





LITURGICAL MINISTRY	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20	
Rosary	Lori Spindler
Sacristan	Nick Ivy
Gifts	Teddy & Oliver O'Connor
Lector	Brenda Smith
Servers	Carson Heichelbech, Anthony Gress
Greeters	Kenny & Judy Page
Cantor	Leroy Seib
Money Counters	Klint Obert Dennis Gress
Homebound EM	Rena Schleter
Traveling Chalice	Mary McKinney
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27	
Rosary	Diane Hasenour
Sacristan	Dennis Titzer
Gifts	Annie Obert, Grace Ivy
Lector	Michael Smith
Servers	Isaac Ivy, Teddy O'Connor
Greeters	Nick & Libby Ivy
Cantor	Hannah Rodgers, Emily McDaniel
Money Counters	Camy Davis Holly Heichelbech
Homebound EM	Dennis Titzer
Traveling Chalice	Mary McKinney

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday, January 20 - 5:30 p.m.	
+ Fred Fuhs	
Thursday, January 25 - 6:00 p.m.	
+ Brian & Mary Ann Riley	
Saturday, January 27 - 5:30 p.m.	
+ Jeanne Vieke	

<u>Stewardship of Treasure</u>	
January 13 Collection	\$3,344.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$66,229.96
Needed to meet budget	\$52,066.02
YTD Variance	\$14,163.94
<i>Thank You!</i>	

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
<p>It has been a longstanding and venerable practice in the Church to offer Mass intentions associated with particular celebrations of the Eucharistic Liturgy. Here at our parish, for instance, we most often mention the intention for that particular Mass near the end of the Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful). But what is the reason and significance of this?</p> <p>First, the Mass is not a reenactment of the Last Supper, as is often supposed. It is actually the re-presentation, or presenting ‘again’ of the One Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. As such, there is redemptive power in this most potent of prayers. We know that all grace and redemption come from Jesus’ offering of Himself on the Cross for us. So how do we make sense of Mass intentions? What do they really do?</p> <p>Second, the Mass is not Jesus dying on the cross again. His Sacrifice is once for all. However, many countless Masses have been offered throughout the centuries. This would seem to say that Jesus’ Sacrifice was either incomplete, or that Mass intentions are meaningless.</p> <p>However, we need to see the celebration of each Mass in a different way. I like to think of it like this: if the Crucifixion is a stone thrown into a calm lake, then the ripples that come off the splash can be thought of as the individual Mass being celebrated in that time and place. Therefore, each Mass is a dispensing of the infinite graces of Christ’s Sacrifice for that person or intention. The intention can be for a living person as well as the deceased, or a particular situation or group of people (family, country, parish, etc.)</p> <p>It is also a praiseworthy practice to offer Mass for a person on important or significant dates in that person’s life. These can be birthdays, marriage, ordination, and baptism anniversaries, or on the anniversary of the death of a deceased person. Particularly for the dead, we believe that these great graces assist them through any purgatorial purification, as they are made ready for the bliss of Heaven.</p> <p>It is also important to note that even if you have a Mass offered for a particular friend or loved one, and you cannot personally make it to that liturgy, the merits of Christ will still be attributed to that person, since the priest who is ordained in the Person of Christ is offering that intention. That said, of course it is always a beautiful thing to be able to unite your own prayers and supplications to that of the priest at Mass.</p> <p>Peace to you, -Fr. Chris</p>

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS	
<p><u>The Message</u></p> <p>There are now envelopes in the back of church for you to sign up for the Message or to renew your subscription.</p> <p><u>High Chairs</u></p> <p>The School Hall would like to have a couple nice high chairs. If you have a gently used one you would like to donate, please let Jess Anderson know. Thank you</p> <p><u>Church Cleaning Crews</u></p> <p>It has come to our attention that the Church Cleaning has become a little more complex with the tile flooring. It was discussed at the Parish Council and Altar Society meetings and has been decided to have both a women and a men's team to do the monthly cleaning. The men’s team will clean the tile floor and the women’s team will do the rest. If you would like to be on the men’s team, please sign up in the back of church. As far as the women’s team, you will be receiving a call in the next couple weeks to see if you are willing to stay on the team, or need to be removed. We take pride at St. Bernard in always having a beautiful church, which is kept this way by the generous people of our parish. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving of your time and talent with this ministry.</p> <p><u>Ministers to the Homebound</u></p> <p>We have a few people that take communion to the homebound of our parish. This is a very rewarding ministry and one that we always need people for. We are a rotating list so you are only on about once every 2 months and can always switch with others if you need. If you are interested in giving of your time and love to others, please contact Lori or Terri for more information.</p>	
	<p><u>Soup Supper</u></p> <p>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!</p>
<p><i>Congratulations to Grady Joseph Kolb, son of Brandt and Jennifer Kolb, who was baptized this weekend at St. Bernard. Welcome to our Parish Family Grady!</i></p>	
	<p>Religion Class - January 24 for All Grades from 7 to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Reminder, if South Gibson cancels school d/t weather, we will not have religion.</p>
	 

Upcoming Youth Events

Jan. 28 – Bingo w/ Elderly
Jan. 28 – Boys Open Gym
Jan. 28 – HS RockLife
Feb. 2 – HS Palentines

Feb. 17-19 – TEC
Feb. 16 – MS Lent Night
Feb. 18 – Girl Time
Feb. 24 – MS Swonder Ice Skating



Bingo with the Elderly – Transcendent Healthcare Owensville

Sunday, Jan. 28th any youth grade 6-12 is invited to visit the elderly at Transcendent Healthcare of Owensville. We'll play bingo and just share in the love and joy of Christ with them! We'll meet at Sts. P&P at 1:00 and arrive back to Sts P&P around 3:45pm. Please contact Bryan at least a day in advance if you'd like to go, and bring your waiver!

HS “Pal”entines Night

Whether you have a true love or just a close “pal”/friend this Valentine Night event is for you! Beginning at 5:30 on Friday, Feb. 2 in the youth room at Sts P&P, we'll learn more about true love and the different types of love that all point back to our Heavenly Father (for “God is love” 1 John 4:8). We'll have fresh games, pizza, guest speaker, and the “Newlywed” game show where we get to showcase some of our parishes adult couples (some not-so-newlywed). Ends around 10:00. **Youth need to turn in waivers by Wed. Jan. 31st.**

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!)

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

Sts. Peter & Paul Outreach Chicken Dinner on Sunday, January 28 in the school cafeteria. Dine in and carry out dinners will be available from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (or until sold out). Adults: \$14, children: \$7.

Tickets on sale now for Holy Cross Half Pot Raffle! 28 Chances to Win! \$500 Daily Drawing Feb. 1-Feb.27. \$10,000+ Grand Prize drawing on Feb. 28. \$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100.

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.



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

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Altar Society President: Jessica Anderson
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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, Herb Bethe, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Karen McCloud, Ronnie Martin
Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off the list.

Saturday, January 20, 2024 ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time