

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Rosary	Lori Spindler
Sacristan	Robert Fuhs
Gifts	Charlotte & Roxy Rohrbach
Lector	Michael Smith
Servers	Allison Spindler, Annie Obert
Greeters	Leroy & Sauny Seib
Cantor	Sarah Reising
Money Counters	Camy & Chris Davis
Homebound EM	Dennis Gress
Traveling Chalice	Pat Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Rosary	Leroy Seib
Sacristan	John Hasenour
Gifts	Harrison & Miles Obert
Lector	Kim Elpers
Servers	Lucas Ivy, Cole Phillips
Greeters	K of C
Cantor	Kelly Obert
Money Counters	Klint Obert
	Kirk Peterson
Homebound EM	Terri Ziliak
Traveling Chalice	Pat Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 3 - 5:30 p.m.

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Thursday, August 8

+ Bernard & Marie Hasenour

Saturday, August 10 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Don Gries

Stewardship of Treasure

July 27 Collection **\$1,183.00**
 Needed for weekly budget **\$1,820.96**

YTD Collection **\$10,537.00**
 Needed to meet budget **\$9,104.80**
 YTD Variance **\$1,432.20**

Children's Collection **\$4.00**

Thank you for your generosity!

**New fiscal year began July 1*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was very good to be able to get away and take some time in nature on the mountain, so to speak. However, after every mountaintop experience, there is always the coming back to the bottom. The Christian life and walk and fight for the Faith goes on.

So imagine my surprise when I got down from the Wind River Range and began getting media and messages about the Olympics' opening ceremonies. In case you don't know, or didn't see it, one of the opening theatrical shows began with what was obviously intended to be a gender-ideology message on 'inclusion'. That wasn't the worst part, as it was also intended to be both an inversion and mockery of the Last Supper by Da Vinci, with elements of a feast of Dionysius. The display included men in drag, people essentially naked, gyrating and dancing sexually, the whole disordered lot. Probably not ironically, the very next act after this one was entitled 'darkness'. Darkness indeed.

In ancient Greece the God Dionysius (in ancient Rome he was known more commonly as Bacchus) was the god of revelry, wine, liberality, male fertility, and general licentiousness. The cult's 'worship' often included drunkenness, orgies, transvestitism, and essentially doing away with any kind of social morality. Not surprisingly, it was very popular in ancient pagan Europe, as it gave full permission for many people's falling human desires.

Not long after seeing all of this, a friend of mine texted me and had this to say: "America hosts a giant Eucharistic Congress and one week later France blasphemes against the Institution of the Eucharist. To me it's clear that the congress was efficacious - Satan responded."

I agree 100%! And this spells out a major dynamic in the cosmic battle between Good and evil. Satan cannot create and unite and breathe life. He can only mock and invert and subvert and destroy. And anytime God is honored with authentic worship or good deeds or works of mercy, expect the demonic blowback. But know that God is all powerful and he will not be mocked! What happened after this in the city of Paris? In a huge area of central Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, a power outage occurred the following night affecting about 85,000 people. The one building in this zone that *didn't seem to* lose power? The *Sacre Coeur*, or the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, one of the most beautiful Catholic Churches in the city, which sits on the highest hill in the city. It continued to be emblazoned and spotlighted with light. Coincidence? I don't buy it.

The lesson I think is this: God is obviously on the winning side. He is so patient and good, but He is trying to get our attention. We must return to His teaching and His honor, *not* our own! Also, Satan wants to discourage us from doing good works and right religion, and he will throw obstacles and mockery and difficulty at us often when we try to do good. **This should not discourage us!** I have experienced and know of many stories of others who have experienced this in life. People who have had no such experiences suddenly have 'paranormal' or 'haunting' phenomena in their house, *especially* when they've been away from their faith and are starting to get back to it. What is that? Satan's petty retaliation.

I am most heartened by the millions of people who have reacted critically to this event at the Olympics. It tells me that there are still people who wish to honor God and reject this nonsense. I think we need as Catholics to be more vocal and courageous in pushing back against such evils in our culture. We need not fear! God is the victor! God is good! Place your trust in Jesus, not in the world or in ideologies that cannot save!

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus, -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is this Thursday, August 8 after 6 pm Mass. All old and new parish council members will need to attend.

St. Bernard's Parish Picnic will be next Saturday, August 10 after the 5:30 pm Mass. The Altar Society will be providing dinner and dessert. Please sign-up in the back of church or text Jess Anderson at 812-664-7280. We hope to see everyone!



Brute Award Nominations

Brute Award nominations are now being accepted for the Brute Award which recognizes outstanding models of Christian stewardship. Nomination sheets are in the back of church with a short description of who you are nominating and why. You may put it in the collection labeled "Brute" by August 5. Previous recipients are on the church website.



Fleas

All **gently used** items can be placed in the rectory basement. We are accepting all items except women's clothing. If you have any questions, please see Sarah Spindler or Jess Anderson. Please have all fleas dropped off by **August 15** so the committee has time to price items.

Basket Raffle Stand

Last year's basket raffle was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who made baskets and/or bought chances!! We would like your family to create a theme basket to be raffled off at the chicken dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church along with lists for new ideas. Haven't made a basket before? Please consider it this summer. Families can go together to help with cutting costs. These creative baskets have been successful. Baskets are due on or before September 1st or bring the morning of the dinner. Thank you in advance for your support!



Thank You

Thank you to Christie Woodruff for repainting the white statues around the rectory/church. Thank you to Jim Schmitt and all who helped clean up the storm damage. Thank you to those who mulched this past week. I am sure we have missed some who helped recently around the church, but God knows who you are!! We are blessed with so many parishioners who give of their time!!

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

August 15 is the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass at St. Bernard will be at 6 p.m.



Sympathy and Prayers to Christie Woodruff on the loss of her long time boyfriend, Jason Hulfachor, who passed away on July 23. May he rest in peace.

Church Cleaning Teams for August

Susan Smith, Deann Gress, Jenny Stephens, Juli Phillips, Julie Sterczer, Michelle Siekman
Men's Team
 Bernie Spindler's Team

Upcoming Youth Events

Aug. 25 – Kickoff Mass and Fellowship

SMG Kickoff Youth Mass & Fellowship

Kickoff the new school year on Sunday Aug. 25th with a youth Mass and fellowship after! We'll begin with 5:00pm Mass at St. James followed by ice cream and games afterward. The whole family is invited. Ends at 7:00pm. We need youth to do the parts of Mass (servers, music, readings, etc.) so please let Bryan know if you can help!

Any questions/concerns about youth events please contact Bryan Macke at 664-7992 or bmacke@evdio.org. Diocesan Event Waivers can be found in the back of each church or on our webpage at www.smgyouth.com



Welcome to St. Bernard A Catholic Community Since 1877

5342 E. State Road 168
Fort Branch, IN 47648

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

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

Sacraments:

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

Race for vocations

Join people of all ages from all communities on October 5 to "Race for Vocations." Sign up to run or walk the YMCA half marathon or 5-miler, and wear your Race for Vocations shirt to promote and support vocations in our diocese. Sign up on our Form to get updates about our Thursday evening Mass and dinner, and about the post-race tailgate for family and friends at Sts. Mary & John after. This event is co-sponsored by St. Benedict Cathedral and the Vocations Office. Find us on Facebook for information.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS TALKS

I hope everyone is having a great summer! We just returned from the National Eucharistic Congress and it was a pivotal and life changing moment for us and I believe for our church. I have posted several of the videos to a page on our local Eucharistic Congress website that I thought you may want to view and share with others. You may find them at [National Eucharistic Congress Highlights and Talks](#). Thank you for helping to share the amazing love Jesus shows us in His presence in the Eucharist.



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St John the Evangelist
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Evansville, IN 47725

September 18, 2024
7:00pm
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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 - 7:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8:00 a.m.

Fri-



PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Ronnie Martin, Judy Schuth, Mary Lou Michel, Johnsie Michel, Ed & Sue Miskovic, Mary Lou Wolf, Greg & Rose Obert, Jeff Williamson, Brenda Smith, Cindy Knotts, Ed Nurrenbern, Phyllis Schmitts, Bret Weber, Larry Pflugh, Don Phillips, Rita Hasenour

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

Saturday, August 3, 2024 ~ 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time