

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Rosary	Dennis Titzer
Sacristan	Robert Fuhs
Gifts	Volunteers
Lector	Brenda Smith
Servers	Lucas Ivy, Kohlman Sterczer
Greeter	Melvin & Terri Ziliak
Cantor	No Music
Money Counter	Stephanie Meny Jen Kolb
Traveling Chalice	Mike & Brenda Smith

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Rosary	Dolores Ziliak
Sacristan	Bernie Spindler
Gifts	Miles & Marshall Obert
Lector	Sarah Spindler
Servers	Bailey Spindler, Jack Anderson
Greeter	Melvin & Terri Ziliak
Cantor	Emily McDaniel
Money Counter	Matt Obert Dennis Gress
Traveling Chalice	John & Sarah Spindler

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 8 - 8:30 a.m.

+ Tom & Carol, Glen & Denise Vaal

Thursday, March 12 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Brian & Mary Ann Riley

Sunday, March 15 - 8:30 a.m.

+ Dave McKinney

Stewardship of Treasure

March 1 Collection	\$1,552.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$2,244.23
FYTD	\$93,226.01
Needed to meet Budget	\$78,548.05
FYTD Variance	\$14,677.96
Children's Collection	\$2.00

*Thank you for your generosity!
Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God
To Parish...5-8% To Diocese...1%*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At both of our parishes, and indeed at parishes and schools throughout the Church, a great deal of effort and resources go into religious education of our youth. It is certainly an important part of what we do at the parish level in our Faith. However, this service that we strive so hard to offer is meant **not** to be a *replacement* for education within the family, but to be *supplemental* to build upon that parental foundation of faith. This is also why even as adults we should always remain students in learning the Faith. In order to give, we first have to receive.

I wanted to take this space this week to underline some of what the Catechism of the Catholic Church has to say about the special role that parents have in the education of their children.

"It is in the bosom of the family that parents are 'by word and example... the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation.'" (CCC 1656)

"Parents must regard their children as *children of God* and respect them as *human persons*. Showing themselves obedient to the will of the Father in heaven, they educate their children to fulfill God's law." (CCC 2222)

"Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by *creating a home* where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for *education in the virtues*. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery - the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the 'material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones.' Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them...." (CCC 2223)

"*Education in the Faith* by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents." (CCC 2226)

I encourage all adults, and especially parents with children still at home to take advantage of the religious education opportunities that are offered, not only here at our parishes, but also available in the Cursillo movement, as well as the countless great podcasts and Catholic media outlets that can help to strengthen and enrich your own faith. If we really wish to give our children, families, parishes and societies the greatest of gifts, we first have to work to receive that gift ourselves!

Lenten Blessings to You All,

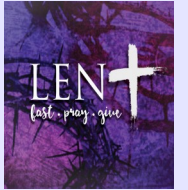
-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Parish Council

The next meeting is this Thursday, March 12 after 6 pm Mass in the Rectory

St. Bernard Young Adult Study/ Discussion with Father Aaron....the next session is Sunday, March 15 at 6 pm with a meal, short video and discussion with Father.



Lenten Resources

- Confessions on March 18 at St. Bernard from 6:45 to 8 p.m. **Confessions also offered from 5-5:50 pm every Thursday before Mass.**
- Adoration, Mass and Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings.



This year during Lent on Thursday evenings, we will have the Blessed Sacrament exposed from 5 to 5:50 pm followed by Benediction and then Mass at 6 with the Stations of the Cross to follow. This is a great way to grow closer to our Lord during Lent.

If your family would like to help lead stations, please contact Terri Ziliak at 812-677-0511.

MASS TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday - 7 p.m., Good Friday - 3 p.m., and Easter Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Easter Lilies

There is a box in the back of church for Easter Memorials. Please put money in an envelope marked with who you want the lilies in memory of. **The Easter Mass will be offered for all the memorials.** Any questions, ask Dolores Ziliak. Orders due by March 29. Thanks to everyone for helping to make our church beautiful this Easter! Asking for minimum donation of \$20.00.

**THE DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE
RURAL LIFE CELEBRATES**

**ROGATION
DAY MASS**

**TUESDAY MARCH 24TH
6:00 P.M. CST**

**ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH
5342 IN-168, FORT BRANCH, IN 47648**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR SEEDS & SOIL
IN A PLASTIC BAG**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW MASS

Donations Needed

We are in need of cookie donations for the Rogation Mass on March 24. Please sign up if you are able to help.



Congratulations to Caleb & Lora Ziliak on the birth and Baptism of their daughter, Leighton Earlean. She will be Baptized on March 8. Welcome to St. Bernard Leighton.



March 13-15 – Source + Summit Retreat
March 20 – MS Lent Night
March 29 – Bingo at Transcendent Healthcare

March 29 – Boys Open Gym
March 29 – HS RockLife
July 12-17 – Mission Trip to KY



Source + Summit Retreat

Youth ages 13 and up, you can still turn in your registration with \$55!! Don't miss out on this awesome weekend retreat on March 13-15. We will meet at Tri-State Speedway parking lot. Bus will depart at 5:00 on Friday, and 7:30 on Sat. and Sun. morning. Forms are in back of church or at www.sourcesummitevansville.org that includes more info on the retreat. Please contact Bryan with questions at 664-7992.

Last MS Lent Night

The last Lent Night will be on Fri March 20 in the youth room at Sts P&P from 7-9pm. All middle school youth are invited. This is a great way for them to draw nearer to God during the Lenten season! We'll have cheese pizzas and social time as well! Bring a friend and complete your waiver if you haven't yet.

HS Summer Conferences

There still may be spots available for St. Meinrad's One Bread One Cup, Notre Dame Vision, or Marian's Missionary Disciples Institute (MDI) at Marian Univ.

Please contact Bryan if interested or for information at 664-7992 or bmack@evdio.org.

Summer Mission Trip to Appalachia, KY for HS Youth

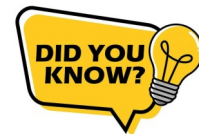
Come live out the Gospel in a very real way! Share your time, talent and open your heart to people in need. This year we will return to St. Vincent Mission in David, KY in the heart of Appalachia. Types of work have included demolition, drywall, painting, building wheel chair ramps, yard work, replacing floors & porches. The dates for the mission are **July 12-17**. We have reserved 20 spots. **We need a few skilled adult chaperones.** Reservations for this trip are first come, first serve so don't put this off!! **Turn in a \$25 deposit to reserve your spot.** Cost for each youth is \$100 for the trip. We could have a fundraiser to help with deferring the cost (actual cost per person about \$350). Trip will include a day of mountain fun on the way home!

AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST
22ND OF MARCH 2026

Join us from 7:30-10:30am in St James' Madden Hall for a delicious breakfast benefitting the American Legion. All are invited to attend!

\$10 ADULT & \$5 CHILDREN

Get ready to embark on a journey through the church year!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 22-26 @ STS. PETER & PAUL
REGISTRATION BEGINS IN APRIL!
kschneider@evdio.org



The world's largest Rosary exists in Beirut, Lebanon. It is made entirely of concrete and measures 1965 feet. Wow!



Welcome to St. Bernard A Catholic Community Since 1877

5342 E. State Road 168
Fort Branch, IN 47648

Pastor: Fr. Chris Forler

Associate Pastor: Fr. Aaron Herrenbruck

Deacons: Vince Bernardin, 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: Bob Fuhs

Altar Society President: Tammy Meny

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. - 4 p.m.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Before Thursday evening Mass starting at 5:15 p.m.

Baptism: Please call Nick Ivy to schedule baptismal class. Call the parish office to schedule baptism.

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 by calling the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Sunday - 8:30 a.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.

Monday - 12 noon

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



PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Doris Hagedorn, Ed Miskovic, Mary Lou Wolf, Cindy Knotts, Ed Nurrenbern, Jeff Hoffman, Diane Gress, Greg & Rose Obert, Drake & Maddie Turpin, Roger Georges, Lisa Wilson, Roger Spindler, Regina Falls, Winfrid & Marian Obert, Tracy Carlson, Hailey Oing, Deacon Richard Leibundguth, Shawn Seib, Gene Brown Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off.

Sunday, March 8 ~ Third Sunday of Lent