

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Rosary Leroy Seib
 Sacristan Melvin Ziliak
 Gifts Molly Schnarr, Alex Wilson
 Lector Dennis Titzer
 Servers Lucas Ivy, Kaleb Sterczer
 Greeters Audrey & Lori Spindler
 Cantor Kelly Obert
 Money Counters Holly Heichelbech
 James Silva

Homebound EM Dennis Titzer
 Traveling Chalice Dolores Ziliak

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Rosary Libby Ivy
 Sacristan Nick Ivy
 Gifts Annie & Marshall Obert
 Lector Kim Elpers
 Servers Allison Spindler, Annie Obert
 Greeters Kenny & Judy Page
 Cantor Leroy Seib
 Money Counters Jenny Fuhs
 Mike Smith

Homebound EM Dennis Gress
 Traveling Chalice Dolores Ziliak

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 22 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Jeanne Vieke

Thursday, June 27 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Diane Hasenour

Saturday, June 29 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Geneva & Sylvester Weber & Family

Stewardship of Treasure

June 15 Collection \$995.00
 Needed for weekly budget \$1,795.38

YTD Collection \$111,849.96
 Needed to meet budget \$91,564.38
 YTD Variance **\$20,285.58**

Children's Collection \$2.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure to be involved in the annual Vacation Bible School at St. John's. There were nearly 125 kids under the age of 12, led by over 50 volunteers, the majority of those being middle schoolers and high schoolers. The theme this year was *A Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments*. It proved to be a wild but most joyful adventure! Being with that many kids and watching them go through the different stations and learning about the sacramental life of our faith reminded me of how much these little one's desire to know more about God our Father and who He is. I bring this up not so much to talk about the program, however, but the observation of the kids themselves. They have so much to teach us about the power of simple faith!

As we took them on a journey through each sacrament, we talked about both the physical and spiritual elements of each sacrament. Watching the wonder and awe of these kids made me reflect more on that childlike disposition and the childlike trust that we seem to lose as we get older. One lesson that stood out to me was the lesson on the Eucharist. I sat in with the 19 four-year-olds for this lesson, whose group was affectionately named the Squirrels (each group was named after a different woodland creature). During this lesson, the adult instructor was talking to them about Jesus and his true presence in the Eucharist. When asked the question of who is in that little white host in the monstrance the kids gave a resounding answer without hesitation "Jesus" They exclaimed with excitement. There was no hesitation or pause in their answer, and their little faces had nothing but smiles when they said the Holy Name. If we adults were asked that question, would we answer in such a convicted and passionate way? Would we say it with so much Joy and certainty? Would we respond in a questionable way or get defensive that someone might even ask us the question? Would we even be able to respond with a definite and confident answer like these little ones did or would we be able to exclaim His Name with joy?

Our Seminarian Dylan did a great job of describing what the monstrance is and what adoration is. Watching these little souls approach Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament with such excitement, and joy and then watching them bow and get down on their knees to show their love for Jesus was so touching, it made you want what they have. They did not doubt that Jesus loved them, they didn't care who was in the church watching, and they most importantly were not trying to be perfect or impress anyone. They were simply present and enjoying our Lord. How can we get back to approaching and proclaiming our Lord with childlike confidence and joy? How do we get this back when we often seem to become more jaded or worn down over time? I believe one answer is simply watching these little ones in awe, for they know exactly who they are worshiping. They have an awareness that God's love for them is as it is for all of us: unending, unchanging, and unwavering! I pray that they never lose that joy or confidence in our Beloved Lord for He is so deserving of that kind of love. I pray that all of us can regain and grow that sense of devotion as well!

In the Eucharistic Christ,
 -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

There will NOT be Adoration on Friday, July 5. There will not be Mass on Thursday, July 4 or Thursday, July 11. Father will be on a mission trip. Please keep Father in your prayers. Holy Cross does have a Thursday evening Mass at 6:00 pm.

Renovation of Rectory Update

The rectory renovation is looking great! With the painting being complete, the flooring was installed this past week by Vertical Tile. Jim Schmitt has also been working very hard to install the quarter round. It all looks very nice! Our contractor was able to install the front door of the rectory. It will need a coat or two of paint at some point. If anyone is interested, let us know! Due to the funeral at St. Bernard this week, we did decide to delay the installation of the mosaic to the church floor. We hope to complete this very soon. We are working this weekend to clean woodwork and begin moving things back upstairs in the rectory. We are thankful for anyone who has played a part in making the renovation of the rectory a success! **Everyone is welcome to stop by the rectory after Mass to check it out!**

Ministry Schedule

Sarah will be working on the new schedule soon. Please let her know of any changes you may need. We are always in need of more ministers. Please consider signing up for a ministry. Thank you to all who are already helping. We especially need help with leading the rosary and taking communion to the homebound.



Save the Date

St. Bernard's Parish Picnic will be on Saturday, August 10 after the 6:00 pm Mass. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Parish Council Nominations

Nominations for the Parish Council are needed. If you would like to be on a certain commission that you are not already on or an at-large member, please sign up in the back of church by July 28. If necessary, we will have elections in August. If you have questions, please contact Nick Ivy, Parish Council President.

Jerry Brown, husband of Betty and father of Andrea passed away on June 14 and was buried at St. Bernard on June 20. May he rest in peace. Please keep their family in your prayers.



June Church Cleaners

Sarah Spindler, Jess Anderson, Brenda Ankenbrand, Camy Davis
Men's Team
 Melvin Ziliak Team

Upcoming Youth Events

June 24 - HS Mass &

June 26 - MS Mass &

HS Mass & Hangout

On Monday, June 24 (during VBS week) the Dominican Sisters will kick back with our high school youth for some fresh fun and conversation! It'll be at Sts. Peter & Paul. We'll start with 6:30 Mass and afterward have Sandy's Pizza and various activities! This is open to all HS youth. Ends around 9:30pm. Bring a waiver and a friend!

MS Mass & Hangout with Dominican Sisters

On Wednesday, June 26 the Dominican Sisters will join our middle schoolers for a fun night of fellowship! It'll be at St. Bernard starting at 6:00pm. We'll have Sandy's Pizza, outdoor games, and the Sisters will share a little about their lives! Ends at 9:00pm. Bring a waiver and a friend! 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



Hangout w/ Dominican Sisters

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Mary Lou Michel will celebrate her 90th Birthday on June 26. The family would like to invite everyone to her Birthday Party on Sunday, June 23 from 1-4 pm at the Fort Branch Park, Shelter House #1 on 510 East Vine Street. It is an Open House and everyone is invited to stop by and wish her a Happy Birthday!!

Counseling Services with Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities offers individual, marriage and family counseling. Services are provided in-person in Evansville and Jasper, as well as via tele-therapy. All staff are state-licensed, and fees are based on a sliding scale. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call 812-423-5456 or visit www.ccevanville.org.

St. John Evangelist in Daylight Men's Club 14th Annual Steak Night

5301 Daylight Drive Evansville, IN 47725

Tickets are available at the office Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am- 4:30 pm

Date: July 13, 2024 -5:00 pm to Midnight

Dinner Tickets: \$25 per person/Advance Ticket
\$27 per person/At the Door

Raffle Tickets: \$25 each for \$5000 in Raffle Prize giveaway!

Entertainment: Annabel Whitledge, Nashville and Grand Ole Opry Performer.

If you have any questions call Jenny at 812-867-3718 or email jbarry@evdio.org.



MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN (DAYLIGHT)

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

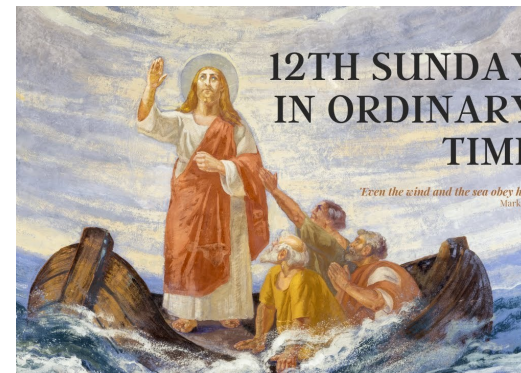
Sunday - 7:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8:00 a.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m.



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

Adoration: First Friday of each month 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sacraments:

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 Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Ronnie Martin, Judy Schuth, Mary Lou Michel, Johnsie Michel, Ed & Sue Miskovic, Mary Lou Wolf, Greg & Rose Obert, David Weber, Jeff Williamson, Brenda Smith, Cindy Knotts, Ed Nurrenbern, Phyllis Schmitts, Diane Hasenour

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

Saturday, June 22, 2024 ~ 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time