

October 4, 2020

Once again,
O Lord of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your
right hand has planted.

Psalms 80:15-16

Twenty-Seventh
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

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The Church presents today's Old Testament and Gospel readings together, as a pair. We delight in the symmetry between the two passages. Jesus, who is the Word of God, knows the Hebrew scriptures by heart and intends for his parable to echo Isaiah. As Jesus begins speaking, he summons the words of Isaiah, knowing his learned audience of chief priests and elders will feel comfortable with a familiar scripture passage. These scholars recognize immediately that Jesus is referring to a prophetic passage about sin, about the chosen people's tendency to turn away from God and grow "wild."

AMAZED BY INNOVATION

What Jesus does next surprises his audience. He adds a new twist to Isaiah's well-known words, adding a new character, the landowner's very own son. Adding this innovation shows that Jesus confirms the prophet's warning—that God longs for "his cherished plant" to grow according to the divine plan. The narrative twist also allows Jesus to reveal the fullness of God's plan in a way

his audience can understand. Like a master teacher, Jesus respects the knowledge and faithfulness of the chief priests and elders, and then builds on what they know. By adding the landowner's son to the parable of the vineyard, Jesus gently expresses his own mission as the Son of God. Matthew's Gospel often depicts the chief priests and elders as oppositional; they worry that Jesus will abolish the law and foment rebellion. As the Lord said earlier in Matthew's Gospel, however, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17). Jesus' audience is skeptical about him, horrified at the thought of a mere human being claiming that he is the Son of God. Jesus' masterful approach provides an opportunity for his audience to give him the benefit of the doubt. In this way, Jesus proposes—not imposes—his kingship, inviting us all to follow him.

Today's Readings: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

8:45 a.m. St. Joseph, Flush

10:45 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Bernard

4:00 p.m. on Saturday at St. Bernard

7:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph

or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call for appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Must notify pastor at least
6 months in advance.

Shut-Ins

Call Joanne Burgos 785-456-7869
for Holy Communion

ST. BERNARD – WAMEGO

Mon Oct 5: 8:00 am +Wilfred Christman
 Tues Oct 6: 8:00 am Parishioners
 Thurs Oct 8: 8:00 am +Fr. Carl
 Fri Oct 9: 8:00 am +Helen Sack
 Sat Oct 10: 8:00 am +Terry Kolde
 Sat Oct 10: 5:00 pm +Eleanor F. Hermreck & family
 Sun Oct 11: 9:00 am +Travis Prockish
 Sun Oct 11: 10:45 am +George & Cecilia Muckenthaler

+deceased

Confession: Fr Mike will be having confessions inside St. Bernard's at below times.

Saturday (October 3) -3:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday (October 7)-4:45-5:30 pm

Donations		Budget	
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\$7079	\$95,413	\$97,500	(\$2,087)

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ST. JOSEPH - FLUSH

Sat Oct 3: 5:00 pm Parishioners
 Sun Oct 4: 8:45 am +Lucille Heptig
 Tues Oct 6: 6:00 pm +George & Cecilia Muckenthaler
 Thurs Oct 8: 6:00 pm Those people dealing with pain & seeking relief from disease

+deceased

Stewardship last Sunday: \$1967 Thank you

SJC Parish Council Election Ballots: Ballots were distributed last weekend. In order to vote a **HARD COPY** (no emails) must be returned either at mass or to Jamie at the church office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6th to be counted. One ballot per adult member of the parish. Candidates listed on the ballot are those who accepted nominations which were made earlier this month.

SJC Mowing Cemetery: Thank you to everyone that helped mow this last week.

SJC The Leaven Subscription: The Catholic Archdiocesan newspaper, is now due in the amount of \$21. Please help defray the cost to the parish and pay for your paper. Thank you!

Daily Mass Time Change: The Tuesday/Thursday evening mass time has been changed to 6:00 pm.

K of C Breakfast: K of C will be celebrating Columbus Day with a breakfast on Sunday, Oct 11 following mass.

Welcome: Kellen & Andrew Liebsch, and their children Tyler and Madelyn

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sat. Oct 10: St. Joseph 5:00 pm	Fr. Earl		Gary Fike	Trevor Matzke	Ed Heptig Brenda Heptig	
Sun. Oct 11: St. Joseph 8:45 am	Fr. Earl		Kurt Roberts	Andrew Kufahl	Dwayne Miller Shirley Miller	
Sat. Oct 10: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Karla Rosell		Joanne Burgos		Barbara Lippman Pam Fulmer	
Sun. Oct 11: St. Bernard 9:00 am	Chris Nolte		Jackie Hays		Lisa Nyberg Adam Magette	
Sun. Oct 11: St. Bernard 10:45 am	Mary Ewing		George Hieger		Greg Dekat Nancy Dekat	

BOTH PARISHES

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020**

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. — *Philippians 4:6*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalms — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

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ST BERNARD

Mass: Mass this weekend (October 3 at 5:00 pm) is on Saturday night only! Everyone is welcome to attend! We ask that families sit in the parish hall, and elderly, singles, or couples sit in the church. Next weekend (October 10 & 11) will be full mass schedule again.

Sunset Rosary: We will be saying the rosary in the prayer garden Sunday, October 4 at sunset. Please join us if you are able.

The Leaven Subscription: The Catholic Archdiocesan newspaper, is now due in the amount of \$21. Please help defray the cost to the parish and pay for your paper. If you didn't get an envelope in your packet there will be extras envelopes located next to bulletins. Thank you!

SBC Confirmation Service Opportunities: St. Bernard's confirmation class is looking for service opportunities in the community and surrounding areas. If you or a loved one, neighbor, parishioner, community member or service organization are needing help with yard work or home repair/maintenance etc. please let us know! We have a group of young, hard working able bodies ready to serve you and Our Lord! Please call or text Erin Steele at 785-458-8473 or email at 5steelefam@gmail.com

Wamego Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 6th
Noon to 6:00 pm

At First United Methodist Church
Come to give in Oct. for a chance at \$1,000 Amazon gift card! They're giving 5!

Make your appointment today, call 1-800-733-2767 or www.redcrossblood.org or download the Blood Donor App.

55+ Senior Breakfast: If you are interested in having the Senior Breakfasts start up again, please call Kathleen Scherer at 456-1835.



Thank you to Brenda Brazzle who has made numerous batches of cloth face masks for the church. Also thank you to Amanda Marfield, and other ladies that have made masks and donated them to the church! It is very much appreciated!

BOTH PARISHES

Rosary For America: We will be having a rosary for our country every Monday evening at St. Bernard's from Oct 5-Nov 2 at 7:00 pm. Please join us if you are able!

Soup Luncheon: Be watching for more details for St. Bernard Ladies Guild "Stitch N Stuff". It may look a little different this year. More details to come!

K of C Fall Banquet: The Thomas A. McNeive Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will have their fall banquet on Saturday, October 10. The evening will begin with attending the 5:00 pm Mass. A social hour and the dinner will follow in the St. Bernard's Parish Hall. Cost of the dinner is \$15 per person. RSVP to Steve Prockish at prockishsd@gmail.com or (785) 456-2612 by October 2.

Respect Life: Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Please visit www.respectlife.org/ celebrate to find four simple steps to take throughout the month that will raise awareness and educate on our efforts to protect and cherish every human life.

To laugh a bit and joke a bit and grasp a friendly hand... To tell one's secrets, hopes, and fears and share a friendly smile; to have a friend and be a friend is what makes life worthwhile.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

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