

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 (DIVINE MERCY)

Rosary Diane Hasenour
Sacristan Bernie Spindler
Gifts Kohlman Sterczer, Mavrix Obert
Lector Allison Spindler
Servers Brooke Silva, Abby Heichelbech
Greeters Nick & Libby Ivy
Cantor Leroy Seib
Money Counters Klint Obert
Kirk Peterson

Homebound EM Dennis Titzer
Traveling Chalice Greg & Rose Obert

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Rosary Dennis Titzer
Sacristan John Spindler
Gifts Alex & Eva Wilson
Lector Elizabeth Ivy
Servers Lydia Siekman, Jack Anderson
Greeters Bob & Jenny Fuhs
Cantor Sarah & Maci Spindler
Money Counters Dennis Gress
Matt Obert

Homebound EM Lori Spindler
Traveling Chalice Nick & Libby Ivy

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6 - 5:30 p.m.

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Thursday, April 11 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Jack & Betty Purkiser

Saturday, April 13 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Darlene Reising Turner, Ace Turner,
& Mara Beth Reising Helsley

Stewardship of Treasure

March 31 Collection (Easter)	\$3,989.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$88,338.46
Needed to meet budget	\$71,815.20
YTD Variance	\$16,523.26

Children's Collection \$3.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Divine Mercy! Happy Octave of Easter! I hope that your Easter week has been restorative of body and soul for you, and that you would continue to bask in the glow of the Resurrection of Our Lord!

This Sunday is known on the Church calendar also as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. John Paul II placed this feast on the 2nd Sunday of Easter to remind all of us about the immense love and mercy that God desires to pour out upon the world and His children. The origin of this feast and the associated devotion of the Divine Mercy Chaplet originate in modern-day Poland in the 1930s. At that time a Polish Visitationist nun, (St.) Maria Faustina Kowalska, began to receive a series of visions and messages from Heaven.

Her locutions began with a vision of an angel about to carry out divine justice against a particular city, and in her terror, she asked God for mercy for the city, but this had no effect. She then was given interiorly (by Jesus) the words of the now famous chaplet: "Eternal Father, I offer you the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. As she uttered this prayer in the chapel, she once again saw a vision, but the angle of vengeance was immobilized and could not carry out justice against the offending city. Faustina instantly knew then the power of invoking the most precious thing we are given by God: The Eucharistic Lord whose Blood pleads our cause before the Father!

Over the period of some years the young nun received many more messages from Our Lord, and compiled them into her now famous Diary. The most important part of this is of course the Divine Mercy Chaplet itself. Prayed on a standard rosary, it is a simple but powerful extension of the grace of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass, and invokes God's infinite mercy upon the soul of the one who prays it, as well as on the world and specifically for the dying. Not only is it powerfully Eucharistic, but is also an extension of the more ancient devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. God desires more than anything that we sinners convert and repent of our evil ways so that we may be forgiven and know His mercy.

If you do not already have a Divine Mercy devotion, the Church greatly encourages us to especially be mindful of the Hour of Mercy, which is 3 pm, the hour Jesus died on the Cross for us. This is the traditional time the Chaplet can be prayed daily for the redemption of souls and the conversion of sinners, especially the dying. It is also powerfully recommended that it be prayed for a soul on their deathbed, so that they may receive extraordinary mercy before their passing.

I also would like to invite folks who have been praying the Divine Mercy Novena since Good Friday to join in the celebration of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Holy Redeemer from 2-3 pm (with adoration and confession available), and the recitation of the chaplet at 3 pm. Let us place all our trust and hope in our Merciful and loving God!

Peace to you,

Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is this Thursday, April 11 after evening Mass.

Help Needed

We are in need of a couple more people/couples to help with homebound communion. If we can get more help, you will only need to take to the homebound once every 2 months or 6 times a year!! This is a very rewarding ministry. It only take a little time and you can schedule your visit anytime the week you are scheduled. If you are not a minister and would like to become one, training is available. For more information, please contact Terri 812-677-0511. *When we give of our time and talents, we experience **spiritual blessings**. Luke 6:38 says, "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap." By serving others, we receive abundant blessings in return.*

St. Bernard Text/Email Reminders - Do you receive the text/email reminders from St. Bernard? If not, please text Lori Spindler 812-664-2511. This is how we communicate any change in Mass time, etc. to the parish. Thank you.

Good Friday Collection

St. Bernard collected \$582.00 for the Holy Land on Good Friday. This money will be used to help with ministry in parishes, Catholic education and faith formation, humanitarian aid and preservation of the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. We thank everyone at St. Bernard for always being generous!

Change in Mass Times for First Communion Weekend

On Sunday, April 28 we will have Mass at St. Bernard at 9 a.m. to celebrate First Holy Communion for our second graders. We hope everyone will come and support them as they are welcomed to the table of the Lord.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS THAT WEEKEND (2/27).

Inviting All St. Bernard Families

Who loves a good mystery? Come join us on Saturday, April 20th immediately following Mass for the St. Bernard mystery dinner. We will enjoy an evening of family friendly food and entertainment!
Hope to see you there!

Please RSVP in the back of church.



Pat Hall and Kathryn Fuhs would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards.
It was a wonderful surprise!!

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR APRIL

Diane Hasenour, Vicki Hutchinson, Holly Heichelbech, Judy Page, Whitney Page
Men's Team—Bob Fuhs

Religion Class

April 10 -
Grades 2 - 12
have Class from
7 to 8 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 – Bingo w/ Elderly
April 7 – Boys Open Gym
April 7 – HS RockLife
April 20 – Diaconate Ordination



UPDATE: 3-on-3 Tournament – Boys Open Gym grades 8-12

We changed the date for our last open gym of the season. It'll now be on Sun., April 7th. We are having a 3-on-3 tourney. Bring your own team (and waivers if you haven't)! We'll meet in the gym at Sts Peter & Paul from 4:00 – 5:45pm.

UPDATE: Bingo @ Nursing Home & HS RockLife

Due to Spring Break, we will have no activities on Sun., March 24 (Palm Sunday). Our next Bingo and RockLife will be **Sunday, April 7th**. For Bingo (grades 6-12), meet at Sts. P&P at 1:00, and will return at 3:45. RockLife (for high school) will be in the youth room at Sts. P&P from 6:00-8:00pm.

HS Trip to Diaconate Ordination

Sat. April 20 we plan to take HS youth on the mini bus to witness the Diaconate Ordination (at St. Ben's Cathedral) of our very own Clint Johnson, as well as Aaron Herrenbruck, Keith Hart, and Nick Bieber. We will meet at Sts. P&P at 9:00am. After the ordination we will go out to eat lunch and then visit the Daughters of Charity and do some outdoor activities around the beautiful grounds. We will arrive back to Sts PP around 4:00pm. Please turn in waiver to office by Wed. April 17 or text/email Bryan Macke.

COMMUNITY NEWS

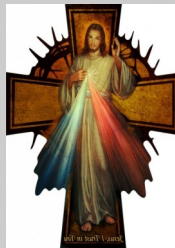
St. James Chicken Dinner benefiting True Hope Pregnancy & Family Resource Center of Gibson County

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet Sunday

Divine Mercy Service, Sunday April 7 at Holy Cross Church at 3 pm. Service will include Reconciliation, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction.

Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy which is recorded three times in the Diary of Saint Faustina, each time in a slightly different way: "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy."



The parishes of Holy Redeemer and St. John (Daylight) invite you to join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7th) with an hour of Adoration and Reconciliation beginning at 2:00 pm. A blessing of the Divine Mercy image will follow at 3:00 pm, accompanied by singing the Divine Mercy chaplet. Please make plans to join us at Holy Redeemer for this special time of prayer and reflection. All are welcome! ***Please note, Sacramental Confession on Divine Mercy Sunday is not a requirement for the plenary indulgence. Confession during Lent or up to 20 days after Divine Mercy can suffice for the plenary indulgence.**



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.



Welcome to St. Bernard A Catholic Community Since 1877

5342 E. State Road 168
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Pastor: Fr. Chris Forler

Deacons: Vince Bernardin, Richard Leibundguth, Lonny Davis

Catechetical Leader: Rose Obert

Office Managers: Lori Spindler (lspindler@evdio.org)
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.

Reconciliation: 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
lspindler@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, Larry Meeks, Rose Obert, Haley Oing

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

Saturday, April 6, 2024 ~ Divine Mercy