

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Rosary Libby Ivy
 Sacristan John Spindler
 Gifts Eva & Alex Wilson
 Lector Dennis Titzer
 Servers Molly Schnarr, Maverick Reising
 Greeters K of C
 Cantor Leroy Seib
 Money Counters Jenny Fuhs
 Mike Smith

Homebound EM Rena Schleiter
 Traveling Chalice Dennis & Deann Gress

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 Sacristan Robert Fuhs
 Gifts Lucas Ivy, Cole Phillips
 Lector Payton Steckler
 Servers Allison Spindler, Jack Anderson
 Greeters John & Diane Hasenour
 Cantor Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers
 Money Counters Chris & Camy Davis

Homebound EM Dennis Titzer
 Traveling Chalice Mary McKinney

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 28- 5:30 p.m.

+ Jim Gries

Thursday, October 3 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Rudy & Catherine Hoefling

Saturday, October 5 - 5:30 p.m.

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Stewardship of Treasure

September 7 Collection **\$2,119.00**
 Needed for weekly budget \$1,820.96

YTD Collection \$21,990.00
 Needed to meet budget \$18,209.60
 YTD Variance **\$3,780.40**

Children's Collection \$3.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This last Wednesday, we of course hosted the Parish Reboot session with Chris Stefanick at St. John's. I am most pleased with the number of folks that were there from our two parishes, and there were also many people from around the diocese and indeed even outside the diocese. There were over four hundred in attendance, including our bishop! It was very encouraging to see.

Mr. Stefanick gave a pair of rousing talks that helped to take us back to the basics of invigorating our faith. One of the big emphases he hit was that our Faith and our relationship with God is a *love story*. I'm afraid that we have often forgotten that. God has shown His great love for us in the death of Jesus on the Cross, but I can see it as something ordinary, mundane, and maybe even expected from God. Instead, he pursues us, teaches us, leads us, and encourages us to give everything to Him, but *freely*. He will not demand it of us.

Chris also encouraged us to do several basic things to increase the joyfulness of our lives. First, he encouraged us to wake up every morning and *give thanks!* We have been given everything by our God, and even hidden in the challenges of our lives, there is blessing. And at the end of all things, there is heaven waiting for us, if we choose to embrace Him!

The second big thing he encouraged us to do is *love ourselves*. Now, many people take this the wrong way, interpreting it as selfishness. This is not what he was talking about. He encouraged very basic self care. Taking rest. Trying to care for our bodies. Giving time for prayer, and letting some of the truly less important things go by the wayside. Chiefly what struck me was his emphasis on forgiving yourself, *especially* if God has forgiven you in confession. This is crucial. Don't believe the lies that the evil one whispers to you, like you are defined by your sin and your mistakes. This just isn't true!

Finally, he encouraged us to *make friends*. Particularly, and without imposing any kind of structure, he pointed out that we need good Catholic Christian friends to help us to be good Catholic Christians ourselves. We cannot do this alone! He pointed out (and rather rightly I might add) that the big-box megachurches are exploding mostly because of small group faith sharing! We have so much more to our Catholic faith in the truth of the Church and the Sacraments, but we also need the accountability and support of other folks to help us! If you have not formed a small group of friends in the parish or neighboring parishes to meet up monthly or even weekly, I encourage that! Many have made Cursillo weekends in our parishes. Are you currently grouping? If not, why not? There may be legitimate reasons perhaps that a group didn't work out. If that's the case, find another one!

I think all of us would love for our Faith and our relationship with God to be something that puts wind in our sails, not takes it out. This journey we are on together with God is not just another line on the to-do list. It's a love story. Let's make some plans and resolutions to make it more than just the thing to do because we do it!

In Christ the Bridegroom, -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS



The SMG Youth Group will be selling pumpkins after Mass TODAY for \$8. The profits help to cover expenses for our youth. Thanks for your support!

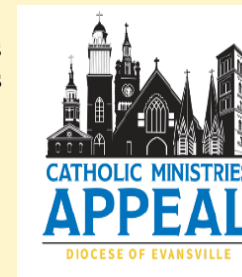


Religion Class

Our first religion class is Wednesday, October 2 from 7 to 8 for all students. A schedule with all religion class dates will be sent home the first night of class. A big THANKS to all our religion teachers who so graciously give of their time and talent to teach our young children, the future of our church! Lets all keep our teachers and students in our prayers for a successful year!!

The Catholic Ministries Appeal Begins September 29

You will be receiving a letter in the mail next week asking for your pledge to this yearly campaign to support our Catholic Diocese and its programs. St. Bernard's goal for this year's campaign is \$31,828. Your support provides the continuation of our many services to Catholics throughout the diocese. As we discern during this Season of Stewardship, let us ask the Lord how we are to support the many needs of our parish and diocese through increasing our prayer, service to others, and financial contributions. May we each respond generously to the Lord's invitation to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**.



Ministries at St. Bernard

Have you ever thought of visiting with the homebound, praying with them and bringing them Jesus? This is a very rewarding ministry. We have a group of 5 that take a turn every 5th week. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Terri for more information.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month. We start at 8 am and continue until 4 pm. In this ministry, we spend an hour once a month with our Lord. We pair you with a partner, so that if you can't make it, your partner is there. This ministry helps grow your love for Jesus! If this ministry interests you, please contact Terri.

Liturgy Ministry

These are the ministries held each week for our Mass. Cantoring, greeting, lectoring, leading the Rosary. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries and getting on the list, please contact Sarah Spindler.

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 Oct. 6.

Church Cleaning Teams for September

Jenny Fuhs, Terry Fuhs, Jan Schmitt, Andrea Blankenberger, Brenda Smith

Men's Team

Bob Fuhs' team

Upcoming Youth Events

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



UPDATE: HS Diocesan Youth Day

Registration extension – please register online (or turn in waiver to parish office) by Sunday, Sept. 22. 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 at 11:15am and take the mini-bus to the Catholic Center. Return time is approximately 6:00pm.

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!

HS RockLife Nights

Our next RockLife is September 22nd. 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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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*

Chicken Dinner

Holy Cross Parish, Fort Branch is hosting an "All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner" on Sunday Oct. 6, 2024, from 10:45am-1pm. Dine-In and Carry-Out options available. Cost is \$14/adult, \$5/child.

St. Joseph Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 5, 8 am-1pm in St. Joseph School Gym, Princeton. Early Bird Shopping begins at 7:30 am for a \$5.00 admission. Everything is half price from noon to 1:00 pm.

Respect Life Celebration

October 17, 2024 at St. Benedict Cathedral with Bishop Siegel and guest speaker Jonathan Meyer. Dinner and speaker to follow in Woodward Center. See the flyer in back of church for details.



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: Ericka Obert

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.



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

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 Feast Day of St. Pio is September 23. **“Pray, hope and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.” St. Pio**

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, Cindy Knotts, Ed Nurrenbern, Phyllis Schmitts, Bret Weber, Larry Pflug, Rita Hasenour, Jeff Hoffman, Stephanie Silva

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

Sunday, September 21, 2024 ~ 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time