

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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
 Mike Smith
Homebound EM Lori Spindler
Traveling Chalice Pat Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Jeanne Vieke

Thursday, February 1 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Leo & Zelma Goebel Family

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

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Stewardship of Treasure

January 20 Collection	\$1,938.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$68,167.96
Needed to meet budget	\$53,861.40
YTD Variance	\$14,306.56

Thank You!

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

This past Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle. Even though we celebrate this feast 'only' as a liturgical Feast, not as a Solemnity (the most important celebrations of the Church year), nevertheless this event is arguably one of the greatest single moments in the history of the Church besides the events of Christ's life itself.

How can I say this? It can be argued that Paul impacted more conversions and encounters with the Lord Jesus than the other 12 apostles did, perhaps even more than the great St. Peter himself. There is no question he was the most widely traveled, bouncing almost constantly back and forth through the entire Mediterranean realm, particularly in Greece and modern-day Turkey. He reached out to many, many peoples of gentile (that is, pagan) origin, while the 12 at least initially were more intent on the evangelization of their own Jewish people.

I believe it is safe to say that without Paul the great evangelizer, the True Faith would not have spread so rapidly, so far, and to so many peoples. However, the most remarkable and hopeful thing that we celebrate about Paul was the fact that he went in an instant from the most vitriolic hater of the Faith to the greatest and most courageous proponent of it! To credit God of course, His intervention in Paul's life by knocking him to the ground and blinding him for 3 days was quite a hard thing for anyone to ignore. To the credit of Paul, he was truly humble to the will of God, even though it cost him essentially everything in his life up to that point.

He was a young man that had everything going for him. He had the respect of the Pharisees, of which he was a prominent member. He was a proud son of the house of Benjamin. He was schooled in the law by the greatest of teachers, most notably the great Rabbi Gamaliel. Finally, he was so well respected by the chief priests and elders of the Jewish people that they gave him his every desire in going to round up and eliminate Christians. And when Jesus spoke to him on that rode to Damascus and asked him "Saul, why dost thou persecute me?" he gave it all up as "so much rubbish." Not only that, he went so far as to be flogged, shipwrecked, beaten, imprisoned, stoned, rejected, and finally beheaded all for the name of Christ Jesus. He was all too happy to do this, and often throughout his own letters to the Church, he *rejoiced* in the opportunity to suffer for that same Name.

May it so be for us as well? St. Paul of Tarsus, Apostle to the Gentiles, *Pray for us!*

Blessings in the Lord of Life,
 -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

*First Friday Adoration is the Friday, February 2 from 8-3 pm.
 Everyone is welcome to come spend time with the Lord!*



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!

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 on Saturday, February 3.



Church Cleaning Crews

It has come to our attention that the Church Cleaning has become a little more complex with having 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 of always having a beautiful church, which is kept this way by the generous people of our parish.



The Message

January 26 all-diocesan issue includes our annual "The Message Weekend" subscription drive, and each issue will include a subscription envelope. Their subscriptions go a long way in allowing us to continue to spread the wonderful news of our faith and God's work across our diocese.

Thank You

The family of Pat Weber would like to thank St. Bernard Church community for your kindness as we laid Pat to rest on 1/16/24. Our appreciation to Father Forler, the organist and singers, the cemetery workers, and to the congregation for the use of the church hall for the bereavement meal. *Pat Weber Family*

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is Thursday, February 8 after Thursday evening Mass.



**Religion Class - January 31 for Grades 2 to 12
 from 7 to 8 p.m.**

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



Upcoming Youth Events

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

Feb. 16 – MS Lent Night
Feb. 17-19 – TEC
Feb. 18 – Girl Time
Feb. 22 – Winter Jam



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” I 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!)

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 invited 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.



Welcome to St. Bernard A Catholic Community Since 1877

5342 E. State Road 168
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Pastor: Fr. Chris Forler

Deacons: Vince Bernardin, Richard Leibundguth, Lonny Davis

Catechetical Leader: Rose Obert

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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.**

The Presentation of the Lord.
Feast Day February 2nd.



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, January 27, 2024 ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time