

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, MARCH 23(PALM SUNDAY)

RosaryLori Spindler

SacristanGeorge Ankenbrand

GiftsSpencer and Abby Heichelbech

LectorBrenda Smith

ServersAllison Spindler, Molly Schnarr

GreetersGress Family

CantorChoir

Money CountersKirk Peterson

Matt Obert

Traveling ChaliceJim & Jan Schmitt

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 (EASTER)

RosaryTerri Ziliak

SacristanDennis Gress

GiftsMolly Schnarr, Lucas Ivy

LectorMichael Smith

ServersTeddy O’Connor

Anthony Gress, Emily Anderson

GreetersKenny & Judy Page

CantorKelly Obert

Money CountersCamy Davis

Michael Smith

Homebound EMRena Schleter

Traveling ChaliceGreg & Rose Obert

MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ Dave McKinney

Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 p.m.

+ Parker Ragle

Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)

No Intention

Sunday, March 31 - 8:00 a.m. (Easter)

+ Easter Memorials

| <u>Stewardship of Treasure</u> | |
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| March 16 Collection | \$1,013.50 |
| Needed for weekly budget | \$1,795.38 |
| YTD Collection | \$83,223.46 |
| Needed to meet budget | \$68,224.44 |
| YTD Variance | \$14,999.02 |
| Children’s Collection | \$4.50 |

As we come fast upon Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, we also come upon the greatest mysteries of our Faith. The greatest of all the Solemnities of the Lord is of course Easter (along with the aforementioned Triduum).

While the celebrations of Holy Week (Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday 5:30 pm, Holy Thursday 5:00 pm @ St. John and 7:00 pm @St. Bernard, 3 pm @ St. Bernard and 6 pm at St. John for Good Friday services) aren’t holy days of obligation, they certainly are great opportunities to drink in the reason we are Christian. Christ died for us. He gave us the Eucharist to be with us forever and pour the graces of His Paschal Mystery upon us over and over again to save us. He rose from the dead to bring us to new life. Also, I wanted to encourage those who may be interested to attend Tenebrae later Good Friday night at 8 pm (or after the Good Friday service) at St. John. It is a beautiful meditation of the meaning and power and mourning of our Lord’s suffering for our sakes, and yet another way to enter into the spirit of Holy Week.

The greatest of the Easter celebrations proper is the Solemn Vigil of Easter, celebrated on Holy Saturday night. I know for many people, Mass on Easter Sunday is a long-held tradition, and there is no doubt that it is important. However, if your family has never attended the Easter Vigil as an option for the Easter observance, I would highly recommend that you consider it. This is particularly true if you have children still at home. My childhood memories are replete with these beautiful nighttime celebrations of the Mysteries of Our Lord, most notably Mass at Night on Christmas Eve, and the Solemn Vigil of the Resurrection.

The most common complaint about the Vigil itself is, of course, that it is long. This is true. It is far longer than the typical Mass, even Easter Sunday Masses. However, it is so very rich in symbolism that it is really to be experienced by Catholics at least once in my book. The blessing of the Easter fire and the new Easter Candle, the filling of the Church with light from candles held by the baptized (representing the light of Christ in each of us lighting up the world), the great readings from Salvation History and the Psalms, the chanting of the Exsultet, and most especially the bestowal of the Sacraments of Initiation on those newly entering the Church, is so powerful.

Yes, it’s late. Yes, it’s long. My recommendation is this: just go, and you and your family sleep in on Easter Sunday. Win-win!! And it is the perfect conclusion to the beginning of the Paschal celebration, which is the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday and the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday (which technically comprise one great Liturgy). These are the days when we have the greatest and most important celebration in the universe. Please come and make it even more complete!

Blessings,
-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

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

Holy Thursday - 7 p.m. (St. John’s 5 p.m.)

Good Friday - 3 p.m. (St. John’s 6 p.m.)

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

(Bring your baskets and meet outside 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

Today is the last day to give your Easter Lily Remembrance!! 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.** 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!! Kathryn Fuhs will be 96 on Tuesday, March 26. Please mail cards to 5635 E SR 168 Ft. Branch, IN.

Divine Mercy Novena

Please see information on the start of the Novena on the back page!

Altar Society Meeting

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

*Be sure to drop off your Lenten Rice bowls in the back of church.

**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 27 - No Class - Spring Break



Upcoming Youth Events

- April 7 – Bingo w/ Elderly
- April 7 – Boys Open Gym
- April 7 – HS RockLife



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



Congrats to Anthony Gress on receiving the St. Maria Goretti Youth Distinction Award from Bishop Siegel at Mass at St. Benedict's Cathedral on March 17.

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena

This Friday, Good Friday there will be pamphlets on the table as you walk into the church. This Novena Starts on Good Friday and ends the Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday! We will be saying day one before Good Friday Services. PLEASE COMMIT TO SAYING THIS NOVENA DURING THESE TIMES! Special Graces and Indulgences are granted to those who participate in this Novena. If you do not understand Indulgences *thedivinemercy.org* is a good source.

Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy which is recorded three times in the Diary of Saint Faustina, each time in a slightly different way: "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy" (1109). Please start the Divine Mercy Novena Today!



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
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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.



PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia and Sarah Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewicz, 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, Larry Meeks
Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off the list.

Saturday, March 23, 2024 ~ Palm Sunday