

LITURGICAL MINISTRY	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17	
Rosary	Leroy Seib
Sacristan	Dennis Gress
Gifts	Carson & Brian Heichelbech
Lector	Elizabeth Ivy
Servers	Audrey Spindler, Kaleb Sterczer
Greeters	K of C
Cantor	Choir
Money Counters	Jenny Fuhs Matt Obert
Homebound EM	Volunteer
Traveling Chalice	Madelyn Spindler
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24	
Rosary	Terri Ziliak
Sacristan	Bernie Spindler
Gifts	Alex Wilson, Harrison Obert
Lector	Deann Gress
Servers	Bailey & Allison Spindler
Greeters	Schleiter Family
Cantor	Leroy Seib
Money Counters	Holly Heichelbech Klint Obert
Homebound EM	Rena Schleiter

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, February 17 - 5:30 p.m. + Al & Mary Reising
Thursday, February 22 - 6:00 p.m. + Mary & Brian Riley
Saturday, February 24 - 5:30 p.m. + Clemens & Marie Obert August Wulf

<u>Stewardship of Treasure</u>	
February 10 Collection	\$3,467.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$74,773.96
Needed to meet budget	\$59,247.54
YTD Variance	\$15,526.42
Children’s Collection	\$3.00
<i>Thank You!</i>	

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lent is a season of the elementals. We simplify our lives. We simplify our liturgies. It is all a move to ‘get back to the basics’, so to speak. This is a normal process of human life, and one that I think everyone understands on one level or another. Spring cleaning and having a garage sale is a common thing that we do when we simply have too much clutter in our lives. It’s healthy, it’s cleansing, and it helps us to determine what is most important and necessary in our lives.

Lent is also, as I’ve said before, not only a time to subtract things such as sin and distraction, but a time to enrich and add. This is especially true in matters of faith and devotion. Many people place a renewed emphasis on the Rosary. We may pick the devotion of the Stations of the Cross back up, especially in this season. But one gift that we are also given is the opportunity to come to an adoration chapel like at St. John’s, or make a visit to Jesus in the tabernacle. We can ‘get to know the Boss’ a little bit better by spending time with Him.

It is impossible to overstate the importance of the Eucharist in our lives as Catholics. Without the Eucharist, we would lose the special sacramental Presence of Christ in the world today. We would miss out on the greatest source of grace available to us to live lives of holiness and virtue. Mass is the way most Catholics have of encountering this sacramental presence of Jesus. However, the Church has recognized for hundreds of years that simply spending time with the Lord in adoration is immensely beneficial as well. It is a way of extending the experience and contact with Jesus beyond the encounter we have on Sunday. And we can come there and pour ourselves out to Him anytime we are joyful, sorrowful, weak, or discouraged. It is a great gift.

If you already have a regular hour in adoration, I probably don’t have to tell you much about the peace that it can bring to you and the other relationships in your life, and I thank you for making that commitment of your time. I want to extend a special thanks for those who have signed up for an hour with Jesus, whether it is at the Adoration chapel at Daylight or the First Friday adoration at St. Bernard, or any other parish where adoration is available. If you have not yet signed up for a regular hour, or have yet to try coming to Jesus in quiet prayer with the Blessed Sacrament, I encourage you to honestly think about making the time for it. Yes, it is a sacrifice of your time. Yes, at first you may wonder ‘what to do’ with that hour. Just ‘waste time’ with Jesus! I think after a while, when you notice the change in your spirit, you will find that it isn’t a waste of time at all. In fact, you may find that it is one of the most important appointments on your calendar.

Peace to you,
-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Soup Supper


Due to East and South Gibson girls going to semi-state, the soup supper for tonight will be rescheduled to a later date.


Rectory Renovation

The current rectory was built in 1974 so it is 50 years old! To keep it looking nice, we would like to form a committee to look at updating the flooring and painting the walls. Anyone interested can attend the planning meeting on Monday, February 26 at 6 p.m. in the rectory.

Resources to Grow Your Faith this Lent

- Confessions on March 7 at St. Bernard
- Little Black Book for Lent in back of church donated by the K of C.
- The Word Among Us—Lent Booklets are in the back of church.
- Make a Welcome Retreat (info on the back side of bulletin)
- Mass on Thursday night/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.

Confirmation Mass

Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday, March 3 at 10 a.m. A reception with a light lunch will be served. Everyone is invited! We will also have our normal Saturday evening Mass that weekend on March 2 at 5:30 p.m.

New Members

We would like to welcome Edward and Susan Miskovic to our parish. They moved here to be closer to their daughter in Princeton and now live in Fort Branch. Welcome to our parish family!!

Congratulations

to our 2nd Graders Oliver O’Connor, Owen Meny, and Grace Ivy who will make their First Reconciliation this Wednesday at class!

****Copies of the February Parish Council Minutes are available in the letter tray in the back of church****

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday - 7 p.m., Good Friday - 3 p.m., Easter Sunday - 8 a.m.

Women’s Church Cleaners for February


Rena Schleiter, 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 21 - All Grades from 7 to 8



Upcoming Youth Events

- Feb. 18 – Bingo w/ Elderly

Feb. 18 – Girl Time

Feb. 18 – Boys Open Gym

Feb. 18 – HS RockLife
- Feb. 22 – Winter Jam

Feb. 23 – MS Lent Night @ Holy Cross

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, 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. 19th.** Adult chaperones will be needed for this event (if all you can chaperone is one day that is still greatly appreciated).

UPDATE: MS Friday Night Lent – Stations of the Cross @ Holy Cross

For the next Lent Night on Fri Feb. 23rd, we will meet at Holy Cross! Holy Cross has their Fish Dinner until 7pm. We will begin our Lent Night by leading the Stations of the Cross in church at 7:00pm but please come for a fresh Fish dinner beforehand! Afterward, we have the Ft. Branch gym for some dodgeball, basketball, etc. All middle school youth are invited to join. The last night will be back in the youth room at Sts. P&P on Fri, March 22 from 7-9pm. Bring a friend and your 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. 22nd**. 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.

MS Swonder Ice Skating

On Sat. Feb. 24th all middle school youth are inviting to go ice skating at Swonder along with multiple diocesan youth ministries. We have the whole rink rented out! We'll meet at Sts. P&P at 3:00pm and arrive back around 7:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Please turn in both Event & Medical waivers and payment to parish office by Wed. Feb. 21st.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

- 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. To sign up for the weekend or food: <http://welcomespp.wixsite.com/welcomeweekend>

The Knights of St. John/St. Bernadette Aux. in Haubstadt - Carry-out only Chicken Dinner on Feb. 18th, from 10:30am-Noon/sold out.

Holy Cross Journey Men - Fish Fry February 23 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. All you can Eat. Fried Fish, Mac N Cheese, Green Beans, Applesauce, Slaw, Cornbread, and Dessert. Adults \$12, Kids \$6.

Princeton Knights of Columbus - Lenten Fish Fry Dinners on: Friday, February 24th, Friday, March 3rd and Friday, March 24. From 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Princeton K of C .The meal includes: Fish, Au gratin potatoes, seasoned green beans, hushpuppies, slaw or applesauce, drink and dessert.

St. James, Haubstadt - Lenten fish fries on March 1 & 15. Join us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm for baked/fried alaskan pollock or grilled cheese, german potato salad, baked beans, cornbread, mac & cheese, slaw, dessert & a drink! Dine in or Carry Out. \$14 adults / \$7 kids.

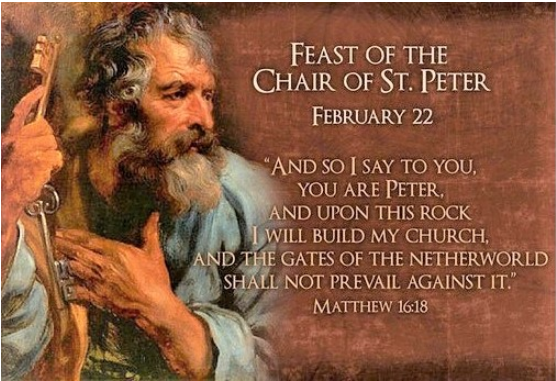


MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

- 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.
- First Saturday - 8:00 am



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

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 and Sarah Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Ronnie Martin, Teddy O'Connor, Judy Schuth

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

Saturday, February 17, 2024 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent