

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Rosary  
Sacristan  
Gifts  
Lector  
Servers  
Greeters  
Cantor  
Money Counters  
Homebound EM

Lori Spindler  
George Ankenbrand  
Lucas & Grace Ivy  
Kim Elpers  
Blake Silva, Maverick Reising  
Jim & Jan Schmitt  
Sarah & Maci Spindler  
Camy & Chris Davis  
Dennis Gress

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Rosary  
Sacristan  
Gifts  
Lector  
Servers  
Greeters  
Cantor  
Money Counters  
Homebound EM  
Traveling Chalice

Leroy Seib  
Dennis Gress  
Maverick Reising, Carson Heichelbech  
Elizabeth Ivy  
Audrey Spindler, Kaleb Sterczer  
K of C  
Sarah Reising  
Jenny Fuhs  
Matt Obert  
Volunteer  
Madelyn Spindler

MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ Mary & Brian Riley

Wednesday, February 14 -7:00 p.m.

+ Robert Knotts

Thursday, February 15 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Tony Sevier

Saturday, February 17 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Al & Mary Reising

Stewardship of Treasure

February 3 Collection

\$2,352.00

Needed for weekly budget

\$1,795.38

YTD Collection

\$71,306.96

Needed to meet budget

\$57,452.16

YTD Variance

\$13,854.80

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Here we are once again at the precipice of Lent. With the coming of the Lenten season, we the People of God are once again invited into the desert with Moses and the Lord Jesus. As we know, the Bible is full of numbers of symbolic significance. 40 days of rain during the flood. 40 years wandering in the desert. 40 days being tempted by the devil. But what does this all mean? Forty is the number signifying purification. In the time of Noah, the world had become so corrupted by sin and strife that God had to cleanse the earth of that evil, save for the just man Noah and his kin. The People of God were made to wander the in the deserts of Sinai for 40 years before being allowed to enter the promised land. This was to purify them of their idolatry and distrust of the power and love of God to protect them. Many were not confident that God could allow them to conquer the mighty nations that occupied what would eventually become Israel. As a result of their lack of faith, he allowed them to have to depend totally on Him and the manna and springs that He would provide for them. Thus, a new generation of people would learn to trust the Lord in all things and love Him above all else. Finally, Jesus confronted the devil for 40 days in the desert, abstaining from food and the needs of the flesh. And not only did he succeed in thwarting the devil’s wiles, but He gave us an example of trust and confidence in the Father and a detachment from the slavery to worldly goods and titles and honors and comforts. We are confronted with many anxieties, especially in this world that seems to grow darker in sin, disaster, and now growing conflicts in the world. What is the solution? Human solutions are sorely lacking, but the Spirit of God and His power is the ultimate solution. We must grow closer to Christ, period. Let us approach this Lent with plans to truly give of ourselves and curb our fleshly desires. Increasing our personal prayer, fasting (from food or many of the worldly things we depend on), and almsgiving (giving to the poor and to the Church) in some way is always a solution for growing in relationship with Christ, especially in this coming season. We should take these last few days to make a plan and ask for the strong resolve to carry it out. May these upcoming forty days be for us a cleansing of heart and soul for the acclamation of the Lord at Easter. May we master our passions, embrace self-denial to intercede for others, and feed our minds with the Truth of God by study and prayer. We are offering many good opportunities for diving deeper into Lent over the coming weeks. Let us take advantage of them!

A blessed Lent to all, - Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY—Wednesday, February 14 at St. Bernard

Rosary at 6:30 p.m.—Stations of the Cross at 6:55 p.m. followed by Mass at St. Bernard at 7:15 pm.

Soup Supper

The Confirmation Students, with the help of the Altar Society, will be hosting a Soup Supper after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 17. All St. Bernard parishioners are invited to join us for food and fellowship! We will be serving soup, sandwiches, and desserts. Hope to see everyone! Please sign up if you can come!

The Knights of Columbus Haubstadt 2215 raised \$1,700 at 4 parishes for One Rose One Life Campaign. St. Bernard raised \$200. Thank you for your generosity. All proceeds will go to Right of Life of Gibson County and True Hope Pregnancy Center in Princeton.

Lent

Lent starts this Wednesday....have you thought about what you are going to do for Christ this Lent. Be ready to offer sacrifices for our Lord!! Below are some idea.

Resources to Grow Your Faith this Lent

Penance Service on March 7 at St. Bernard

Little Black Book for Lent donated by the Knights of Columbus in the back of church.

The Word Among Us—Lent Booklets are in the back of church.

Bible in a Year Podcast or Catechism in a year by Fr. Mike Schmitz (never too late to start)

Read the books you received for Christmas, Beautiful Eucharist

Make a Welcome Retreat (info on the back side of bulletin)

Mass on Thursday night followed by Stations of the Cross. Why not make this part of your Lenten Journey!!

We will be saying the Stations of the Cross after Thursday evening Masses during Lent. If your family would like to help lead , please contact Terri Ziliak at 812-677-0511. We would like to have a different family each week.

Palms

There is a box in the back of church for any unwanted palms you may have in your home.

St. Meinrad Weekend - Please welcome Fr. Jonathan Fassero this weekend to St. Bernard!

For many years, the Diocese of Evansville has benefited from the ministry of those formed at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Seminary and School of Theology. This weekend our parish will learn more about their important work from a monk of Saint Meinrad. In our diocese, 47 active and retired priests, 58 permanent deacons, and 310 lay ministers attended Saint Meinrad. In addition, countless high school students were formed in faith and prepared for liturgical ministry through Saint Meinrad’s “One Bread, One Cup” program. After this weekend, Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, will send a letter asking for your financial support to continue their efforts. Please consider partnering in their work. As always, please continue to pray more vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, vowed religious life, and lay ministry. Scan the QR code to learn more about Saint Meinrad. To submit prayer requests, visit [www.saintmeinrad.edu/prayer](http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/prayer).

Women’s Church Cleaners for February

Rena Schleter, Deann Gress, Ericka Obert, Kelly Obert, Cindy Titzer

Men’s Church Cleaners for February

(Sweep and Mop Ceramic Tile)

Bernie Spindler’s Team

Religion Class

February 14 - All Grades sit with your family for Ash Wednesday Mass

LENT

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Upcoming Youth Events

- Feb. 16 – MS Lent Night
- Feb. 17-19 – TEC
- Feb. 18 – Bingo w/ Elderly
- Feb. 18 – Girl Time
- Feb. 18 – Boys Open Gym
- Feb. 18 – HS RockLife
- Feb. 22 – Winter Jam
- Feb. 24 – MS Swonder Ice Skating
- March 8-10 – Source + Summit Retreat



Source + Summit Retreat

Mark your calendar for Source + Summit 2024... March 8-10 at Mater Dei HS. This year’s theme is “Blessed Are Those Called to the Supper of the Lamb.” Registration forms are available in the back of church or at [www.sourcesummit-evansville.org](http://www.sourcesummit-evansville.org), and it includes all the info about the weekend, including a list of awesome speakers this year! This is for all youth ages 13-24. Cost is \$50. Make checks payable to the Diocese of Evansville. Bus transportation provided (cost covered by St. James Men’s Club this year). We will meet at Tri-State Speedway parking lot. Bus will depart at 5:00 on Friday, and 7:30 on Sat. and Sun. morning. **Deadline to turn in forms & payment is Mon., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.** Adult chaperones will be needed for this event (if all you can chaperone is one day that is still greatly appreciated).

**TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)** is a three-day experience for young people who are searching for goals, acceptance, meaning, and for community. Adults are also welcome and encouraged to attend as they increase our witness to our faith while experiencing their own encounter with Christ. Candidates can expect to meet others from all areas of the Diocese, find how God fits in your life, and encounter the Risen Jesus Christ. You will have time to reflect on your life, ideas, hopes, and dreams away from home, school, and/or work. You can find an application and more information at <http://www.switec.org/>. You must be a junior in HS to attend. The next weekend is Feb. 17-19, 2024, at St. Mary’s Church in Ireland. Feel free to send in applications for any of the weekends, but please know that they may fill quickly, so send in your application soon.

MS Friday Night Lent Series

All middle school youth are invited to join us 3 Fridays during Lent. This is a great way for them to draw nearer to God during the Lenten season! We’ll have cheese pizzas and social time as well! Join us in the youth room at Sts. P&P beginning Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm (and continuing Fridays: Feb. 23 & March 22). Bring a friend and your waiver! (Put all 3 dates on the same waiver!)

Winter Jam 2024 @ Ford Center in Evansville

Winter Jam is a spectacular Christian Music Tour you won’t want to miss!! Artists include Crowder, Lecrae, Katy Nichole, and many others. It’s on **Thursday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Open to High & Middle school youth. We will meet at Sts. P&P at 4:00 pm and take the mini-bus to the concert. We’ll get some fast food so bring a few extra bucks! We will return around 11:30 pm. Cost is \$15. Diocese permission slip along with \$15 is due in any parish office by Wednesday, Feb. 21 if you plan on attending.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Haubstadt Daughters of Isabella Spaghetti Supper** is Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm at the K of C Hall in Haubstadt. Serving spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad, applesauce, garlic bread, drinks & desserts. \$12 - Adults, \$6 - Children ages 5-10, kids 4 and under free! Eat -In or carry-out available.

Welcome Weekend

The next weekend will be March 2/3 for the Women and March 9/10 for the Men. This weekend is a spiritual weekend that will renew your faith and put a fire in your heart that might have been missing. This is a great weekend to do during the Lenten season. <http://welcomespp.wixsite.com/welcomeweekend> For more information, contact Kristen Nall 270-635-1513 or Aaron Lubbenhusen 812-598-4485. God is waiting for you!!



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  
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](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:** Jessica Anderson  
**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

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

PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia and Sarah Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewicz, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Ronnie Martin, Teddy O’Connor  
*Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off the list.*

Saturday, February 10, 2024 ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time