

WELCOME TO THE
CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BERNARD



ST. JOSEPH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday 7:00 a.m.
Friday 8:15 a.m.
Adoration: Second Friday of month (24 hrs) 9 a.m.–9 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays 5:00-5:45 p.m. Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Call the parish office at least six months in advance of wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Administered annually and by appointment.

ST. BERNARD

5342 E. State Road 168, Ft. Branch, IN 47648

Pastor: Fr. Brian Emmick
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Parish Website: stbernardsnakerun.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Monday—Friday Communion Service 8:00 a.m.
Adoration First Friday of each month 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sundays 8:00-8:15 a.m.

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April 5, 2020 ~ Palm Sunday



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*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life’s successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it’s the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?



Mass Intentions

Fr. Brian will continue to offer a private daily Mass for our scheduled intentions.

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| Monday, April 6, 2020 | Betty Lefler |
| Tuesday, April 7, 2020 | No Mass - Chrism Mass |
| Wednesday, April 8, 2020 | Alvin Koberstein |
| Thursday, April 9, 2020 | Linus Koberstein |
| Friday, April 10, 2020 | No Mass - Good Friday |
| Saturday, April 11, 2020 | Jerry Marx |
| Sunday, April 12, 2020 | St. Joseph & St. Bernard |



Parish Mission:

*Reborn In Baptism;
Transformed
Into Disciples*



**The chapel entrance of the church will be unlocked
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
seven days a week**



Thank you to all who have returned Flower Memorials for Easter. Although we will not have an Easter Mass in the Church this year, we would like to use the Flower Memorial donations for flowers in the Church when we do resume Mass. What a celebration that will be! If you would like to have your Flower Memorial donation returned to you, please call the parish office.

A big **THANK YOU** to all who have signed up for online giving or are returning their collection envelopes by mail. Weekly stewardship is vital for the continuing existence of our parish. We expect to lose substantial income due to the stay-at-home order. Please continue to prayerfully consider supporting the parish in this uncertain time. You can support our parish in the following ways:

- Sign up for online giving via our website or mobile app.
- Have your bank send a check to the parish. It works just like paying bills through your bank.
- Send your contributions in the mail to the parish office.

If you have questions or need assistance setting up online giving, please contact Angie in the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



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| March 29, 2020 Collection | \$ 4,925.00 |
| Online Giving for the week of March 29, 2020 | \$ <u>1,890.00</u> |
| Total Collection for March 29, 2020 | \$ 6,815.00 |
| Needed for weekly budget | \$ 8,899.21 |
| Variance for March 29, 2020 | (\$ 2,084.21) |
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| YTD Collection (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020) | \$313,001.69 |
| Needed to meet budget | \$347,069.19 |
| YTD Variance | (\$ 34,067.50) |
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| Pathways Scholarship Fund | \$ 5,958.98 |

Thank you!



We encourage our parishioners to patronize our sponsors. It is through their generosity that our weekly bulletin comes to you at no cost to the church. Our sponsor this week is:

UEBELHOR & SONS INC

Thank you to all the businesses who sponsor our bulletin.

With senior citizens and those with compromised health being the most vulnerable to Covid-19 (Coronavirus), the Evangelization and Outreach Commission would like to offer assistance to anyone who needs help in getting their groceries or needed supplies. We understand that one of the main ways to prevent getting this illness is to stay home and isolated, so we want to help anyone we can in their efforts to stay well! Please call the parish office to set up arrangements.



If you haven't already, don't forget to download the St. Joseph Parish App to keep up on the latest information, donate online, contact staff members, and register to receive notifications. iPhone users text *ParishApp1* to 555888, and Android users text *ParishApp2* to 555888, or go to the parish website and follow the link.. Once you download the app, go to the *More* item on the menu and choose *Message Settings*. From there you can choose the groups that you would like to receive notifications from. Remember that the *General* group will give you important notifications from the parish. Please call the parish office with any questions.

Everyone should have received a letter from Fr. Brian a couple of weeks ago. We plan to communicate with the parishioners in several different ways:

- ◆ Letters
- ◆ St. Joseph Website at www.stjosephprinceton.org
- ◆ Mobile App - more information on this page
- ◆ Telephone - Parish-wide informational calls
- ◆ St. Joseph Facebook Page

If you have not received the letter from Fr. Brian, or the phone calls that have gone out from the office, please contact the parish office to update your information.

Holy Thursday brings us the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we exalt the cross and commemorate the death of Jesus. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate! But what about the day in between? Between death and life, the time holds its breath. For the first disciples, Holy Saturday was a day of silence, sorrow, and waiting. But redemption is already beginning! Jesus descends to the dead and frees righteous souls awaiting eternal life. On our own Holy Saturdays, we too wait in silence. But it is not the silence of disappointment and confusion. It is the silence of anticipation. Soon and very soon, dawn will alight on the horizon, and the stone will be rolled back. Until then, we wait in stillness.

PALM SUNDAY

Dear Family,

“Be Still and Know that I am God.” -Psalm 46:11

Psalm 46 is one of my favorite psalms. Its words speak to my heart, especially in this time.

I feel like I am still absorbing all the changes that are happening day by day. The social distancing recommendations have just been extended through the whole month of April. I worry about the health of all. I worry about our local businesses and economy. I worry about those who work in healthcare and emergency services. Now we are at Holy Week. For the first time in centuries, it will be celebrated in private.

My first impulse says “What can I do?!” My heart wants to fix it. The purification I must undergo is to realize that I can’t fix it. There is nothing I can do to change something beyond my control. I know many are feeling this for so many reasons. There are worries about family, income, health, isolation, and the future. There is sadness for the loss of the normal. There is sadness for the loss of our routine. We want “to do” something to change this.

Then there is the voice of God:

“Be Still and Know that I am God.”

What is God trying to speak to us in this time?

What is he trying to purify in my life?

What is he trying to convert?

What pride is he trying to get me to let go of?

How is he trying to get me to trust in him more?

What is my lack of control teaching me?



“Be Still and Know that I am God.”

Blessings this Holy Week,

Fr. Brian



Psalm 46

¹For the leader. A song of the Korahites. According to alamoath. ²God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. ³Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the depths of the sea, ⁴Though its waters rage and foam and mountains totter at its surging. ⁵Streams of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most

High. ⁶God is in its midst; it shall not be shaken; God will help it at break of day. ⁷Though nations rage and kingdoms totter, he utters his voice and the earth melts. ⁸The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. ⁹Come and see the works of the LORD, who has done fearsome deeds on earth; ¹⁰who stops wars to the ends of the earth, breaks the bow, splinters the spear, and burns the shields with fire; ¹¹“Be still and know that I

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Outreach

With senior citizens and those with compromised health being the most vulnerable to COVID-19, the Outreach Commission would like to offer assistance to anyone who needs help in getting their groceries or supplies. We understand that one of the main ways to prevent getting this illness is to stay home and isolate, so we want to help anyone we can in their efforts to stay well! Please call Steve Obert at 812-779-6775 to set up arrangements.

Bulletins

The bulletins will be in the mailbox on the east side of church for anyone who wants to pick up at the curbside. Remember you can see the bulletin on the website too at

www.stbernardsnakerun.org

There is also a link on our website to the Catholic Diocese. It has many different resources to Live Mass and prayers.

PRAYERS

Eli Weisheit, Michelle Ziebel, Gwen Graber, Crystal Williamson, Kenny & Marcia Reising, Wilma Miley, Katie Bender, Elvira Meny, Retta Woodruff, Julia Market, Carl Michel, Betty Thompson, Trent Horrall, Jim Lubbers, Herb Bethe, Mary Like, Dianne Gress, Stan Phillips, Ralph Elpers, Susan Williamson, Tom Vaal, Deven Pohl, Connie Hill, Will Adcock, Jeff Corn, Genevieve Weber Lubbers, Diane Denton
Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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| March 29, 2020 Collection | \$ 462.00 |
| Needed for weekly budget | \$ 1,585.52 |
| Variance for March 29, 2020 | (\$ 1,123.52) |
| YTD Collection | \$ 61,923.20 |
| Needed to meet budget | \$ 61,835.28 |
| YTD Variance | \$ 87.92 |
| Church Renovation Fund | \$ 87,575.00 |

Thank you!

In order to keep our Church functioning, we need your Sunday donations to continue. Please prayerfully consider what you can give and mail to St. Bernard Church.

Now is a good time to consider electronic giving. This can be set up with your bank weekly or monthly.

HOLY WEEK

This is such a sad, sad time that we are unable to attend Mass during Holy Week. Many bishops and pastors have suggested that Catholics can benefit from increased personal prayer and watching a live broadcast of Mass while making a spiritual communion from home to unite ourselves with God. **Resources** include EWTN, Bishop Barren-Word on Fire or the South Gibson Catholic page which can be found at [Fb.me/sgcatholic](https://www.facebook.com/sgcatholic) or on their facebook page. This will have live Mass everyday along with other great information.



Stations of the Cross & Rosary Garden

We now have Stations of the Cross figures at St. Bernard. Please take advantage of walking these stations in prayer along with walking the Rosary Garden in Prayer during Holy Week as part of your devotions.

Church Remains Open

Adoration is cancelled and renovation continues but the church doors **remain open** Friday through Monday for you to sit in front of the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. With the renovation currently going on, the front doors will now be opened instead of the side door. There will be some folding chairs set up in the back to sit while you pray. Please remember to keep social distancing if someone else is in the church.

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena

There are pamphlets in the drawer of the table as you walk into the church or you can print the prayer online from EWTN and search Novena. This starts on Good Friday. **PLEASE COMMIT TO SAYING THIS NOVENA DURING THESE TIMES!** Because of the pandemic, the Pope has granted that anyone who, with “the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible,” recites the [Divine Mercy Chaplet](#) with



the intention “to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself,” can receive a plenary indulgence each day. If you do not understand Plenary Indulgence please study this on the internet.

Renovation Updates

We will post pictures on the church website on the renovations taking place in church. Check it out!