

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Rosary Dennis Titzer  
Sacristan Nick Ivy  
Gifts Bailey Spindler, Jack Anderson  
Lector Sarah Spindler  
Servers Anthony Gress, Lucas Ivy  
Greeters Lori & Bernie Spindler  
Cantor Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers  
Money Counters Mike Smith, Matt Obert  
Homebound EM Lori Spindler  
Traveling Chalice Dennis & Deann Gress

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Glen & Denise Vaal  
Tom & Carol Vaal

Thursday, March 14 - 6:00 p.m.

+ NO MASS

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

+ Kenny & Mary Martin

Stewardship of Treasure

March 2/3 Collection \$2,676.00  
Needed for weekly budget \$1,795.38  
YTD Collection \$79,201.96  
Needed to meet budget \$64,633.68  
YTD Variance \$14,468.28

Thank You!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past Thursday, the 7th of March, the Church celebrated the Commemoration of the Martyrs Sts. Perpetual and Felicity. These courageous women, along with four other male companions, were martyred in the north African city of Carthage in the Roman Empire around the year 203 AD. Their martyrdoms were part of a festival celebration and games to honor the birthday of the emperor Septimius Severus. Part of the public spectacle was gladiatorial combat and throwing Christians to the lions, something that happened sporadically under the reign of Severus.

Perpetua was a young wife and brand-new mother with a newborn son at the time of her imprisonment and eventual execution. She was of noble and wealthy background, was educated, beautiful, and fairly well-connected. Her pagan father pleaded and argued with her, according to her own diary accounts, but she refused to deny her faith in Christ. Being a Catechumen at the time, she was baptized immediately before her imprisonment. She was even allowed to have her newborn son with her for the final days of her life, since she was wealthy enough to bribe the guards.

Felicity was a slave girl who was pregnant when she was imprisoned for the Faith. She was in jail with Perpetua, and the two women supported each other in their last days. While in the prison, she gave birth to a daughter, who would ultimately, like Perpetua’s son, be raised by others after their mothers’ martyrdoms. Along with the two women were four other Catechumens: Saturus, Revocatus, Saturninus, and Secundus. Amazingly, all but Saturus were captured and arrested for their faith. Saturus actually came forward voluntarily and proclaimed himself a Christian before the magistrate, in a heroic demonstration of faith.

Both Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, while the men were all thrown before various wild beasts, where they met their end. There are surviving eyewitness accounts of this martyrdom by the writers, attesting to the bravery and joyfulness of these heroes of our Faith. Ever since that time, there has been a cult of veneration for these great martyrs, and Perpetua and Felicity are mentioned in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I) of the Mass. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we draw strength from the witness and prayers of such great elder brothers and sisters!

In Christ, the King of Martyrs,

-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

No Mass this Thursday evening due to Father Chris helping with the Women’s Cursillo. Please pray for all those attending!

Holy Week Schedule

Chrism 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



Religion Class

March 13 -  
Grades 2 to 12  
from 7 to 8 pm



Parish Council Meeting

There will not be a 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.

St. John Mission

Don’t forget about the Mission at St. John, Daylight that starts tomorrow evening (Sunday). The speaker will be very good! For more details see the flyer on the bulletin board in the back of church. The topic is “The Holy Family.”

Confirmation

Many thanks to the catechists, parents, servers, and musicians for making Confirmation a very special celebration for our high school class! A special thanks to the Altar Society for hosting a very delicious luncheon! What a blessing each of you are!



Happy Birthday!

Pat Hall will be 96 years old on Friday, March 29. Please send birthday wishes to 5359 E SR 168 Fort Branch and wish her a great day!!

Novena to St. Joseph - March 10-18, Feast Day March 19

Here is a short Novena:

O good father Joseph! I beg you by all your sufferings, sorrows and joys, to obtain for me what I ask (Here name your petition). Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers, everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Be near to me in my last moments, that I may eternally sing the praises of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Amen.  
(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

St. Joseph was very close to our Lord and his prayers are powerful! This would be a great addition to your Lenten journey!



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.smgyouth.com



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.
- First Saturday - 8:00 am



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.



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

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.

**St. James, Haubstadt** - Lenten fish fries on March 15. Join us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm for baked/fried Alaskan pollock or grilled cheese, German potato salad, baked beans, cornbread, mac & cheese, slaw, dessert & a drink! Dine in or Carry Out. \$14 adults / \$7 kids.

**The Knights of Columbus and Diocese of Evansville Benefit Dinner**

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Toyota Events Center (at Gibson County fairgrounds)

709 N EMBREE ST, PRINCETON, IN 47670-8104

Social hour at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. Serving brisket or chicken dinner. Keynote speaker is Bishop Joseph Siegel. All proceeds benefit the Sacred Heart Convent Renovation Project and Indiana Knights of Columbus State Council Special Charitable Programs. Dinner tickets are \$25 each, table of 8 order comes with one free ticket. Sponsorships are available; \$500 donation includes 4 dinner tickets. For sponsorship & tickets details, text/call EVV Diocesan Chairman Phil Perry @ 812-664-7701. Venmo available or make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Diocesan Benefit; send to Phil Perry, 821 S. Seminary St, Princeton, IN 47670. Ticket deadline is March 11.

**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.

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

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

Saturday, March 9, 2024 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent