

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Rosary Dolores Ziliak
 Sacristan Robert Fuhs
 Gifts Molly Schnarr, Brian Heichelbech
 Lector Rena Schleter
 Servers Lydia Siekman, Cole Phillips
 Greeters Mary McKinney, Vicki Page
 Cantor Kelly Obert
 Money Counters Jenny Fuhs
 Klint Obert

Homebound EM Dennis Gress
 Traveling Chalice Jim & Jan Schmitt

SATURDAY, MARCH 23(PALM SUNDAY)

Rosary Lori Spindler
 Sacristan George Ankenbrand
 Gifts Spencer and Abby Heichelbech
 Lector Brenda Smith
 Servers Allison Spindler, Molly Schnarr
 Greeters Gress Family
 Cantor Choir
 Money Counters Kirk Peterson
 Matt Obert

Homebound EM Terri Ziliak
 Traveling Chalice Jim & Jan Schmitt

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Kenny & Mary Martin

Thursday, March 21 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Charles & Gail Davis

Saturday, March 23 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Dave McKinney

Stewardship of Treasure

March 9 Collection	\$3,008.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$82,209.96
Needed to meet budget	\$66,429.06
YTD Variance	\$15,780.90
Children's Collection	\$3.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

By now many may have heard of the new movie *Cabrini* and gone to see it in theaters. As of the writing of this, I have not myself watched the movie, but reviews appear to be rave. With all of the cultural smut and filth that we are constantly subjected to, especially in the film and media industry, it is especially heartening to hear of a positive true story of virtue and heroism. It is even better when a decent film is made for popular audiences about a Roman Catholic saint!!!

Even though her feast day is not until November, I thought it might be a good opportunity to write about her and encourage folks to support Angel Studios (the producer of the film) by watching the movie and encouraging more content like this to be made. I do not know how long it will be in local theaters, but it is currently showing at both Showplace Cinemas and AMC.

The story of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (born Maria Francesca Cabrini) began in July of 1850 in northern Italy in the town of Lodi. She was the 13th child born into a farming family, and was very sickly and almost 2 months premature. Usually frail of health throughout her life, she was nonetheless a determined but happy child. After 5 years of schooling with a teaching order of sisters, she herself gained a teaching certification at the age of 18 and began teaching herself. Though her poor health prevented her from being accepted as a professed member of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, she would eventually run and expand a school for poor and orphaned children and by the age of 27 would take the religious habit. At the instigation of the bishop of Lodi, she would found the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and the great journey of founding schools, orphanages, and hospitals on nearly every continent began.

Her mind was profound and she applied her massive intelligence and resourcefulness to great effect. She was also a strong, persuasive, and endearing woman who could convince nearly anyone of contributing to her cause, and she used this gift to great effect. She would eventually travel around the world, being encouraged by none other than Pope Leo XIII not to go east to the foreign missions, but west. He knew the plight of Italian immigrants in the United States, who had nearly no churches, clergy, schools, hospitals, nor money to aid them. Coming to New York, she immediately set to work, founding several institutions. Traveling back and forth from there to Italy to gain more sisters to bring back to the missions, she continued to expand, establishing dozens upon dozens of institutions in Italy, Spain, France, England, Argentina, Nicaragua, Brazil, and in New York, New Orleans, Chicago, Seattle, Colorado, and Los Angeles, to name a few.

Becoming an American citizen in 1909 in Seattle, on her way back east she visited the Chicago hospital she founded, where she suffered a massive heart attack and died suddenly at the age of 67. The little Italian girl who was not expected to survive infancy, literally and without exaggeration had changed the world! She is the very first American citizen to be canonized. (As an interesting aside, none other than the founder of the seminary I attended, George Cardinal Mundelein, celebrated her funeral Mass! He also presided at her beatification.)

This country is different and far better because of the heroic and mighty work of this slight and frail woman. It is proof of what God's grace can do if we simply determine to serve Him and His people!

Peace to you,
 -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

UPCOMING HOLY WEEK INFORMATION

• Adoration on Holy Thursday

We will have adoration on Holy Thursday following the 7:00 p.m. Mass in the School Hall. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour slot in the back of church and come spend time with our Lord. This is time to contemplate Jesus' suffering for each of us.

• Easter Schedule at St. Bernard (Please see website for Liturgy Assignments)

Holy Week Schedule

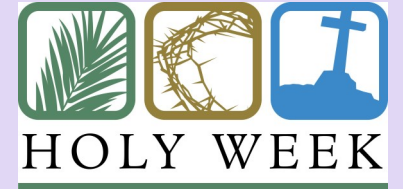
Chism Mass (Tuesday) - 5:30 p.m. St. Benedict

Holy Thursday - 7 p.m.

Good Friday - 3 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 8 a.m. with Egg Hunt to Follow

(Bring your baskets and meet outside the directly after Mass)



Parish Council Meeting

There is no parish council meeting in March. The next meeting will be April 11 after evening Mass.

Easter Lilies

There is a box in the back of church to order your lilies. Please put money in an envelope marked with who you want the lilies in memory of. **This year the Easter Mass will be said for all of those in remembrance of the Easter Lilies.** Any questions, ask Dolores Ziliak. Orders due by March 20. Thanks to everyone for helping to make our church beautiful for Easter! Asking donation of \$20.00.



Happy Birthday!

Pat Hall will be 98 years old on Friday, March 29. Please send birthday wishes to 5359 E SR 168 Fort Branch and wish her a great day!!

Altar Society Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3 at 6 pm in the School Hall.

Thank you to all those who helped with spring clean-up of the landscaping and church grounds. We appreciate **everyone** who helps to keep St. Bernard looking beautiful!

**Copies of the new liturgy schedule are available in the back of church in the letter tray.

Inviting All St. Bernard Parishioners

Who loves a good mystery? Come join us on Saturday, April 20th immediately following Mass for the St. Bernard mystery dinner. We will enjoy an evening of family friendly food and entertainment! Hope to see you there!
Please RSVP in the back of church.

Religion Class

March 20 - All Grades from 7 to 8 p.m.

March 27 - No Class - Spring Break



Upcoming Youth Events

March 22 – MS Lent Night
March 23 – Cemetery of Innocents
April 7 – Bingo w/ Elderly
April 7 – Boys Open Gym
April 7 – HS RockLife



MS Friday Night Lent

For the last Lent Night on Fri March 22 from 7:00-9:00pm, we will be back in the youth room @ Sts. P&P. We'll have cheese pizza, games, and some high schoolers come and do a Q&A! All middle school youth are invited to join. Bring a friend and your waiver!

Cemetery of Innocents – Take Down Crosses

On March 23, ALL YOUTH grades 6-12 are invited to help take down the crosses at the Cemetery of the Innocents (Elper's farm) on Hwy 41 just south of I-64 at 9:00 am. This is easier than putting them up!

UPDATE: 3-on-3 Tournament – Boys Open Gym grades 8-12

We changed the date for our last open gym of the season. It'll now be on Sun., April 7th. We are having a 3-on-3 tourney. Bring your own team (and waivers if you haven't)! We'll meet in the gym at Sts Peter & Paul from 4:00 – 5:45pm.

UPDATE: Bingo @ Nursing Home & HS RockLife

Due to Spring Break, we will have no activities on Sun., March 24 (Palm Sunday). Our next Bingo and RockLife will be **Sunday, April 7th**. For Bingo (grades 6-12), meet at Sts. P&P at 1:00, and will return at 3:45. RockLife (for high school) will be in the youth room at Sts. P&P from 6:00-8:00pm.

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.smyouth.com

Our Lord has not called us to fear. No matter the darkness of our age, men and women of faith are not without the love of Christ and His mother. It was during an age much like today when Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego some 500 years ago. Then too the world was with famine and disease, and war in the Holy Land threatened that region. There was poisonous confusion from within that threatened the world much like today. Our Lady asked Juan Diego to pray and millions of new souls were brought into the church. To this end, I am calling on all Catholics, especially those in America to join me in praying a nine-month novena seeking Our Lady's intercession beginning on March 12. This immense undertaking will culminate in a consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12, her Feast Day. The conversion of our hearts transforms our world: let us never lose trust in Our Lady's care for us, and let us never lose faith in the love of Christ. The darkness of sin seems so great, but Our Lord has not called us to fear! Evil cannot approach the power of God's grace. Sin cannot prevent Our Lord's healing mercy from reaching those who repent and seek it. Nothing can diminish the care and protection of Our Lady for us which remain as strong today as 500 years ago. *Yours, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke*

THERE ARE COPIES OF THE NOVENA INSERTED INTO THE BULLETIN. PLEASE JOIN CARIDNAL BURKE AND THE WORLD IN ASKING GOD TO HAVE MERCY ON OUR WORLD!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Princeton Knights of Columbus - Lenten Fish Fry Dinners on: Friday, March 24. From 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Princeton K of C. The meal includes: Fish, Au gratin potatoes, seasoned green beans, hushpuppies, slaw or applesauce, drink and dessert.

Rogation Mass at St. James

St. James Haubstadt and the Diocesan Office of Catholic Rural Life will offer the annual Rogation Mass on Thursday, March 21. Prayers will be said for God to bestow His mercy on our farmers, gardeners, and stewards of His land. We will pray that they are safe from natural disaster and in the fields, and that they should have an abundance of faith and harvest through His glory. A blessing will be offered for anyone who would like to bring their seeds or soil in a bag. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. CST at St. James Church, 12300 S 50 W, Haubstadt, IN 47639. Light refreshments to follow Mass.



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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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:

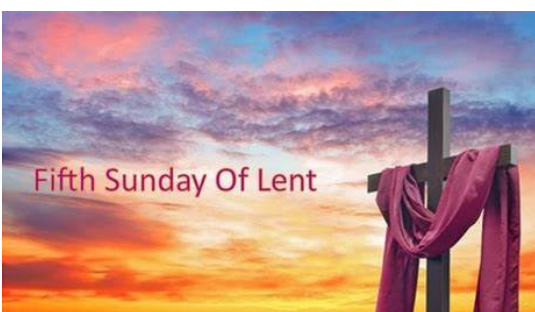
Adoration: First Friday of each month 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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.



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, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Ronnie Martin, Judy Schuth, Mary Lou Michel, Johnsie Michel, Fr. Bernie Lutz, Ed Miskovic, Kristie Dubord, Mary Lou Wolf

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

Saturday, March 16, 2024 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent