

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 28, 2026



Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one

who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." -Matthew 10:37-42

Thanks Be To Christ - The Source of Our

Independence Think of the powerful message of Jesus in this Gospel -a call to action propelled by a deep faith in the loving Creator of all things. Jesus uses the earthly things most dear to any normal person..father, mother, sisters brothers and children, in other words *family* and places them in the proper place...under Christ. For God holds all things in existence and he has made human beings to be eternal, in that we are endowed with a soul at conception. Of all living things God has gifted us with a sense of the transcendent so that we may share in the beauty of creation, experience emotions and appreciate and ponder the created universe. We can wonder, engage in scientific study and ask and search for the truth that answers ultimate questions. Is there a God? Who is He and how may we know him? How was the universe made and how does the world work? What is the meaning and purpose of humanity?

We, as Catholics, are privileged to know the complete truth as Christ taught it...God exists, he created all things out of love and he gave humankind the privilege of knowing him on an intimate level. It is a privilege indeed for God is perfect love. It is burning love that is force and fire with desire to spread to the world, yet incredibly gentle .God sent his son to redeem the world and instruct human beings and die for our sins so we may be reconciled to him in love. He could have pardoned all and expected little of us. However, in justice which is a necessary part of love and in a tremendous fatherly concern he wishes to give us a path to holiness and a call to a difficult but rewarding life of aspiring to the highest heights. Yet, with these lofty aims God often chooses the simple and humble that he can do much with, to accomplish tremendous acts of love.

. For example, at the beginning of World War 2 an idea sprang from a local North Platte woman to bring God's love to soldiers on troop trains stopping in North Platte NE. The idea spread like wildfire and the people from North Platte and surrounding communities of tiny towns Pops 54 + did the impossible. Knowing that soldiers were coming through the town the local people wanted to share some kindness and sense of home with soldiers far from home who were alone and scared. Many were just teenagers on their way out of small towns to the war zones of Europe and the Pacific, but they came from all over the US.

Meanwhile, Hitler in Germany was intent on owning the entire world and united with Emperor Hirohito(Japan)

Cont...wanted to deprive the rest of the world of liberty - spreading the poison of Eugenics, survival of the fittest...murdering priests,nuns, catholics, university professors, Jewish people, and all people who opposed them. Of course the sick and special needs individuals were killed as they had no use in this heartless,utilitarian society of Nazi Socialism. The world had seemingly gone mad and these brave young American men were willing to do their duty to protect freedom and defend their country, families and homes.

From Christmas Day, 1941- April 1,1946 the people of North Platte NE came together at the train station Canteen to provide food, smiles, magazines newspapers, and bibles to these young men. The trains, sometimes thirty plus a day, would stop for 10-20 minutes at the depot and astonished soldiers were fed and shown motherly and sisterly love; for this was almost entirely the work of humble country women.

Helen Theresa Christ, wife and mother, born April 22,1899 in Madrid Ne and a long time North Platte resident found time to help found the Canteen and serve as its president throughout the war years. She was a member of the Catholic Church, Altar Society, Catholic daughters, Forresters, Navy Mothers, UP Oldtimers, Auxiliary to the ORC, and the Legion Auxiliary, but to millions of soldiers she was "Mama." Worn out by her long volunteer service at the Canteen she died in 1956 after being homebound with a long illness since 1952. After the war many soldiers who had known her only for a few minutes came to pray at her grave. Men in their seventies and eighties with tears in their eyes would share their memories of those cherished minutes in the depot where they KNEW they were loved..not just in a superficial way but in a spiritual and genuine way; at a time when they needed it most.They remembered those homemade sandwiches made from whatever was available and/or free (often pheasant), the fried chicken, the *real* boiled eggs, pies, apples,cakes and cookies. People who lived a two hour drive from the depot on rutted country roads would get up at 2 am(sometimes after working at the Canteen till midnight the day before) to kill chickens and parboil them for later quick frying and load their cars with prepared chickens, pies and cakes. Children would save their candy and hand out coffee, and papers and all would serve the men rapidly as they ran into the station. Families went without meat, sugar, fuel, tires, coffee and nice shoes so servicemen could have them. Like our church volunteers they sacrificed.

Over 6 million soldiers were served with the love of Christ. In all the active war zones in Africa, the Pacific and in Europe a common cherished and shared memory, that brought soldiers from all walks of life together, was the N. Platte Canteen. God sees all the consequences of these simple acts of love through time..like the soldiers saved from despair and suicide through this humane memory, where hope flowed in a living stream. God bless America! – A. Halliday

St. Bernard Rosary Totals You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets. **Report: 13,104!**
Rosaries prayed last week = 78 Cumulative= 13,104

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 27

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Milner Herrera St. Joseph Church

Sunday, June 28

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Paul Windham (Anniversary)
St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Monday, June 29

12:15 pm +Milner Herrera St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, June 30

7:30 am +Milner Herrera St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, July 1

12:15 pm Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
6.00 pm Adoration/ Confession
7.00 pm No Intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, July 2

7:30 am +Milner Herrera. St. Joseph Church
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

First Friday, July 3

12:15 pm +Milner Herrera St. Bernard Church
1-4:45pm Adoration St Bernard Church
4:45 pm Benediction St. Bernard Church

First Saturday, July 4 Independence Day

8:30am Marian Devotion Mass Sacred Heart Church
3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Int. Lynette Cahill St. Joseph Church

Sunday, July 5

7:30 am +Fran Hill St. Joseph Church
9:00 am Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Paul Windham St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Jim Hogue and Family, Wilma D'Sa and Family, Kimberly Ennis, Terri, Marian Griffin Sharon Ferreira, Johnny, Lucy Sokolow, Janina Dzieciol, Kathi Branum, Orion, Sidney Gabby, Zenssi, Olivia, Hunter, & C., John Johnston, Barbara Hill, Chet Williams, Maria Mendes Da Costa, Martin Fosnaugh, Sylvia Clark, Catie Biesecker, Stacy Cudney, Josephine Silva, Jo Ann Dellabalma, Ann Marie DeSimone, Bill King, Martin & Claudia Vess, Chris Miller, Mary Alpers Nancy Allen, David Russell, Sonny, Garrett Anderson, Dottie Barrett, Harvey & Mary Anne Bennett, Mildred Perrone, Massimo Matteoli, Gary Cormier, and Obdulia Walter

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Derick Wyatt, Fran Hill, Dennis and Gina Costa, Joe Hohmen, Sandra Cofer, Lena Petty, Fred Emerson, John Gierek, Gloria Allen, Rebecca Bertain, Roseann Cooney, Lorraine Holland, Sandra Lingle, Sarah Mixon, Suanna Rowell, Erling Dellabalma, Paul Windham, Rosealee Schuler, Nick Giannini, Juvenal (John) Regalo, Evo Fannuchi, Dianne Luzzi, Rose Ann Hurst, Tom Long, Joe Thompson, Colleen Cruz, Rodrigo Reyna Sanchez, -Cont... Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, Sara & Carmen Scrivner, Camille Regli, and Delores McBroome

St. Bernard's Phone Prayer Line

For those who are interested in joining the prayer chain or anyone with a prayer request, please call Alan / Illeen at (707) 442-6844. "Prayer is an act of love ~ St. Teresa

Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1:2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a
Reading II: Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1:Zechariah 9:9-10
Reading II: Romans 8: 9,11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

FINANCE

Regular =\$2,903

Peter's Pence.= \$607

AMA 2026 Goal=\$34,900 Pledges=\$21,524 **Rec'd=\$18,269**



The Knights of Columbus will be having a procession and recession on Sunday July 5, at Sacred Heart and St. Bernard Churches. This is to coincide with our country's 250th anniversary.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – First Friday Devotion - July 3rd

On this coming First Friday July 3rd we again have the privilege of spending time with our Lord in the Eucharist from 1-5pm. Please come to adore Him who made you and the beauty of the world. We also need at least 2 people per hour to sign up on the Adoration sheet. Please sign up.

IT'S FIREWORKS TIME! The Knights of Columbus



will be selling Fireworks @ 115 Henderson

St. in front of Pacific View Charter School (formerly St. Bernard Elementary School) in Eureka. The booth will be open from 10 am

until 8 pm, June 30 through July 4th. We can sell fireworks beginning June 28th. So if you need fireworks on the 28th or 29th please call Alan (707-442-6844) and he will meet you at the booth. Proceeds go towards K of C Charities, including donations to Sacred Heart and St. Bernard Parishes and St. Bernard Academy. For the 2nd year there is the www.tntfireworks.com support where you can preview items, order ahead for pick up and pay online. For more information please call 707-442-6844. Thank you for your support.

Rodeo Parade Walkathon "Darn Tootin' Life is Good!"

Benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe Medical is on Saturday, July 18th, 2025 @10:30am. Meet at Calvary Chapel 914 9th St. Fortuna. Come walk for life or sponsor someone who walks. All donations are tax deductible To sponsor a walker you may sign up at the St. Bernard office 707-442-6466 www.pcceureka.org jrophemedical.org

Bilingual Women's Retreat – Diocese of SR

All women ages 18 and older are warmly invited to the Diocese of Santa Rosa Women's Retreat on **Saturday, July 18, 2026**, at Cathedral of St. Eugene. This year's theme, "Where Do You Find Your Worth as a Daughter of God?", invites women to rediscover their true dignity as beloved daughters of God. For more information and registration, visit www.srcatholicwomen.org or QR