LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 (FIRST COMMUNION)
Rosary
Leroy Seib
Sacristan
George Ankenbrand

Gifts

Lector Servers

First Communicants & Families

Greeters Cantor

Money CountersJenny Fuhs
Mike Smith

Homebound EM Terri Ziliak
Traveling Chalice Sarah & John Spindler
SATURDAY. MAY 4

Rosary
Sacristan
Gifts
Cole & Carlie Phillips
Lector
Deann Gress
Servers
Bailey & Allison Spindler

Greeters Schleter Family
Cantor Sarah Reising
Money Counters Camy Davis

Klint Obert

Homebound EM Traveling ChaliceRena Schleter
Sarah & John Spindler

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 28 - 9:00 a.m.

+ Dana Cummins

Thursday, May 2 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Donna Weber

Saturday, MAY 4 - 5:30 p.m.

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

<u>Stewardship of Treasure</u>	
April 20 Collection	\$2989.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection Needed to meet budget YTD Variance	\$95,739.71 \$77,201.34 \$18,538.37
Children's Collection	\$3.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Thursday we celebrated the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. St. Mark is one of the two Gospel writers (Luke being the other) who were not one of the 12 Apostles. That said, both were close associates in the mission of evangelization with St. Paul the Apostle, and Mark was probably an even closer associate of St. Peter himself. Mark (also referred to in Acts of the Apostles as John Mark), likely served as a stenographer, interpreter, and younger assistant to St. Peter. Many believe that his Gospel was a collection of the stories and sermons of St. Peter himself. In fact, his gospel was known colloquially by some early scholars as 'the Gospel of Peter'. This is not to be confused with the false and much later "gospel" of St. Peter that was written by a Gnostic heretical movement.

According to some scholars, Mark would not have known Jesus personally when He was still on earth, but many others (myself included) hold the opinion that the 'young man wearing only a linen sheet' in the Garden of Gethsemane in Mark's Passion account is actually a reference by the author to himself. The oddness of it's inclusion and the fact that he 'runs off naked' would seem to indicate that it was a personal detail that otherwise didn't make sense to include. His Gospel is the only one of the four that refers to this young man.

Another characteristic of Mark's Gospel is its brevity. It is by far the shortest of the Gospels, and omits many details that Matthew and Luke include. A common assertion is that Luke and Matthew both used Mark's gospel as a framework onto which they attached their own further details. I am of the personal opinion that Mark was actually written later than Matthew, and that he omits many details because he needed his written account to be short enough to carry about on his missionary journeys on a handful of scrolls. His gospel certainly reads like a 'Cliff's-notes' version

It would seem that Mark had a bit of a tiff with St. Paul (who didn't?!?) at some point during his first missionary journey, as he left the group of St. Paul and Mark's cousin St. Barnabas to go back to his home in Jerusalem. This also led to friction between Barnabas and Paul, who didn't want him going with him on his second mission. However, this was evidently cleared up at some point, because Paul explicitly asks for him and complements him later on in some of his other writings, and during his imprisonment prior to his execution in Rome.

Mark eventually became the bishop of Alexandria in Egypt for the last several years of his life, setting up a theological school that would persist for centuries after, and is considered by the Coptic Christians in Egypt to be their founder. He was martyred sometime around the year 70 AD or so, being dragged through the streets behind horses, dying from his injuries.

St. Mark the Evangelist, pray for us!! Peace to you, - Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

THIS FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AT ST. BERNARD

Please remember your commitment. Everyone is welcome to come spend time with our Lord!

Religion Class Schedule for Remainder of Year

May 1 - Spring Pizza Party/May Crowning Practice from 6:30 - 8 p.m. May 11 - May Crowning Mass at 5:30 p.m.



Thank You

Many thanks to all the teachers and helpers this year for our Religious Education program. Our children got to know Jesus a little better this year thanks to your dedication and giving of your time and talent!!

You are a blessing to our parish!!



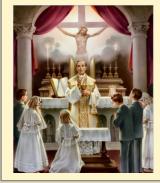
<u>Thank You</u> to the Altar Society and all who helped with the Mystery Dinner Show last weekend. It was a great success and so much fun!! We are blessed with some great actors at our Parish!!

**Copies of the parish council minutes from the April meeting are in the back of church in the letter tray.

Happenings at St. Bernard

A very generous donor (family member of a parishioner) gave money to be used toward a project at St. Bernard. The parish council decided to purchase a mosaic to be installed in the floor below the altar steps where people stand to receive communion. The mosaic is handcrafted with hand-cut marble and glass tesserae and will be a picture of a tabernacle and a chalice. This will be a beautiful reminder of this year of Eucharistic devotion. We hope to have it installed in the next couple months. This project is completely funded by the donor so we are very thankful for their generosity!

The rectory renovation project has been approved by the parish council and the finance council which will begin the middle of May. The rectory is 50 years old and needs a little TLC to keep it looking nice for many years to come. We will be asking parishioners of the parish to help with moving furniture, removing the carpet, and help with painting a few doors or basement walls that need touched up. Starting the beginning of June, we have hired a couple businesses to paint the upstairs and replace the carpet with tile. The Altar Society will be paying for the painting while the general fund will cover the cost of the flooring. We are blessed with wonderful facilities at St. Bernard and are so thankful for all those who generously give of your time, talent, and treasure to keep our parish looking beautiful!



Congratulations to our First Communicants

Grace Marie Ivy Owen Thomas Meny Oliver Ashford O'Connor

Thank you to parents, teachers, and the St. Bernard Community for all the support and prayers! May today be the first of many special days of receiving Jesus into your hearts!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4-5 – MS Shantytown



Shantytown for Middle School

Come get a real look into the reality of homelessness and the financial struggles of many families in today's world. It'll be held at St. Bernard on May 4th -5th. We'll be serving meals and cleaning at 2 local homeless shelters: Evansville Rescue Mission and House of Bread & Peace. We'll also make shanty houses, eat a campfire meal, play games, learn about poverty. Check-in between 1:30-2:00pm on

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. James Chicken Dinner benefiting True Hope Pregnancy & Family Resource Center of Gibson County

THIS Sunday, April 28 from 10:30 am –12:30 pm (Carry Out Only). Fried Chicken, mash potatoes and gravy, green beans, dressing, slaw and dessert \$14.00 per person.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA—Brief History of the Daughters of Isabella

We are the Daughters of Isabella, Haubstadt Circle #151. We are an organization of Catholic women, who strive each day to live our motto: Unity, Friendship and Charity. Our members are from the parishes of Sts. Peter and Paul, St. James and Holy Cross and other area Catholic churches.

Our main charity among the 17 Circles in Indiana is the St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services. Their mission statement, rooted in Catholic tradition, believes that every child has a right to a healthy, loving family. They provide life-long free services to empower women and families of all faiths by offering support, compassion, and professional guidance.

Our Haubstadt Circle donates to many causes, including: Right to Life of Gibson County, Women's Siena, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Vacation Bible School, GSHS after-prom, Fr. Tony Endowment, House of Discernment, The Lord's Pantry, Fort Branch & Haubstadt Library children's programs, and many other local charities, If you are a Catholic woman aged sixteen or older you are eligible to become a member of the Daughters of Isabella. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7:15 pm at the K of C Hall in Haubstadt. For more information, contact Kris Lutz 812-768-6456, or Becky Mayer 812-753-4180, Linda Kissel 812-677-0085.

We would love to invite St. Bernard's women to our Mothers Day Party May 20 at 6:00 pm at the K of C Hall in Haubstadt. The meal is free to all guests and \$3.00 for members. Reservations should be made by May 16. Becky Mayer 812-753-4180.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

Deacon Phillip Rogier - Christ the King, Ferdinand Deacon Caleb Scherzinger - St. Isidore, Celestine Deacon Tyler Underhill - Our Lady of Hope, Washington

Saturday, June 22, 2024 St. Benedict Cathedral 10am CST









MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Saturday - 5:30 p.m. Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN (DAYLIGHT)

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Sunday - 6:45 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Thursday - 8:00 a.m. Friday - 9:00 a.m.



A Catholic Community Since 1877

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Deacons: Vince Bernardin, Richard Leibundguth, Lonny Davis

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Terri Ziliak (tziliak@evdio.org)

Maintenance: Jeff Meny (812-385-6861)

Parish Council President: Nick Ivy

Altar Society President: Jessica Anderson School Hall Rental: Terri Ziliak/Lori Spindler Table & Chair Rental: Jeff & Tammy Meny Parish Website: stbernardsnakerun.org

Parish Office: 812-615-0201

Sacraments:

Adoration: First Friday of each month 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

 $\textbf{Reconciliation:} \ \ \text{Before Thursday evening Mass starting at 5:15 p.m.}$

Baptism: Must sign up for Baptismal Class. Call the parish

office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Call the parish office at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: Administered by appointment.





Our parish invites you to join our church family! All new parishioners can register by emailing Ispindler@evdio.org or calling the parish office.

PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Ronnie Martin, Judy Schuth, Mary Lou Michel, Johnsie Michel, Fr. Bernie Lutz, Ed Miskovic, Kristie Dubord, Mary Lou Wolf, Rose Obert, Haley Oing, Tom Titzer

Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off the list.

Sunday, April 28, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter