RH)**Liturgy Committee:** TBA**Catholic Women's Club:** Tuesday, November 11th @ 6:00 pm  
in Gallina Hall (Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting)

On October 28th the Church honors Saints Simon and Jude, **two of the Twelve Apostles** chosen by our Lord. They were two of the first bishops through whom our Lord established His Church and from whom every bishop, priest, and deacon is a spiritual descendant.

**CANTORS AND SONG LEADERS**—We are in need of Cantors and Song Leaders for the Sunday Liturgies. The Cantor leads the singing of the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel Acclamation. The Song Leader leads the singing of the hymns. If you could help at the 4 pm, 8 am or 11:30 am Masses please see Brother Michael. If you would like to help with music at the 10 am Mass, please see Rita Bennardi. Thank you.



**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 November 11th.** Council members are urged to attend, and new members are most welcome.

**Respect Life Conference 2025 "Be a Sign of Hope"**

Catholic Charities Office of Social Justice and Life invites you to attend the 2025 Respect Life Conference. Presentations will be given on a variety of respect life topics: **Walking with Moms in Need, post-IVF ministry, hospice care and human trafficking.** "Be a Sign of Hope" Conference is Nov. 1 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (doors open at 8:45 a.m.) at Saint Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Presentations will be given on a variety of respect life topics: Walking with Moms in Need, post-IVF ministry, hospice care and human trafficking. Tickets are \$15/person, \$8/student, and scholarships are available. Registration includes lunch. To register: <https://bit.ly/46kgLb2> For more information, please contact Social Justice and Life Director Elizabeth Slaby at [ESlaby@CCIncErie.org](mailto:ESlaby@CCIncErie.org) or 814-824-1254.

**PARENTING POINTERS** Halloween: beyond scary and sweets. As the "evening before All Saints Day," Halloween reminds us of the holy people who have gone before us. Ask your child who their favorite saint is? Who are they named after? Who do they admire as a living saint? Learn together. <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

**MARRIAGE MOMENT** When can sexual attraction towards someone other than your spouse be a good thing? When it alerts you to something missing in your marriage. Identify the quality that you're drawn to and try to make it live again in your marriage. You don't need a new person, just new eyes for your spouse.



The Sanctuary Candle for 2026 is available now as a weekly memorial for the cost of \$15. Limit is 2 per family due to limited availability. Call the office to schedule.

**Destinations & BRIGHT ALTERNATIVES**  
**Winter Coat Drive**

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
92 E. Corydon Street, St. Bernard's Gym

**Do you want to help support this event?**  
We are now accepting new & gently used winter items at these locations:

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Destinations        | Northwest Savings Banks  |
| Bright Alternatives | Bradford Alliance Church |
| YMCA                | The Grocery Stretcher    |

**DESTINATIONS**  
Please call (814) 368-5388 with any questions

 **All Hallows' Eve**  In the modern world, and especially in English speaking countries, Halloween has become one of the most important holidays of the year, with millions of children and adults dressing up as their favorite heroes, superstars, ghouls and goblins. While some people have connected Halloween to earlier pagan celebrations of the new year, **Halloween actually has significant Catholic roots. The name itself comes from All Hallow's Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day, when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home.** Immediately afterwards, on November 2, the Church commemorates all the faithful departed still detained in Purgatory, and prays in suffrage for them. The memory of those who have gone before us naturally leads to thoughts of mortality, and the liturgical focus on the end times during this period of the Church year adds to the atmosphere of gloom.



*St. Bernard Sanctuary  
Candle will be burning this  
week in Memory of  
Joseph & Angie Girard*



**Grades 1-5** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 11:00 am—12:15 pm Nov. 2nd (Safe Training)  
Nov. 23rd (Wreath Making)  
**Grades 6-9** meet Sundays in Gallina Hall from 5:45 pm—7:15 pm. Oct. 26 (Safe Training)  
Nov. 8th—Confirmation Retreat, Erie

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA** Question: In Matthew's Gospel, the Beatitudes are the beginning of which sermon by Jesus?

Answer: The Sermon on the Mount.

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### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

**Total Collection - Needed Weekly: \$ 10,072**

October 19..... \$ 7,297  
World Mission Day.....\$ 3,163

**2025 Combined CSA Assessment \$ 94,414**  
2025 CSA Collected \$ 61,989

**Checks for CSA must be made out to St. Bernard.  
Please do not COMBINE other payments with CSA.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Parishioners  
Please HELP

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Will again be handing out treats at this years

**TRUNK or Treat**

October 31, 2025  
Grace Lutheran Church  
79 Mechanic St.  
6:00pm

Please donate "WRAPPED" Treats

Collection Boxes at Church Exits & Office

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #403  
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**Honoring  
ALL WHO  
served**

**THANK YOU  
VETERANS**



**Sunday, November 9th**—Veterans' Luncheon after 10 am Mass, in Gallina Hall, featuring soup, sandwich and deserts. Veterans and their families and Parish community are all welcome!



Note: The Patriotic Rosary will be recited at 9:30 am (before the 10 am Mass) All are welcome to attend.

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

Rev. James Gutting, *Parochial Administrator*  
 Rev. Edward Walk, *Senior Associate*

**LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY 10 AM**

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

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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.



**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.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

We welcome all inquiries about the Catholic faith. This **RCIA** 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**

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pastoral Council       | Craig Cuthbertson          |
| Catholic Women's Club  | Joan Yohe                  |
| Rosary Altar Society   | Dawn Kozminski             |
| Telephone Prayer Chain | Natalie Marasco (598-5565) |

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**WEEK OF OCTOBER 27TH—NOVEMBER 2ND**

**All daily masses are in the Divine Mercy Chapel (SBC) SB (Indicates Church)**

**Monday, October 27th**

SBC 8:00 am Frances Troutman (Mary Rae)

SBC 9:00 am Melvin Dixon (Cathy Mitchell)

**Tuesday, October 28th**

SBC 9:00 am Mary Martha McGrath Ryan (Jane Bowes)

**Wednesday, October 29th**

SBC 8:00 am Richard Luther Sr. (Kathy Hannon Symington)

**Thursday, October 30th**

SBC 8:00 am Barbara Boser (Janice, Dave & Family)

SBC 9:00 am All Parishioners

**Friday, October 31st**

SBC 12:10 pm Charles Huber (Angela Cipriano)

**Saturday, November 1st ALL SAINTS**

**SB** 9:00 am Gerrie & Pete O'Connell (Becky, Greg, Joe & Brandon)

**SB** 4:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Hedlund (Bill & Tammy Black)

**Sunday, November 2nd ALL SOUL'S DAY**

**SB** 8:00 am Mary Cavallero (Richard & Ann Cavallero)

**SB** 10:00 am Mickey McClelland (Family)

**SB** 11:30 am Irene Marge Comfort (Family Friend)

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



**NOVEMBER 1ST, 2025**

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

**ALL SAINTS**

**LECTOR:** Jim Long

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

**Servers:** Aiden & Sean Kramer

**NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025**

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

**LECTOR:** Martha Torrey

**EM:** Suzie Sperry **CUP:** Cindy Greek/Chris Pehonsky

**Server:** Dave Hill

**St. Bernard 10:00 am ALL SOULS' DAY**

**LECTOR:** Andy Kearns

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

**Servers:** Luke Erickson

**St. Bernard 11:30 am**

**LECTOR:** David Ditz

**EM:** Kim Ditz **CUP:** Charlotte Cuthbertson/Sue Lee

**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, Nancy Bukowski, Tim Burris, Michael Cagney, GiGi Carroll, Dominic "Frank" Cavallero, Dick Clark, Kelly Costello, Melissa Cox, Billie Cummins, Paul & Marianne Curcio, Charlotte Cuthbertson, Jennifer Smith Dawson, Josh Dawson, Christine DiStrola, Brady Dolan, Denise Douthit, Richard Douthit, James Drumm, Alliyson Feldman, Ferguson Family, John Fornataro, Stepheny Franco, Robin Fuller, Chip Giordano, Pat Girard, Donna Gocella, Janet Goebel, 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, Bob Kuntz, Chris Lechner, Don Long, Paula Louk, Judy Mazzeo, Susan McCann-Piganelli, Pat McCormick, Anita Magnetti, Mariana Militelo, Virginia O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Chris Pehonsky, Lois Pessia, John Pockey, Joan Pointon, Dan Popiel, Courtney Prentiss, John Pupo, Linda Rabineau, Donna Rail, Anne Reed, Virginia & Ed Reed, George Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Kathy Ryan, Jackie Schlegel, Steve Schmidt, Judy Signor, Steve Skaggs, Eileen Smith, Hailey Smith, Betty Soble, Rosanne Strotman, Alex Tingley, Molly Thompson, Carol Vinca, 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 October 26, 2025**

**Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Next Sunday:** Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

