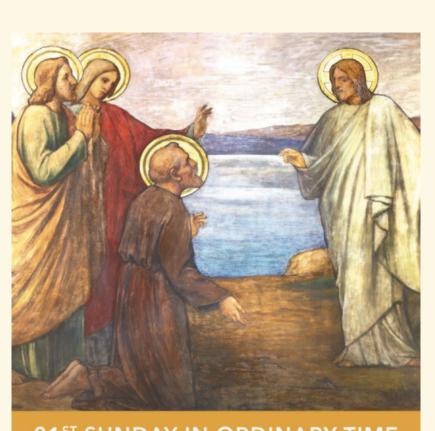
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simor Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD

 August 25, 2024

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Liturgy

Weekend Saturday: 5 PM (Vigil) Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM, & 5 PM

Weekday Monday - Friday: 6:30 AM Monday - Saturday: 8:30 AM

Holy Day Vigil: 5 PM Holy Day: 6:30 & 8:30 AM, 5:00PM

Adoration Chapel Open 24 hours with key card. Call Office for details.

Healing Rosary Friday: 6:30 PM

Reconciliation Monday-Saturday 8:00 - 8:25 AM Saturday: 3 - 4 PM Or by appointment: (480-905-0221)

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick *Call the Parish Office 480-905-0221*

Baptism

Preparation classes required. Please contact the Parish Office for information about the preparation process.

Marriage

Nine months notification and preparation classes required. Call Parish Office for additional information.

Parish Office Hours

M-Th: 8 AM - 12 Noon; 1 PM - 5 PM Friday: 8 AM - 1 PM Saturday & Sunday: Closed



Parish Mission Statement

We exist as a Eucharistic community to celebrate, proclaim, and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament for the Glory of God.

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PASTOR'S NOTES (PG. 1 OF 2)

Church and State (Part II of V)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How many times have you heard that you should not mix religion and politics? Poppycock. Listen to what Cardinal Newman writes about our responsibility to bring the truth of Our Lord to politics.

"Clergymen are bound to form and pronounce an opinion. It is sometimes said, in familiar language, that a clergyman should have nothing to do with politics. This is true, if it be meant that he should not aim at secular objects, should not side with a political party as such, should not be ambitious of popular applause, or the favor of great men. ... But if it means that he should not express an opinion and exert an influence one way rather than another, it is plainly unscriptural. Did not the Apostles, with all their reverence for the temporal power, whether Jewish or Roman, and all their separation from worldly ambition, did they not still denounce their rulers as wicked men, who had crucified and slain the Lord's Christ? and would they have been as a city on a hill if they had not done so? And all this may be done without injury to our Christian gentleness and humbleness, though it is difficult to do it. We need not be angry nor use contentious words, and yet may firmly give our opinion, in proportion as we have the means of forming one, and be zealous towards God in all active good service, and scrupulously and pointedly keep aloof from the bad men whose evil arts we fear." (John Henry Newman, Parochial and Plain Sermons)

To choose or promote a political party is not the duty of the priest or bishop or pope. But, as St. John Newman reminds us, it is necessarily the Church's duty shine the light of Christ on public policy that is contrary to natural law. To point out those efforts that are contrary to the Gospel and to the Church's teaching dates back to the early Church and Christ Himself. Silence is not an option when it comes to the Church's duty to proclaim the truth of the Gospel with love. Realizing the beauty of the Catholic faith, compels us to share the truth and dispel the lies.

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most radical doctrine in the history of ideas. If the world believed what Jesus proclaimed — that God is our Father and we are all brothers and sisters created in His image with God -given dignity and a transcendent destiny — every society could be transformed overnight." (Catholics in the Public Square, Forward, Archbishop Gomez)

If every Catholic realized the great gift and power God has entrusted to us to do good and proclaim the love of Our Lord Jesus, especially to those who oppose the Gospel of life, our nation could truly become that "city on the hilltop" shining for all the world to see. Imagine a world where all people could come to know the goodness of God and His transformational love for all His children. It would be heavenly.

The beauty of our Catholic faith begins with the awareness that by our baptism, we belong to the "city of God." All of creation, every human being was created by God for God and created by Love for Love. As God's children, created in His image, we are given the awesome responsibility and duty, not only to His

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PASTOR'S NOTES (PG. 2 OF 2)

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Church, but to the "city of man". God has entrusted to His children the ability to correct injustices and make decisions that are in union with God's desires for all His children. As members of the Catholic Church and disciples of Our Lord Jesus, each of us are called by God to promote the common good and to protect the most vulnerable, the unborn, the elderly, the poor, the marginalized and the weak.

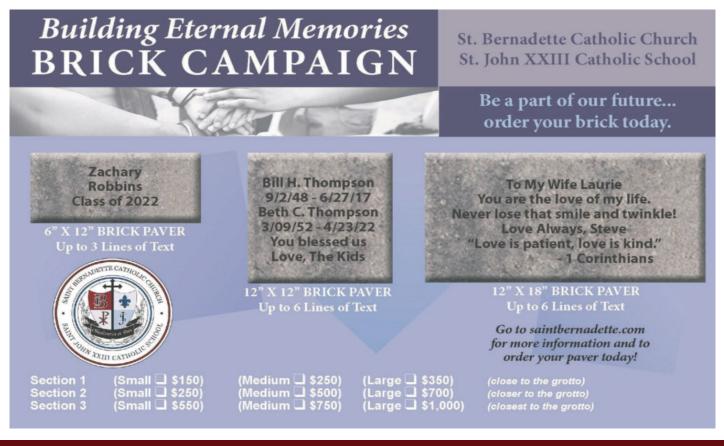
"God does not see the world through the limitations of our political categories of 'left' and 'right,' 'liberal' and 'conservative.' He is our Father and He sees only His children. When one of God's children is suffering injustice, He calls the rest of us to love and compassion and to 'make things right.' How can we justify defending the dignity of some and not others or protecting God's creation while neglecting some of His most vulnerable creatures?" (Catholics in the Public Square, Forward, Archbishop Gomez)

To be continued...

Fr. Don Kline

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Pastor



GOSPEL REFLECTION

You Have the Words of Everlasting Life

Why do some find it easier while others find it harder to accept the claims which Jesus made? Many were attracted to Jesus because he offered them something irresistible - a visible sign of God's mercy and favor which Jesus demonstrated in his wonderful works of healing, deliverance, and miraculous signs, including the multiplication of the loaves and fish when he feed the five thousand who had gathered to hear him speak. Many stumbled, however, when



Jesus made claims which only God can make. Jesus' discourse on "*eating his flesh and drinking his blood*" (see John 6:51-59) which pointed to the Last Supper, caused offence to many of his followers.

The blessing of full union with God through Christ

Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us on our journey to our promised homeland with the Father in heaven. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Even the apostles admitted that this was a "hard saying". This expression meant that it was not just hard to understand, but hard to accept. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty to him as the Holy One sent from the Father in heaven. Jesus promised his disciples nothing less than the full blessing of eternal life and union with God. Jesus assures his disciples that it is his heavenly Father who gives the invitation and the grace to believe and follow even in the "hard sayings". Jesus knew that some would not only reject him and his word, but would do so with violence fueled by hatred, envy, and even betrayal.

"My words are spirit and life"

Jesus told his disciples that his words were "spirit and life" (John 6:63) - his words came from the heavenly Father who is the Author of life and the One who breathes his Spirit into those who believe in him. Through the gift of faith Peter was able to receive spiritual revelation of who Jesus truly is - the Holy One of God, the eternal Son sent from the Father in heaven to redeem a fallen human race and reconcile them with God.

Faith is a gift and a personal response to God's revelation of himself

How does God help us grow in faith and trust in his word, even the hard sayings which are difficult to understand? Faith is a gift which God freely gives to those who listen to his word and who put their trust in him. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself. Faith is neither blind nor ignorant. It is based on the truth and reliability of God's word. True faith seeks understanding. Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) said, "I believe in order to understand, and I understand the better to believe." The Lord Jesus offers all of his followers his life-giving word and Spirit to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of God.

We can know God personally through his word

Paul the Apostle tells us that it is the work of the Holy Spirit who *enlightens the eyes of our heart and mind* to understand the truth and wisdom which comes from God (Ephesians 1:17-18). Faith is the key to understanding and experiencing God's action and work in our personal lives. Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We can know God personally, and we grow in recognizing his voice as we listen to his word and obey his instruction. Do you believe, as Peter did, that Jesus has the *words of everlasting life* and the power to change and transform your life? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase your faith that you may grow in knowing, loving, and serving him as your Lord and Redeemer, Teacher and Healer, Master and Savior.

Lord Jesus, you have the words of everlasting life. Help me to cast aside all doubt and fear so that I may freely embrace your word with complete trust and joy. I surrender all to you. Be the Lord of my life and the Ruler of my heart. May there be nothing which hinders me from trusting in your love and following your will. dailyscripture.net



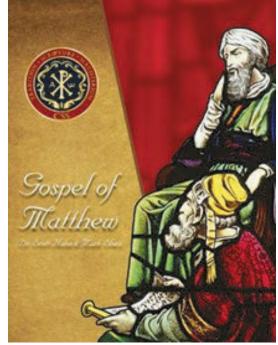
Saturday, August 24 5:00 PM	St. Bernadette Parishioners
Sunday, August 25 8:00 AM	Bill Walsh
10:00 AM	Richard Brokaw
5:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory
Monday, August 26 6:30 AM	☆ Marie Schluter
8:30 AM	☆ Florence LaForest
Tuesday, August 27 6:30 AM	Andrea Boring
8:30 AM	Augustus Sheldon Vidamo
Wednesday, August 28 6:30 AM	む Dianne McMahon
8:30 AM	む Dominic Svorinic
Thursday, August 29 6:30 AM	☆ Lorraine Hughes
8:30 AM	☆ Roberts Family
Friday, August 30 6:30 AM	Lisa Turner
8:30 AM	Mary Nielsen
Saturday, August 31 8:30 PM	✿ Jaime DeSousa
5:00 PM	✿ Palma Gervasi
Sunday, September 1 8:00 AM	Joan Marie Judge
10:00 AM	St. Bernadette Parishioners
5:00 PM	& Carmilina Cristofero Arena



Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-21/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69 Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/ Mt 23:27-32 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/Mt 25:14-30 Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-5 1a/Jas1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23





NEW—EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come join us at St. Bernadette for an evening Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew. Meet in the parish hall weekly to view a video by Father Matthew Kauth and engage in discussion.

<u>Evening study dates:</u> Begin Thursday, September 19th from 6-8PM through December 5th. The Bible Study will resume again in January 2025.

Please contact Dawn Morano at 480-435-4959 or dawn.morano@ passionforhumanity.org with questions or to sign-up for the Bible Study.

"We hear the Gospels so much at Mass that it can be hard to look at them with fresh eyes. In this study, however, you will read Matthew's Gospel as you have never read it before—and in the process, come one step closer to knowing what a priceless gift we have in the Holy Spirit and the works He inspired." Excerpt from https://tanbooks.com/ Knights of Columbus Council 12164 invites you to our Saint Bernadette's Charity Golf Tournament

Saturday September 7th, 2024 Stonecreek Golf Club Tee off 8-9 am

\$600 per foursome, \$175 p^{er player}

includes golf, cart, and I

raffle and prize

Contact Andrew Zappia at andrewzappia@gmail.com or (585)789-8522 for registration and payment!

All proceeds go to the Knights charitable work



Calling all singers! Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 4th in the Church choir loft. **Children's Choir** meets from 4:45-5:30 PM; **Adult Choir** meets from 6:30-7:30 PM; **Men's Ensemble** meets from 7:30-8:00 PM.

> Questions? E-mail Brina Ziemann at <u>bziemann@saintbernadette.com</u>



In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our

consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to respond to the cries of the poor by assisting them with rent, utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!



LEGION OF MARY

Have you ever heard of the Legion of Mary? The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay men and women in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country in the world. It has been approved by the last 6 Popes and has been active in the United States since 1931.

To join the Legion of Mary is to become part of a spiritual army fighting beneath the standard of Mary for the salvation of souls using the powerful weapons of prayer and charitable works.

The **Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium** was recently reestablished here at St. Bernadette. Please contact Cathy Smith at (403) 580-9605 to learn more about legion membership and mission.

FAITH FORMATION

CALLING ALL YOUNG LADIES

Would you like to be a part of a sisterhood? Would you like to serve the community? Would you like to learn more about how to be your authentic self as a beloved daughter of God?

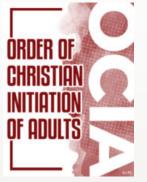
LISIEUX SORORITY

OUR MEETING TIMES THIS YEAR ARE: MONDAYS FROM 6:30PM-8:00PM (TWICE A MONTH) SATURDAY FROM 9:00AM-12:00PM (ONCE A MONTH)



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ALL 6TH-12TH GRADE GIRLS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL MINSIRY, PLEASE CONTACT AMY EMORY AT: AEMORY@POPEJOHNXXIII.ORG



In the early Church, the entire community welcomed and evangelized newcomers. The responsibility to catechize (teach and form) was shared by all in the community. Vatican II restored this earlier model of initiation of adults and now relies on the Parish community to be sponsors, godparents, leaders, friends and to pray for those in the initiation process.

Do you know someone who is not Catholic but is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you have a friend or

relative that has been attending mass for years but has never taken steps towards becoming a Catholic? Do you have gifts, talents and treasures that can be used to help support our initiation process? If so, please contact the Parish Office and find out ways that you can become involved as a participant, supporter or contributor.

Our program accepts participants year round and all are welcomed. We currently have catechumens and candidates ranging in age from their early twenties up to retirees. We would love to hear from you, so call soon.

FAITH FORMATION





When: Sun. September 8th Sun. September, 22nd What: TEEN SOCIAL NIGHT Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm Where: Parish Hall Who: 5th -12th graders



High School Bible Study

Living the Gospel Sept. 25th 6pm-7pm Junior Youth Group Wed. September 18th/25th Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm Where: Parish Hall

If you have questions about this ministry or would like to find out how you can get involved, please contact Amy Emory at aemory@popejohnxxiii.org or Amanda Cramer at acramer@popejohnxxiii.org or you can call 480-905-0221 ext. 203 for Amy Emory or 209 for Amanda Cramer.

This Week at St. Bernadette

Masses

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Monday through Friday mornings at 6:30 and 8:30 AM Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM

Daily Confessions

Before daily mass 8:00 - 8:25 AM Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM



Friday Night Healing Rosary every Friday in the Church

and on Zoom at 6:30 PM

Zoom Link: https://bit.ly/fridayhealingrosary

Use meeting ID 674 186 578 and password Rosary

Parish Ministries & Organizations

			SACRAMENTAL MINISTRIES		
Sunday	8:00 AM	LITURGY	OCIA	Shirley Smalley	480-905-0221
25	10:00 AM	LITURGY	Infant Baptism	Shirley Smalley	480-905-0221
25	5:00 PM	LITURGY	Marriage Prep	Mitzi Palma	480-905-0221
	After Masses	Knights of Columbus			
		Golf Tournament Ticket Sales	PASTORAL MINISTRIES		
			Annulments	Mitzi Palma	480-905-0221
			Funerals	Deacon Frank Nevarez	480-905-0221
Monday			Ministers of Care -	Deacon Al Homiski	480-905-0221
monuay	6:00 PM	Spiritual Warfare Rosary	Homebound		
26	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Knights of the Altar Officers Meeting OCIA Inquiry			
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			Altar Linens	Barbara Nevarez	480-905-0221
			Knights of the Altar		480-905-0221
			Art & Environment	Chita Dilema	480-797-0145
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	Lectors	Donna Homiski	480-905-0221
27	6:30 PM	Spiritual Warfare and Discernment	Ushers	Mike Smalley	602-799-2256
27	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study			
			EDUCATION & FORMATION MIN		
			Family Catechesis	Patrick Klein	480-905-0221
Wednesday			Lisieux Sorority	Amy Emory	480-905-0221
	6:45 PM	Children of Hope	Men's Bible Study	Jim McLaughlin	480-694-1297
28			Women's Bible Study	Dawn Morano	480-435-4959
			PRAYER & WORSHIP MINISTRIES	-	
			Eucharistic Adoration	Sheila Vertuno	480-905-0221
Thursday	6:45 PM	Culture of Life Ministry	Friday Night Healing Rosary	Mike Smalley	480-905-0221
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			SERVICE MINISTRIES Culture of Life	Claire Wagner	602-703-3573
			St. Vincent de Paul	Claire Wagner Help Line	480-905-4439
Friday	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Meals for Families in Crisis	Rachel Bears	602-402-0220
	9:15 AM	Women's Bible Study	& New Moms	Racher Dears	002-402-0220
30	6:30 PM	Healing Rosary	a new months		
		0 0 1 1	PARISH ORGANIZATIONS		
			Boy Scouts	Tim Whitney	602-403-4121
Saturday			Cub Scouts	Stephanie Lea	480-404-1718
Saturuay	6:30 AM	Exodus 90	Knights of Columbus	Jeff Pinto	480-299-9053
31	7:00 AM 5:00 PM	Legion of Mary LITURGY	K of C Ladies Auxiliary	Irma Stewart	602-695-4049
JT	5.00 PIVI	LITOROT	Sociable Seniors	Shirley Shanholtz	480-905-0221
			PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES		
Sunday	0.00 454		Finance Council	Mike Smalley	602-799-2256
1	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	LITURGY LITURGY	Parish Council	, Don Tellis	602-370-3271
1	5:00 PM	LITURGY			
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			Sunday Donuts	Volunteer Office	480-905-0221
			Special Events	Volunteer Office	480-905-0221

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