

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

**Rosary** Terri Ziliak  
**Sacristan** Dennis Gress  
**Gifts** Roxy & Madison Rohrbach  
**Lector** Alechia Memmer  
**Servers** Emily Anderson, Blakelee Obert  
**Greeter** John & Sarah Spindler  
**Cantor** Leroy Seib  
**Money Counters** Dennis Gress  
Holly Heichelbech

**Homebound EM** Dennis Gress  
**Traveling Chalice** Jim & Jan Schmitt

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

**Rosary** Dennis Titzer  
**Sacristan** Bernie Spindler  
**Gifts** Gracy Ivy, Oliver O'Connor  
**Lector** Sarah Spindler  
**Servers** Teddy O'Connor, Kaleb Sterczer  
**Greeter** K of C  
**Cantor** Sarah Reising  
**Money Counters** Jenny Fuhs  
Mike Smith  
**Homebound EM** Terri Ziliak

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 21 - 5:30 p.m.**

+ Tony Sevier

**Tuesday December 24 - 10:00 p.m.**

+ Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

**Saturday, December 28 - 5:30 p.m.**

+ Kyle Jennings

### Stewardship of Treasure

December 14 Collection	\$5,210.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,820.96
YTD Collection	\$49,952.00
Needed to meet budget	\$40,061.12
YTD Variance	\$9,890.88

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we complete the anticipation of Advent and celebrate the coming of the Savior visibly into this world. Merry Christmas to all, and grace and peace to you and yours!

As we make these last preparations for Christmas and celebrate this great feast, we of course do so on two levels. We celebrate in the earthly and physical sense with family and friends, sharing meals and gifts and times of merriment. We of course also do so in the way of the Spirit, and this is even more important.

Time and history and worldly events go marching on, of course. We have once again witnessed division and social conflict during an election year, and even more concerning is the continuation and even intensification of world conflicts and wars. Ongoing economic struggles are the state of affairs for many folks. Through the eyes of this world, we would appear to have much to lament and worry over.

However, through the eyes of faith, we have so much to be thankful for and look forward to! Sin and death are the worst calamities to befall this world, and God loves us enough to come to liberate us from that! Not only this, but he consents to do so as a tiny child, showing His great humility and concern for us. Truly our God is a great God. He does not leave us hopeless in the dead-end road of this world. He breaks into its very depths and seeks to deliver us to a new and everlasting life. That first hope dawned with the conception and birth of our Savior. God be praised!

On a more personal note, as your pastor, I wanted to extend my most heartfelt thanks for your many cards, gifts and well-wishes, and especially your prayers. I'm truly blessed by God beyond measure in the people He has sent me to. Thank you for being a wonderful, faithful, and generous flock to God and to your priest. As always, you humble me.

The richest of blessings to you and all those you love. Once more, Merry Christmas!

In Jesus the long-awaited Messiah,  
-Fr. Chris

## ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

### Pizza and Caroling

Please help us spread a little Christmas cheer to our parishioners!! We will begin with pizza in the school hall and then off to caroling on Sunday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m. Please text Lori Spindler today, December 21 if you would like to join us!

### End of Year Donations

All donations for tax substantiation must be turned in by January 1 and dated December 31. Anything received after January 1 will be recorded as a 2025 donation.

### Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who helped and participated in this years Live Advent Program. We have many talented parishioners at our Parish. The evening was so magical and helped us to stop and remember the true meaning of **Christmas**. Thank you Peyton Steckler and to the teachers, students, parents, and Altar Society for all your hard work. We have a very special Parish!

### Angel Tree

Please have all your items under the tree by tonight, December 21. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make someone else's Christmas a little brighter!! See Ericka with any questions.

NO MASS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

**New Year's Eve Mass is at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, December 31.**

### **WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

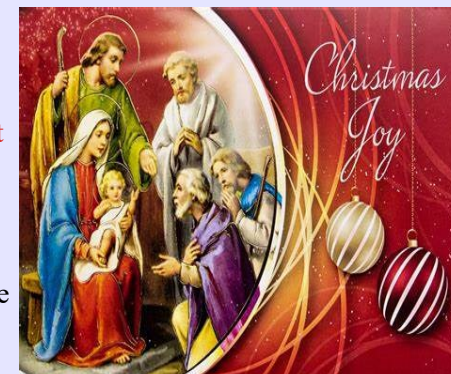
Let's remember the real reason for the season as we celebrate with family and friends this week.

**Thank you to everyone who helps make our parish what it is throughout the year through your TIME, TALENT, & TREASURES!!**

**Our parish is so blessed!!**

In honor of the Christmas season, St. Bernard is offering the book **33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY**. Please take the time to enjoy this book and grow in your Catholic Faith!

One per family, please.

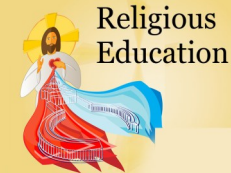


### St. Bernard Catholic Ministries Appeal

Assessment - \$31,708

Collected - \$31,190

% Collected - 98 %



**Enjoy Christmas break!!**

**Classes resume on January 8.**

### Upcoming Youth Events

Jan. 5 – Boys Open Gym @ St. James

Jan. 5 – HS RockLife

Jan. 22 – Indiana March for Life



### Indiana March for Life for Youth (grades 8-12)

We are now reserving spots for the 1-day Evansville Diocese Pilgrimage for Life to Indianapolis. Go online at [www.evdio.org/march-for-life](http://www.evdio.org/march-for-life) to see more info. Registrations are due in parish office by **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Bryan if you're interested. We'll leave early morning of January 22<sup>nd</sup> (around 5:30am) and return that evening around 5:30pm, **missing 1 day of school**. Cost is \$30 which includes a hoodie, lunch, and transportation.

Any questions/concerns about youth events please contact Bryan Macke at 664-7992 or [bmacke@evdio.org](mailto:bmacke@evdio.org). Diocesan Event Waivers can be found on our webpage at [www.smg youth.com](http://www.smg youth.com) or hardcopies in the back of each church.

### Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope

*The Jubilee Year of 2025 is quickly approaching. As we take time these last weeks of the year to make our preparations for the celebration of Christmas, we should also take time to prepare our parishes, institutions, and ourselves to engage more fully in the many opportunities for mercy, forgiveness, and peace the Jubilee provides. To help with this, the Office of Worship has prepared the following aids to help. More information and resources will come as the Jubilee year begins.*

**What is a Jubilee?** The Jubilee has its roots in ancient Jewish practice (see Leviticus 25). The word “Jubilee” comes from the Hebrew *yobel*, which is the ram’s horn that was blown to mark the beginning of this special year. During this “year of favor” slaves would be freed, debts forgiven and the mercy of God would be celebrated. The first Christian Holy Year was declared in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII. Originally designated to be celebrated every 100 years, in modern times, a Jubilee Year is normally held every 25 years (although Pope Francis called an extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2016).

**What Happens in a Jubilee?** The celebration of jubilee years typically includes pilgrimages, processions, celebrations of Mass, and an invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These liturgical celebrations are opportunities to receive the Lord’s mercy, especially through the practice of the Jubilee indulgence, and lead to the performance of works of mercy.

**What is Jubilee 2025?** The motto for the Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope.” In the official document declaring the Jubilee (called a “papal bull”), Pope Francis suggests several ways to bring Christ and his message of hope to the world, for example, by working for peace and an end to conflicts, promoting human life, showing amnesty to prisoners, upholding the dignity of migrants, healing the sick, and accompanying the elderly.

**Opening of Jubilee 2025:** The Jubilee begins when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of Saint John Lateran, Saint Mary Major and Saint Paul Outside the Walls, as well as Rebibbia Prison in Rome.

**Opening of the Diocesan Jubilee – Sunday, December 29, 10:30 am, Saint Benedict Cathedral: All are invited to the cathedral for the celebration of the local opening of the Jubilee on the Feast of the Holy Family. The Jubilee cross will be brought into the cathedral and the Jubilee will officially begin for the diocese.**



**Rooted in Him** - Gifts that inspire faith for the home and garden! We are now open in Haubstadt, Indiana at Daylight Land Management. You will find a variety of items to grow your faith and embellish your home honoring the beauty of the world with which God has blessed us all.



## 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, Lonny Davis

**Catechetical Leader:** Rose Obert

**Office Managers:** Lori Spindler ([lspindler@evdio.org](mailto:lspindler@evdio.org))  
Terri Ziliak ([tziliak@evdio.org](mailto:tziliak@evdio.org))

**Maintenance:** Jeff Meny (812-385-6861)

**Parish Council President:** Nick Ivy

**Altar Society President:** Ericka Obert

**School Hall Rental:** Terri Ziliak/Lori Spindler

**Table & Chair Rental:** Jeff & Tammy Meny

**Parish Website:** [stbernardsnakerun.org](http://stbernardsnakerun.org)

**Parish Office:** 812-615-0201

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

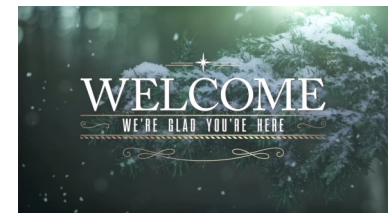
### Sacraments:

**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](mailto:lspindler@evdio.org) or calling the parish office

### 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.

Friday - 9:00 a.m.



### PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Mary Lou Michel, Johnsie Michel, Ed & Sue Miskovic, Mary Lou Wolf, Greg & Rose Obert, Jeff Williamson, Cindy Knotts, Ed Nurrenbern, Larry Pflug, Rita Hasenour, Jeff Hoffman, Stephanie Silva, Teddy O'Connor, Fred Smith, Lily Hasenour

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

**Saturday, December 21 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent**