

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Rosary Dolores Ziliak
Sacristan Robert Fuhs
Gifts Spencer & Abby Heichelbech
Lector Brenda Smith
Servers Isaac Ivy, Maverick Reising
Greeters Leroy & Sauny Seib
Cantor Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers
Money Counters Kirk Peterson
Klint Obert

Homebound EM Rena Schleiter
Traveling Chalice Melvin & Terri Ziliak

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Rosary Lori Spindler
Sacristan George Ankenbrand
Gifts Harrison & Miles Obert
Lector Allison Spindler
Servers Brooke Silva, Blakelee Obert
Greeters The Gress Family
Cantor Sarah Reising
Money Counters Matt Obert
Dennis Gress

Homebound EM Dennis Titzer
Traveling Chalice Melvin & Terri Ziliak

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 8 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Kenneth & Mary Martin

Thursday, June 13 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Mike Rexing

Saturday, June 15 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Tony Sevier, Floyd Georges
& Bill Sevier

Stewardship of Treasure

June 1 Collection \$1,195.00
Needed for weekly budget \$1,795.38

YTD Collection \$108,371.96
Needed to meet budget \$87,973.62
YTD Variance **\$20,398.34**

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Traditionally in the Church June is a month dedicated to the honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with this last Friday being the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. This remains unchanged despite our secular society's attempt to make a mockery of Christ's love during this same month (so-called 'Pride' month). I find it especially ironic but fitting that the 'queen' of the 7 deadly sins is Pride.

The image of the Sacred Heart is one of the most recognizable religious images in the world. Almost everyone is very familiar with statues of the Sacred Heart whereby Jesus is pointing to His own bleeding Heart which is pierced by a lance or sword, ringed by a crown of thorns, and topped with a spout of flame. But what is the origin and significance of this great and universal devotion?

Devotion to the wounded heart of Jesus dates from the earliest times in the Church. We hear about His wounded side from Justin Martyr in the middle 100s, and from Pope St. Gregory the Great around 600. In the 1100s devotion to Jesus' wounded heart dramatically increased through the preaching and teaching of St. Anselm and particularly St. Bernard of Clairvaux (one of my favorites), and concentrated on the great love Jesus has for humanity. This was further confirmed by visions received by a nun, St. Gertrude, in the 12th century. Jesus showed her an image of his Sacred Heart and said that a time would come when the devotion should be spread throughout a world whose love had grown cold.

That time would come with the modern devotion to the Sacred Heart. This really took off due to a series of visions Jesus bestowed upon the French nun St. Margaret Mary Alacoque between the years 1673 and 1675. In the visions, which were eventually approved by the Church, Jesus asked her to spread the current devotion to His Sacred Heart, and asked that the Church institute a universal liturgical celebration as well.

Why did He do this? At the time, the heresy of Jansenism was rife throughout the Church, particularly in France. This heresy essentially said that it was nearly impossible for humanity to respond to heavenly grace. Put simply, we are worthless and try as we might, we are almost lost causes. This led to many problems among the faithful, such as excessive terror of God, shying away from reception of Communion, and emphasizing the fierce judgement of God and negativity over and above His passionate love and mercy. Because of this error, the Faith was becoming less about the Good News and more about waiting for God's hammer to fall on us.

I think this attitude sometimes persists within our Church, and I think the devotion to the fiery love of the Sacred Heart is a great meditation for us all. However, I also believe that today we face a whole other problem amongst the people of our modern society: indifference. People either don't believe, or they just don't care what Jesus did for us. For this too, we find a remedy in the devotion, for it seeks to make reparation and restitution for all the sins against the Sacred Heart (indifference, irreverence, unworthy reception of the Eucharist by those in a state of mortal sin). I would encourage all to look into and begin practicing this devotion.

In the Love of the Heart of Jesus, -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Altar Society Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 12 at 6 pm in the School Hall. We will begin discussing plans for the next social in September and other agenda items.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is this Thursday, June 13 after the 6 p.m. evening Mass. The meeting will be in the school hall.

Maria Rosa Mystica

We will host the monthly Mass this Thursday, June 13 at St. Bernard. All are invited to join the Maria Rosa Mystica Group, which will meet for Mass and Novena prayers on June 13 at 6 pm Mass at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Snake Run. Please join us for this special devotion for our Priests and all our ordained religious.



Renovation of Rectory Update

The rectory renovation has started! The painters have been here this week painting the ceilings and the walls. The flooring is to be delivered next week. The floor is to be installed the week of June 17. We will keep you updated on the progress!



Rosary Repairs

Do you have a Rosary that needs repaired? We have a special person at St. Bernard that repairs Rosaries free of charge. Please contact Christie Woodruff at 812-664-4398 text/call. Thank you Christie for providing this special service!!

Ministry Help Needed

If anyone is interested in being trained in taking Communion to the Homebound, please let Terri know. This is a very important and rewarding ministry.

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!!



June Church Cleaners

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

Upcoming Youth Events

June 24 - HS Mass & Hangout w/ Dominican Sisters



June 26 - MS Mass & Hangout w/ Dominican Sisters

HS Mass & Hangout with Dominican Sisters

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.smg youth.com

GOODBYE FATHER SUDHAKAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Open House 2pm – 4pm
St. Bernard Catholic Church
5342 E State Road 168
Fort Branch, IN 47648



REBOOT
FEATURING
CHRIS STEFANICK

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church
5301 Daylight Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

September 18, 2024
7:00pm
Tickets: \$33 - \$39

Early Bird pricing until August 28th!



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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

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.

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.



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

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

Deacon Phillip Rogier - Christ the King, Ferdinand
Deacon Caleb Scherzinger - St. Isidore, Celestine
Deacon Tyler Underhill - Our Lady of Hope, Washington

Saturday, June 22, 2024 St. Benedict Cathedral 10am CST

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

Saturday, June 8, 2024 ~ 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time