

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Rosary	Dennis Titzer
Sacristan	Dennis Gress
Gifts	Oliver & Ruby O'Connor
Lector	Sarah Spindler
Servers	Isaac Ivy, Harrison Obert
Greeters	John Spindler, Harrison Steckler
Cantor	Sarah Reising
Money Counters	Mike Smith Klint Obert

Homebound EM	Lori Spindler
Traveling Chalice	Nick & Libby Ivy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Rosary	Dolores Ziliak
Sacristan	Bernie Spindler
Gifts	Annie & Marshall Obert
Lector	Deann Gress
Servers	Isaac Ivy, Harrison Obert
Greeters	Judy Page, Mary McKinney
Cantor	Kelly Obert
Money Counters	Matt Obert Kirk Peterson

Homebound EM	Dennis Gress
Traveling Chalice	Nick & Libby Ivy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 1 - 9:00 a.m.

+ Ed & Alice Fuhs

Thursday, September 5

+ Pat Weber

Sunday, September 7 - 5:30 p.m.

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Stewardship of Treasure

August 24 Collection	\$1,381.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,820.96

YTD Collection	\$17,604.00
Needed to meet budget	\$14,567.68
YTD Variance	\$3,036.32

Children's Collection	\$1.00
-----------------------	--------

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past Tuesday and Wednesday, we celebrated the memorials of the great mother/son saint duo, St. Monica and St. Augustine. With the exception of St. Benedict and St. Scholastica, these are the only two saints in the Tradition that seem to have had a common mystical vision at the same time, such was their profound connection to each other.

Monica is commonly known as a patroness of mothers, particularly mothers of troublesome or wayward children. This is because her son, Augustine, was such a profligate and immoral man in his youth, and she prayed constantly for her son to come to the true Faith.

Monica was born around the year 332 in north Africa, in modern-day Algeria, and was a very devout and virtuous Christian girl. At a young age she was promised in marriage to a pagan man several years her senior. He and his mother were both ill-tempered people with raging tempers, and her husband was also unfaithful and rather immoral. Monica was always faithful and dedicated to him, however, and bore him two sons and a daughter. He refused to let her baptize any of the children, however, which greatly concerned and pained Monica. However, she never ceased praying for all of them, and eventually in the last year of Patricianus' life, he converted and was baptized. Two of their children became Christians and even joined the religious life, but the teenaged Augustine was brilliant, rebellious, and very worldly, and followed in the footsteps of his father. Now Monica had a new prayer mission, and prayed another 20 years for his conversion to the Faith as well.

Augustine was born in Tagaste, in north Africa as well, in 354. A wayward youth, worldly, pursuing the sensual always, and very impressed with his own brilliance, Augustine would eventually meet St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan in Italy, and come to the Catholic Faith after subscribing to many heretical and pagan religions and cults. He was baptized along with his illegitimate teenage son, who died shortly thereafter. Coming back to North Africa with his mother, they prepared to sail from Rome when they both had a long and deep conversation about the life of heaven and the glories of being Christian. Monica relayed to him that she now had no real purpose in life, as the last thing she desired in this world was to see him become a Catholic. Then they both received a vision of the glories to come. Just a few days later, Monica suddenly fell ill and died. She was laid to rest in the port of Rome, and Augustine went back home.

Eventually, he would be ordained to the priesthood, and become the bishop of the diocese of Hippo near the place of his birth. He is one of the most influential Church Fathers, a great theologian, and is remembered as one of the star bishops in the whole span of the Church's history. He died in 430. He is probably one of the most prolific writers of theology, and we still have and read today many of his books and homilies. Besides the great St. Thomas Aquinas, perhaps no other figure in history had as much impact of our understanding of God and the Faith.

These two really show the beauty and richness and diversity of the Faith. Monica embodies the power of a life of intercessory prayer, and encourages us to pray unceasingly and patiently for the conversion of those that we love, and Augustine embodies the inspiration of a life of conversion and the depth of the logic and sensibility of Catholicism. The head and the heart are both necessary and present in the authentic Christian faith.

Sts. Monica and Augustine, pray for us!! Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

This Friday, September 6 is the First Friday of the month. Adoration at St. Bernard is from 8 am until 4 pm. Please keep your commitment . If you have time to stop in and pray to our Lord, He will be on the Altar and present for your Love & Prayers.

Reminders for our Upcoming Social - September 8, 2024

- Your envelope with reminders, raffle tickets, and the job assignment list are in the back of church. We can't thank everyone enough for all your help. **Please sell your raffle tickets and put in the collection or give to Sarah/Jess. Also, contact Sarah Spindler (812-664-1373) to purchase your chance for the Sheep Splat to win \$500!**
- Please sign up for a basket in the back of church.
- Please save grocery/plastic bags and put them in the school hall.
- **There is a list of food items needing donated in the back of church. Please sign up if you can.**
- Each family is asked to donate 2 cakes or 2 pies (preferably homemade).
- Please help advertise the social! Flyers are in the back of church.

Work Night for the Chicken Dinner

Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 pm is clean up evening for the social. We will need more help than usual as we plan to carry fleas, wash dishes, and set up the shelter house. We need everyone who is available! Thank you for helping!

Cemetery News

Additional plots on the east side of the cemetery have been added and are available for purchase. Please contact Nick Ivy (812-664-8693) if you would like to purchase a plot. Plots for members of the parish are \$750 each which includes the perpetual care fee. Also, the cemetery board will be working in the near future to fix headstones that are displaced/damaged in the cemetery. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Deacon Lonnie and Deacon Vince both celebrate birthdays, today, September 1. Thank you for all you do for our Parish Vince & Lonnie!!

August Parish Council minutes are now available in the back of church.

The Next **Parish Council Meeting** is Thursday, September 19 following the 6:00 pm Mass.

Thank you to all who gave to the recent Co-op Mission for the Diocese of Imphal. We collected \$1,095.00.



Congratulations to Madison Fuhs & Andrew Coffman who were married at St. Bernard on Saturday, August 31.

MAGNIFICATS

It is that time of year to place your order for the 2025 Magnificats. I will need your order for Magnificats no later than October 6. The price is the same as last year, **\$29.00** for a yearly subscription. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH.** Please sign up on the list in the back of church and give the money to Terri or put it in the collection basket. I cannot take orders after October 6!

Upcoming Youth Events

Sept. 8 – Bingo w/ Elderly
 Sept. 8 – HS RockLife
 Sept. 21 – MS Game Night
 Sept. 21 & 22 – Pumpkin Fundraiser at all 4 parishes
 Sept. 29 – HS Diocesan Youth Day



Bingo with the Elderly – Transcendent Healthcare Owensville

Sunday, Sept. 8th any youth grade 6-12 is invited to visit the elderly at Transcendent Healthcare of Owensville. We'll play bingo and just share in the love and joy of Christ with them! We'll meet at Sts. P&P at 3:00 and arrive back to Sts P&P around 5:45pm. Please contact Bryan at least a day in advance if you'd like to go, and bring your waiver!

HS RockLife Nights

Beginning Sunday, September 8th, we'll meet in the youth room at Sts Peter & Paul from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This will continue throughout the school year (usually twice a month). These nights focus on leading teens closer to Christ while meeting them where they're at. It helps youth get excited about their faith and more engaged! Not only will you find food for the soul, you'll also be served Sandy's Pizza!! Bring a friend and a waiver!

Pumpkin Sales

We'll be selling pumpkins after Masses at each parish (Holy Cross, St. Bernard, St. James, and Sts. Peter & Paul) on the weekend of **Sept. 21 & 22**. Profits go to help cover expenses for youth events throughout the year. Cost is \$8 each (large sized pumpkins).

MS Game Night

Come to Holy Cross on Sat., Sept. 21, immediately following our Pumpkin fundraiser after 4:30 Mass. We'll have outdoor games and a faith discussion. Enjoy pizza, snacks, drinks, and lots of fun!! Start time is 6 pm and we'll end at 9 pm. Bring a friend & waiver!

at HS Diocesan Youth Day

Sunday, Sept. 29 from 12:00-5:30pm at the Catholic Center in Evansville. Join Bishop Siegel, speaker Fr. Jonathan Meyer, musician Josh Goodman and a few hundred high school youth from around the Diocese for a great day. This event is totally free! We will have a cookout lunch, treats, music, several games available to play, as well as Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and Mass with the Bishop. We have limited amount of spots on the mini bus. RSVP by texting Bryan (first come, first serve). We will meet at Sts. P&P 11:15am and take the mini-bus to the Catholic Center. Return time is approximately 6:00pm. Waivers are due to parish offices (or submitted online Google form) by Mon., Sept. 16.

Race for vocations

Join people of all ages from all communities on October 5 to "Race for Vocations." Sign up to run or walk the YMCA half marathon or 5-miler, and wear your Race for Vocations shirt to promote and support vocations in our diocese. Sign up on our Form to get updates about our Thursday evening Mass and dinner, and about the post-race tailgate for family and friends at Sts. Mary & John after. This event is co-sponsored by St. Benedict Cathedral and the Vocations Office. Find us on Facebook for information.

Knights of Columbus Weekly BINGO - Tuesday Evenings: Doors Open @ 6pm; First Game @ 7pm. 20 Regular Games - 6 Half Pot Special Games - One Lucky Number Game possibly worth \$1000 - Pull-Tabs, Snacks & Drinks available. **BRING A FRIEND!** PROCEEDS BENEFIT South Gibson Catholic Schools. *BINGO resumes on September 3rd @ KofC Hall, 117 S. Main St, Haubstadt, Ind*

Counseling Services with Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities offers individual, marriage and family counseling. Services are provided in-person in Evansville and Jasper, as well as via tele-therapy. All staff are state-licensed, and fees are based on a sliding scale. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call 812-423-5456 or visit www.ccevansville.org.



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

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.

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.



*The month of
 September is in
 honor of Our
 Lady of Sorrows.
 This is a
 wonderful
 devotion to
 practice. Our
 Lady of Sorrows,
 Pray for us!*



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 Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Ronnie Martin, Mary Lou Michel, Johnsie Michel, Ed & Sue Miskovic, Mary Lou Wolf, Greg & Rose Obert, Jeff Williamson, Brenda Smith, Cindy Knotts, Ed Nurrenbern, Phyllis Schmitts, Bret Weber, Larry Pflug, Don Phillips, Rita Hasenour, Jeff Hoffman

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

Sunday, September 1, 2024 ~ 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time