

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Rosary Lori Spindler
Gifts Cole & Carlie Phillips
Sacristan Dennis Titzer
Cantor Sarah Reising
Greeters John & Diane Hasenour
Lector Michael Smith
Servers Audrey Spindler, Teddy O'Connor
Money Counters Melvin Ziliak
Holly Heichelbech
EM to Homebound Terri Ziliak

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Rosary Diane Hasenour
Sacristan Nick Ivy
Gifts
Cantor First
Greeters Communicants
Lector and their families
Servers
Money Counters James Silva
Matt Obert
EM to Homebound Steve Obert
Traveling Chalice Bernie & Lori Spindler

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 23- 11:15 a.m.

+ Dave & Charlie Ziliak

Thursday, April 27 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Janet Schmits

Sunday, April 30- 11:15 a.m.

+ Robert Knotts

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 9 Collection	\$615.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
YTD Collection	\$90,922.82
Needed to meet budget	\$75,809.16
YTD Variance	\$15,113.66
Children's Collection	\$5.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Some weeks back, I made a glancing reference to Thomas a Kempis (or Thomas of Kempen), a German priest of the 15th century, and his great spiritual masterwork, The Imitation of Christ. Aside from the bible itself, this little book is the most read and printed single publication in the history of Christianity. It would be my great hope that everyone could glean from the great wisdom contained in this book by reading it themselves firsthand. However, I know that life has a way of dragging us away from making these concerted pushes forward in our spiritual lives. It is my hope that over the next few weeks I can whet some appetites and share some of this wisdom with you in this format.

Thomas breaks down his work into four major sections: 1) Thoughts helpful to the life of the soul; 2) the Interior Life; 3) Interior Consolation; and 4) an Invitation to Holy Communion. Each of these sections contains several small meditations concerning some aspect of the spiritual life and growing in our baptismal call to be 'other Christs' in the world.

The first chapter is entitled "Imitating Christ and Despising all Vanities on Earth." This meditation chiefly concerns the pursuit of earthly knowledge and proficiency at the cost of following Christ and doing great works of charity. It is part of our fallen human condition to seek the glory of the self and the good opinion of others rather than to seek to do works of great charity for the good opinion of God. This is rather simple and pedestrian sounding, but it is often the simple and most basic things that we lose sight of most easily. I believe the kernel of this meditation is contained in the following lines:

"This is the greatest wisdom – to seek the kingdom of heaven through contempt of the world. It is vanity, therefore, to seek and trust in riches that perish. It is vanity also to court honor and to be puffed up with pride. It is vanity to follow the lusts of the body and to desire things for which severe punishment later must come. It is vanity to wish for long life and to care little about a well-spent life. It is vanity to be concerned with the present only and not to make provision for things to come. It is vanity to love what passes quickly and not to look ahead where eternal joy abides."

Let us pursue the highest and longest lasting Good: God Himself!

Peace to you, - Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Wednesday (4/26)

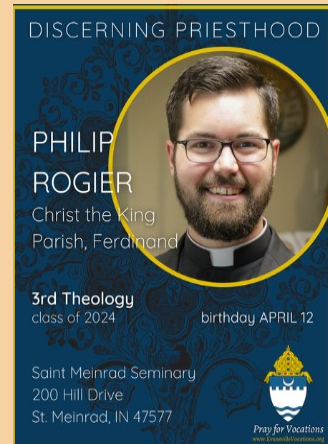
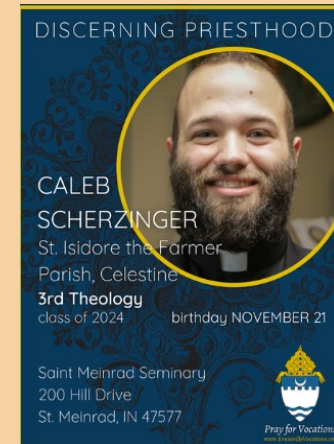
Religious Education - All Grades

Thursday (4/27)

Mass - 6 p.m.

This Week

Evening of Adoration: On Friday, April 28, at 7:00 pm E.D.T. (Jasper time), at Saint Mary Church in Ireland, there will be an evening of adoration in celebration of the ordination of Caleb Scherzinger and Phillip Rogier. This evening of prayer and worship before the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to pray for these men as they prepare for ordination the following day. In addition, this is also a call for all people to recognize the presence of God among us and to be aware of His invitation to a life of fulfillment in following His will. If you have questions, please contact Matt Miller at the Catholic Center: mmiller@evdio.org or 800-637-1731.



Thank you to the Altar Society and helpers for serving a wonderful breakfast last weekend! You can't beat great food and great fellowship!

Question and Answer with Father Chris

Starting Thursday, May 4, Father Chris will have a Question and Answer Evening in the School Hall following Mass. He will have this presentation on the First Thursday of each month. Have your questions ready and come join him for an evening of getting to know more about your faith!!

St. Bernard Apparel

We are so excited to announce that the Altar Society is selling St. Bernard shirts, sweatshirts, polos, and jackets! Car decals are also available! This is not a fundraiser but just an opportunity to show your church spirit in our community. There are three designs with multiple colors to choose from. There is an online website to order from. Information on ordering can be found on handouts in back of church. Please see Lori Spindler (812-664-2511) or Libby Ivy (812-215-0298) if you need assistance ordering. Sample of fabrics are available to look at after church today.

SB St. Bernard
CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS



Upcoming Youth Events

April 29 – Diaconate Ordination / St. Meinrad

May 6-7 – MS Shantytown

June 7 – Holiday World

June 14-17 – Mission Evansville

URGENT: HS Trip to Diaconate Ordination & St. Meinrad

Sat. April 29 we plan to take HS youth on the mini bus to witness the Diaconate Ordination of Philip Rogers and Caleb Scherzinger at St. Joe in Jasper. We will meet at Sts. P&P at 7:30am. After the ordination we will go to St. Meinrad with Clint Johnson (currently a seminarian at Meinrad) to eat lunch and do some outdoor activities around the beautiful grounds. We will arrive back to Sts PP around 4:00pm. Please let Bryan know ASAP if you want to go. Just bring waiver with you on the day of.

12th Annual Shantytown for Middle School

Come get a real look into the reality of homelessness and the financial struggles of many families in today's world. It'll be held at St. Bernard on May 6th -7th. We'll be serving meals and cleaning at 2 local homeless shelters: Evansville Rescue Mission and House of Bread & Peace. We'll also make shanty houses, eat a campfire meal, play games, learn about poverty. Check-in between 1:30-2:00pm on Saturday. Event ends at St. Bernard at 8:00am on Sunday. We'll have Mass for the youth on Sat. night at St. Bernard. We ask that each youth try to raise at least \$20 in donations – to be split between the 2 shelters. Please pick up an info packet in the back of your parish and **turn in permission form by Wed. May 3rd.**

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.smg youth.com

Community News

Join St. James Church on Sunday, April 30 for a fried chicken dinner benefitting **Trotter House of Gibson County**, the first pregnancy resource center in Gibson County. Dinners are **carry-out only at St. James Madden Hall** from 10:30 am until supplies run out. Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, dressing, slaw, & dessert for \$13 per person! Hope to see you there!

Father Tony Ernst will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary to the priesthood this year. St. Frances Xavier is hosting a Mass on May 13 at 11 am (10 am CST) with Bishop Siegel presiding, followed by a dinner which all are welcome. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal.

Cards can be mailed to: Fr. Tony Ernst, 106 S 3rd Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

April Church Cleaners

Diane Hasenour, Michele Siekman, Susan Smith, Jenny Stephens, Cindy Weber

Instructions on how to clean the floor and pews are hanging behind the altar



MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Sunday - 11:15 a.m.

Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN (DAYLIGHT)

Saturday - 5:00 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



On the Way to Emmaus by Mikhail Nesterov

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: Dennis Gress

Altar Society President: Libby Ivy

School Hall Rental: Terri Ziliak/Lori Spindler

Table & Chair Rental: Jeff & Tammy Meny

Parish Website: stbernardsnakerun.org

Parish Office: 812-753-4568

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 Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Diane Denton, Ace Turner, Gerald Allen, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Tony Sevier, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, Greg Obert, Doris Hagedorn, Peach family, Leroy Seib, Stephanie Meny, Mike Folsom, Marge Weber, Graham Hosman, Roger Elpers *Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Please help up to keep this list up to date. Let us know when someone can come off the list. Thank you.*

April 23, 2023 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter