

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Rosary Dolores Ziliak
Sacristan Steve Obert
Gifts Spencer & Abby Heichelbech
Lector Dennis Titzer
Servers Anthony Gress, Harrison Obert
Greeters John & Diane Hasenour
Cantor Kelly Obert
Money Counters Matt Obert

Homebound EM Lori Spindler
Traveling Chalice Pat Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Rosary Lori Spindler
Sacristan George Ankenbrand
Gifts Lucas & Grace Ivy
Lector Kim Elpers
Servers Blake Silva, Maverick Reising
Greeters Jim & Jan Schmitt
Cantor Sarah & Maci Spindler
Money Counters Camy & Chris Davis
Homebound EM Dennis Gress
Traveling Chalice Pat Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Thursday, February 8 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Jack & Betty Purkiser

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

+ Mary & Brian Riley

Stewardship of Treasure

January 27 Collection	\$787.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$68,954.96
Needed to meet budget	\$55,656.78
YTD Variance	\$13,298.18

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Saturday is the memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, preceded on Friday by the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, known otherwise as Candlemas. In the liturgical sense, these celebrations go hand in hand, as the candles that are blessed for the altar are also then used the next day for the traditional throat blessing on St. Blaise's day (Feb 3).

Candlemas and the blessing of candles recalls the prophecy of Simeon when Jesus is presented at the temple in Jerusalem when he was 40 days old. The aged Simeon took the child into his arms and blessed God, declaring Jesus to be "A light of revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of His people, Israel." Jesus is our light, and so it is appropriate that we bless the lights that will illuminate the altars on which we worship Him.

St. Blaise was a bishop in the area of Armenia (north of modern-day Iran). Around the year 316, he was tortured and beheaded by the Roman governor for refusing to renounce Christ. In traditional accounts of him, he is credited with many miraculous cures, including saving the life of a boy who was choking to death on a fishbone. This story (and his beheading) are likely additional ties to why we celebrate a blessing of throats on or near his feast day. In his honor, there will be a blessing of throats after the Masses this weekend. St. Blaise, pray for us!

In Christ our Light,
-Fr. Chris



ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

St. Blaise

Saint Blaise was the Bishop in Armenia (modern Turkey) around 1,700 years ago. There are many versions of his life but he is best known for **healing the sick**. He also saved a boy with a fishbone stuck in his throat. That is why we have the Blessings of throats on his Feast day. Father Chris will bless throats after Mass this evening.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is **THIS** Thursday, February 8 after evening Mass.



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 in the back of church if you can come!

ASH WEDNESDAY—Wednesday, February 14

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 for Ash Wednesday.

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!!



Confirmation

Our high school students will be on retreat this weekend on Sunday, February 4. Please pray for them as they are completing their final steps in preparing for their Confirmation on March 3.



Religion Class - February 7 for ALL Grades from 7 to 8 p.m.

Reminder, if South Gibson cancels school d/t weather, we will not have religion.



Upcoming Youth Events

Feb. 4 – Boys Open Gym
Feb. 4 – HS RockLife
Feb. 16 – MS Lent Night
Feb. 17-19 – TEC

Feb. 18 – Girl Time
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.sourcesummitevansville.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).

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 16th 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. 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Holy Cross Church, Fort Branch, is hosting an all-you-can-eat, family style chicken dinner on February 4, 2024 from 10:45am - 1pm. Dine-in and Carry-Out options available. Cost is \$14/adult, \$5/child.

Haubstadt Daughters of Isabella Spaghetti Supper is Saturday, February 17th 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 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.

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.

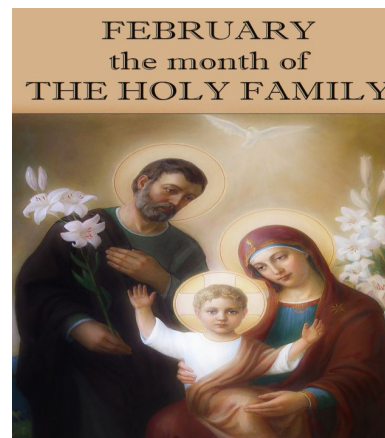
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.

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Thursday - 8:00 a.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m.

First Saturday - 8:00 am



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, Karen McCloud, 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 3, 2024 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time