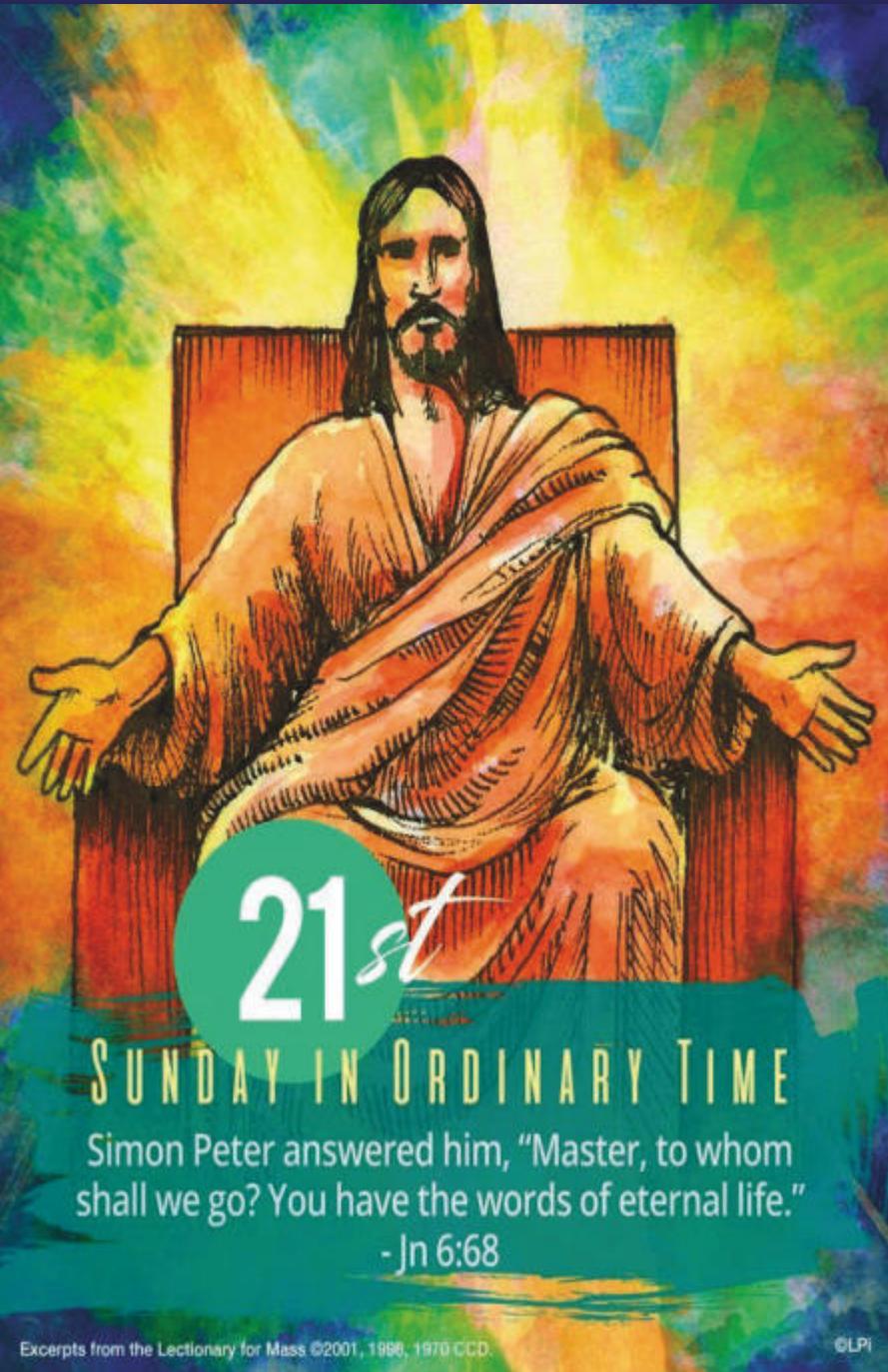




# Weekly Clairvaux

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Twenty First Week  
In Ordinary Time

## Next Week's Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Saturdays: 5:00pm

Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am

\*\*30 Minutes prior to each Mass,  
the Holy Rosary will be prayed\*\*

## Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30 pm

Mon-Fri - 7:30 am

Any time by appointment;

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## St. Bernard Mission Statement

We offer support and strength through a community of strong traditions and rich friendships for people of all ages. We desire to build faith and knowledge in our Savior, Jesus Christ, to all who enter our doors. Come experience St. Bernard Catholic Community. Come be part of our mission to make Christ present in all we say and do.

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## **August 25—St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest and Religious**

Jesus taught, “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours” (Lk 6:20). He also taught, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me” (Mt. 25: 34-36). So, what happens when someone tries to live Jesus’ teaching? Sometimes they are praised, sometimes persecuted, sometimes both. Today’s saint is one who experienced both praise and persecution for serving the poor.

St. Joseph Calasanz was born to a minor Spanish noble family in 1557. He received the benefits of wealth, but rather than enjoying those benefits for himself, he became a priest and in Rome started the “first popular and free school in Europe” for poor and abandoned children. He founded a school system he called the “Pious Schools” in 1616. He founded an order to run the schools called the Piarists, Latin for pious, in 1617. His order took the three standard vows, plus a fourth vow “to dedicate their lives to the education of youth.”

However, his work caused opposition. “Many rich were threatened by the thought of underprivileged people learning new ideas.” He was a friend of Galileo and helped him when it was unpopular. His own order suffered internal strife due to the sins and power of some of its members to the point St. Joseph was pushed out as superior general. The order was suppressed in 1646. He died in 1648, “convinced that his Order and his dream would not die.” The Order was restored twenty years later, and he was canonized in 1767 and declared the “Heavenly Patron of all Christian popular schools” by Pope Pius XII in 1948.

If you want to read more about the saints, go to Mr. Muetting’s Saint Weblog at: [mrmuettingsaints.blogspot.com](http://mrmuettingsaints.blogspot.com)

Yours Truly,  
Mr. Tim Muetting

## **LAST WEEK’S GIVING**

August 15th Collection	\$8,299
Faith Direct Donations this period	\$0
<b>YTD Total First Collections/Deficit Reduction Collections</b>	<b>\$51,029</b>
<b>YTD Required First Collections(\$7,984 per week)</b>	<b>\$55,888</b>
<b>YTD Performance First Collection [Collected-Required]</b>	<b>-\$4,859</b>

**YTD 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL = \$28,760**

**NEW PARKING LOT FUND = \$11,135**

(These funds cover the \$35,000 Initial Expense, plus future Maintenance Costs)

# THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to Rick Flores, AKA Rose’s husband and his team of Chris and Nathan Mitchell and Charlie D. for the great work done stripping and waxing the floors in the school, steaming the walls, and shampooing the classroom carpets. What a difference!

<b>2021 LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS</b>			
08-24-21	\$25.00	Len & Kris Leavitt	#336
08-27-21	\$25.00	Patrick Simon	#735
08-29-21	\$25.00	Teri Teutsch	#179

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

August 22, 2021

**First Reading:** "Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

**Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

**Second Reading:** This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

**Gospel:** Simon Peter answered him, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

### **Gospel Meditation— Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in , then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

**RCIA Class; which stands for Rite of Christian Initiations for Adults, will be Thursday nights, starting September 16th and go through April 2022.**

This will be a weekly meeting on Thursday evenings from 7—8:30pm. It is a spiritual journey in which the individual determines whether they are ready to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

We will explore the teachings of the Catholic Church. While RCIA is meant to be focused on the non-Catholics who are inquiring about the faith, it is also a great opportunity for Catholics to learn more about their faith.

RCIA is also available to Catholics who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation when they were younger. Each year we invite those Catholics who want to renew/revisit their own faith, as an adult, to join us too.

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please call Deacon Chuck Sheik at 402-672-7907 or the parish office at 402-551-0269. You can also email Deacon Chuck at [cpsheik@archomaha.org](mailto:cpsheik@archomaha.org).

### **Religious Education at St. Bernard**

We will have class this year on Wednesday evening beginning September 15th, from 6:30—7:30pm, for children in Kindergarten up to 8th Grade.

We welcome all children who would love to learn more about the Catholic faith and God.

Please consider sending your children to spend an hour with us at St. Bernard.

Parents, we are in need of Teachers to assist us and don't forget that our children are our future in keeping our faith alive.

If you have any questions, please email Deacon Chuck Sheik at [cpsheik@archomaha.org](mailto:cpsheik@archomaha.org) or call 402-672-7907 or the parish office at 402-551-0269

### **Everyday Stewardship—Recognizing God In Your Ordinary Moments**

#### **Submission as Stewardship**

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

## Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 28th & Sunday, August 29th

### Deacons:

5:00pm: Deacon Tim McNeil  
8:00am: Deacon Paul Dreismeier  
10:00am: Deacon Chuck Sheik

### Altar Servers

5:00pm: NONE AT THIS TIME

8:00am:  
10:00am:

### EMHC's

5:00pm:  
8:00am: NONE AT THIS TIME  
10:00am:

### Lectors:

5:00pm: Laurie McNeil  
8:00am: Beth Dankert-Babb\* \*\*  
10:00am: John & Sue Keyser\* \*\*

\*First Reading and Psalm (if no music)

\*\*Announcements and Second Reading

### This Week's Heavenly Helpers

#### Crew #2

Darlene Dreismeier, Bill Monahan,  
Greg Crisman, Larry Strazdas,  
and Norene Grieb

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### St. Bernard Child Care is NOW HIRING!

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IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED.



### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

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?

If you are interested in joining us, please call Susan  
at 402-556-9226.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 22nd – August 29th

*Sunday, August 22nd:*

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass †Josephine Garta

10:00am Mass Pat and †Don Kemp

St. Bernard Parish Family

*Monday, August 23rd:*

Twenty-First Monday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass †Harold & Nettie Eames

*Tuesday, August 24th:*

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00am Mass †Herbert Andrews

*Wednesday, August 25th:*

Twenty-First Wednesday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass †Patricia A. & Robert S. Griffith

*Thursday, August 26th:*

Twenty-First Thursday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass †Paul A. Goodroad

*Friday, August 27th:*

Memorial of St. Monica

8:00am Mass †Harry Harrison

*Saturday, August 28th:*

Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

5:00pm Mass †Donald E. Baldwin, Sr.

*Sunday, August 29th:*

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mass St. Bernard Parish Family

10:00am Mass †Deacon Ed Osterhaus



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