

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Rosary Terri Ziliak
Sacristan John Hasenour
Gifts Harrison Obert, Madison Rohrbach
Lector Deann Gress
Servers Roxy Rohrbach, Bailey Spindler
Greeter Leroy & Sauny Seib
Cantor Sarah Reising
Money Counter Robert & Jenny Fuhs
Traveling Chalice Brandt & Jen Kolb

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Rosary Leroy Seib
Sacristan Dennis Gress
Gifts Alex & Eva Wilson
Lector Dennis Titzer
Servers Isaac Ivy, Kaleb Sterczer
Greeter Jeff & Tammy Meny
Cantor Kelly Obert
Money Counter Mike Smith, Klint Obert
Traveling Chalice Brandt & Jen Kolb

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 15 - 8:30 a.m.

+ Tony Sevier

Thursday, February 19 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Jack & Betty Purkiser

Sunday, February 22 - 8:30 a.m.

+ Roger Holzmeyer

Stewardship of Treasure

February 8 Collection	\$1,993.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$2,244.23
FYTD	\$88,249.01
Needed to meet Budget	\$71,815.36
FYTD Variance	\$16,433.65

Children's Collection \$24.00

*Thank you for your generosity!
 Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God
 To Parish...5-8% To Diocese...1%*

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 to journey 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 of water 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 conflict. 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. We can increase our personal prayer, fasting (from food or many of the worldly things we depend on or are addicted to), and almsgiving (giving to the poor and to the Church). Doing these 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.

A blessed Lent to all,
 -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Upcoming Meeting

The next Altar Society Meeting is Feb. 25 at 6 pm in the rectory.

St. Bernard Young Adult Study/ Discussion with Father Aaron....the next session is tonight, Sunday February 15 at 6 pm with a meal, short video and discussion with Father. The topic is Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary. This will be every other Sunday evening through Lent. Food will be provided. If any questions, please contact Brandt or Jennifer Kolb 812-677-2130. Not to late to come and enjoy. Text Jen Kolb for more information.



Ash Wednesday

This week is Ash Wednesday. We will have Mass at 7 p.m. so that all the Religious Ed students may attend. If you would like to help with Mass assignments, please let Lori know. Have you thought about what you are going to do for Christ this Lent? Be ready to offer sacrifices and grow in your faith for our Lord!!

Resources to Grow Your Faith this Lent

- Confessions on March 18 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.
- Book from Christmas
- Adoration, Mass and Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings.

This year during Lent on Thursday evenings, we will have the Blessed Sacrament exposed from 5 to 5:50 pm followed by Benediction and then Mass at 6 with the Stations of the Cross to follow. This is a great way to grow closer to our Lord 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.

Ministry Schedule

Sarah will be working on a new schedule soon. If you would like to be added to a ministry, please let her know. Serving for a Mass is a privilege all are welcome to help with this ministry.

Help Needed

We will be sprucing up the landscaping around our three building **THIS** Saturday, February 21 at 8 a.m. All help would be appreciated to keep our church grounds looking beautiful!

Contribution Reports

Year-end contribution reports to the church for tax purposes were mailed out. If you have any questions, please let us know. St. Bernard has many generous parishioners, and we are thankful for each of you.



Church Cleaners for February

Terri Ziliak, Jen Kolb, Alicia Ziliak, Kendall Ziliak, Lora Ziliak
Men's Team - Melvin Ziliak

Upcoming Youth Events

Feb. 14-16 – TEC (Teens Encounter Christ retreat)
 Feb. 15 – Bingo at Transcendent Healthcare

Feb. 15 – HS Girl Time
 Feb. 20 – MS Lent Night
 Feb. 28 – MS Holy Fire
 March 13-15 – Source + Summit Retreat
 July 12-17 – Mission Trip to KY



KY for HS Youth

Summer Mission Trip to Appalachia

Come live out the Gospel in a very real way! Share your time, talent and open your heart to people in need. This year we will return to St. Vincent Mission in David, KY in the heart of Appalachia. Types of work have included demolition, drywall, painting, building wheel chair ramps, yard work, replacing floors & porches. The dates for the mission are **July 12-17**. We have reserved 20 spots. **We need a few skilled adult chaperones.** Reservations for this trip are first come, first serve so don't put this off!! **Turn in a \$25 deposit to reserve your spot.** Cost for each youth is \$100 for the trip. We could have a fundraiser to help with deferring the cost (actual cost per person about \$350). Trip will include a day of mountain fun on the way home!

DIocese of Evansville Safe Environment Report and Inform Policy

Children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. The Diocese of Evansville is committed to safeguarding minors, who are persons under eighteen (18) years of age. Immediately report the suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the Department of Child Services (DCS) or to a local law enforcement agency.

State of Indiana DCS Hotline: 1-800-800-5556 · Local law enforcement: 9-1-1. If a bishop has (a) performed sexual acts with a minor or a vulnerable person; (b) forced someone to perform or to submit to sexual acts through violence, threat, or abuse of authority; (c) produced, exhibited, possessed, or distributed child pornography, including by electronic means, or recruited or induced a minor or vulnerable person to participate in pornographic exhibitions; or (d) executed actions or omissions intended to interfere with or avoid a civil or Church (canonical) investigation into allegations of sexual abuse committed by a cleric or religious: after reporting to DCS or to a local law enforcement agency, inform the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service, which is a third-party reporting service for gathering and relaying such reports to the appropriate Church authorities. Make a report online at www.reportbishopabuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562.

If the sexual abuse of a minor involves a priest, deacon, candidate for ordination, pastoral minister, administrator, staff person, or volunteer: after reporting to DCS or to a local law enforcement agency, inform the diocesan victim assistance coordinator. Toll-free: 866-200-3004 · Local: 812-490-9565
 The sexual abuse of a minor also includes: · A vulnerable person is any person in a state of infirmity, physical or mental deficiency, or deprivation of personal liberty which, in fact, even occasionally limits their ability to understand or to want or otherwise resist the offense. · Child pornography, which is any representation of a minor, regardless of the means used, involved in explicit sexual activities, whether real or simulated, and any representation of sexual organs of minors for primarily sexual purposes.



Welcome to St. Bernard A Catholic Community Since 1877

5342 E. State Road 168
 Fort Branch, IN 47648

Pastor: Fr. Chris Forler

Associate Pastor: Fr. Aaron Herrenbruck

Deacons: Vince Bernardin, 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: Bob Fuhs

Altar Society President: Tammy Meny

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. - 4 p.m.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Before Thursday evening Mass starting at 5:15 p.m.

Baptism: Please call Nick Ivy to schedule baptismal class. Call the parish office to schedule baptism.

Marriage: Call the parish office at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: Administered by appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Sunday - 8:30 a.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.

Monday - 12 noon

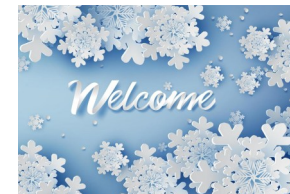
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8:00 a.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m.

First Saturday - 8:00 am



Our parish invites you to join our church family! All new parishioners can register by emailing lspindler@evdio.org or by calling the parish office.

PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Doris Hagedorn, Ed Miskovic, Mary Lou Wolf, Cindy Knotts, Ed Nurrenbern, Jeff Hoffman, Rick & Kathryn Hickrod, Diane Gress, Greg & Rose Obert, Drake & Maddie Turpin, Roger Georges, Lisa Wilson, Roger Spindler, Regina Falls, Winfrid & Marian Obert, Tracy Carlson, Hailey Oing

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

Sunday, February 15 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time