

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Rosary Libby Ivy  
Sacristan Nick Ivy  
Gifts Harrison & 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

### SATURDAY, JULY 6

Rosary Terri Ziliak  
Sacristan Dennis Gress  
Gifts Oliver & Ruby O'Connor  
Lector Michael Smith  
Servers Audrey Spindler, Roxy Rohrbach  
Greeters Nick & Libby Ivy  
Cantor Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers  
Money Counters Camy Davis  
Klint Obert  
Homebound EM Terri Ziliak  
Traveling Chalice Mike & Brenda Smith

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ Geneva & Sylvester Weber & Family

**Thursday, July 4 - 6:00 p.m.**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, July 6 - 5:30 p.m.**

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

### *Stewardship of Treasure*

June 22 Collection **\$1,699.00**  
Needed for weekly budget **\$1,795.38**

YTD Collection **\$113,548.96**  
Needed to meet budget **\$93,359.76**  
YTD Variance **\$20,189.20**

Children's Collection **\$4.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"You Catholics believe all these things. Where is that in the Bible?" I'll be honest folks, this one really gets my goat. We've all heard it. Maybe at some time or another we've even said it.

The implication in that kind of question is that the Scriptures contain all the truth of the Christian faith, and that anything outside of that is invalid or made up, especially tradition and ancient teachings of Catholicism. We modern people often forget that the Bible didn't exist as an official book as we know it today until the late 300s, and that it was a bunch of *Catholic bishops* that officially approved the list of the books of Scripture! Does that mean we made it up? Absolutely not, rather as successors of the Apostles, the bishops in union with the Pope were the *only* ones with the authority to make that judgment. What we also forget is that printed books that were widely available to read didn't exist until the early 1400s. Even if more than a few people knew how to read before that, they wouldn't have had anything TO read! Also, before a single word of the New Testament was put to parchment, the Faith was passed on by word of mouth.

There is also often the attitude amongst non-Catholics that the notion of bishops and priests and hierarchy and such were things made up later on, and that in the first three centuries of Christianity there was this simpler, 'purer' form of the Faith without all those trappings and rituals, and reverence for the Apostles and saints.

This Friday we celebrate (d) the memorial of St. Irenaeus of Lyon, the second bishop of what we know today as France. He lived from about 120 AD (born in today's Turkey) to 202 AD, and was Martyred in Gaul (France). Irenaeus was one of the first theologians of the Church (also the student of St. Polycarp, who himself was the student of St. John the Apostle), and defended the Faith against the various heretical sects known as Gnostics. In the many works that he wrote to refute the errors of these sects, he made frequent mention of the successors of the Apostles (bishops), other clergy such as priests, the saints of happy memory, and of the supremacy of the Pope as the last word on Church governance and decision making. He also had reverence for the Blessed Virgin as the "New Eve" Hmmm. That sounds suspiciously Catholic to me...

The Gnostics were writing their own "gospels" and scriptures, and many people were becoming confused as to what the truth was. Irenaeus pointed out that the best way to know the truth was to look to the most ancient churches that had Apostles as their founders, and see the unity of teaching amongst them as the proof of what was true and what was false. So the question isn't, "Where are your traditions in the bible?" It should be "Where does the Bible fit into our Tradition?"

Christ's Peace,

-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 work in the rectory has continued this week! We had a small crew to help move items back upstairs. The woodwork was cleaned and items put back in their places. A few ladies from the parish are going to redecorate and put up curtains. New carpet was placed to the steps going to the basement. It is a work in progress but it looks really nice! Please feel free to stop by anytime after Mass to check it out!

No date has been set on when the mosaic in church will be installed. We will keep you posted!

### 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.

### Brute Award Nominations

Brute Award nominations are now being accepted for the Brute Award which recognizes outstanding models of Christian stewardship. Nominations should be submitted in letter form with a short description of who you are nominating and why. You may put it in the collection labeled "Brute" or email to Lori (lspindler@evdio.org) or Terri (tziliak@evdio.org). The deadline to turn in nominations is August 5. Previous recipients on church website.



### Fleas

All gently used items can be placed in the rectory basement. If you have any questions, please see Sarah Spindler or Jess Anderson. Help is also needed with sorting and pricing this summer. If you can help, please let them know!

### June Church Cleaners

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

### Upcoming Youth Events

July 8 – HS Summer RockLife  
July 11 – MS Summer Hangout  
July 17-21 – Nat'l Eucharistic Congress @ Marian Univ.



### HS Summer RockLife

We're having a HS RockLife night to reconnect with Our Lord and each other! It will be on Monday July 8. First we'll begin with 6:30pm Mass at Sts. P&P and hangout in the youth room after. Food provided. Bring a friend and a permission slip!

### MS Summer Hangout

We're having a middle school hangout on Thursday, July 11 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm! It'll be in the youth room at Sts. P&P. It'll include a faith discussion and as always, we'll have some fun games and pizza! No cost, just bring a waiver.

Any questions/concerns about youth events please contact Bryan Macke at 664-7992 or [bmacke@evdio.org](mailto:bmacke@evdio.org). Diocesan Event Waivers can be found in the back of each church or on our webpage at [www.smg youth.com](http://www.smg youth.com)

### Safe Environment Program Diocese of Evansville

Diocesan 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 or 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](http://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 or 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

**Deacons:** Vince Bernardin, Richard Leibundguth, Lonny Davis

**Catechetical Leader:** Rose Obert

**Office Managers:** Lori Spindler ([lspindler@evdio.org](mailto:lspindler@evdio.org))  
Terri Ziliak ([tziliak@evdio.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:lspindler@evdio.org) or calling the parish office

### MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN (DAYLIGHT)

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

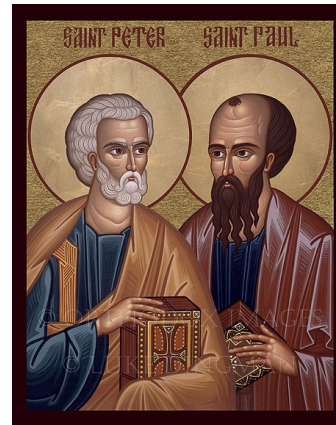
Sunday - 7:15 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8:00 a.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m.



### 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 29, 2024 ~ 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time**