

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2—PALM SUNDAY

**Rosary** Lori Spindler  
**Gifts** Teddy & Oliver O'Connor  
**Sacristan** Steve Obert  
**Cantor** Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers  
**Greeters** Jeff & Tammy Meny  
**Lector** Steve Obert  
**Servers** Lydia Siekman, Emily Anderson  
**Money Counters** Melvin Ziliak  
Holly Heichelbech

**EM to Homebound** Terry Fuhs  
**Traveling Chalice** Greg & Rose Obert  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 9—EASTER**

**Rosary** Elizabeth Ivy  
**Gifts** Harrison Obert, Grace Ivy  
**Sacristan** Bernie Spindler  
**Cantor** Kelly Obert  
**Greeters** Kenny & Judy Page  
**Lector** Brenda Smith  
**Servers** Anthony Gress, Adam Spindler  
**Money Counters** Melvin Ziliak  
Michael Smith  
**EM to Homebound** Lori Spindler

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, April 2 - 11:15 a.m.**

St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

**Thursday, April 6 - 5:00 p.m.**

+ Dody Bolander

**Friday, April 7 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 9 - 8:30 a.m.**

+ John, Herlinda & Donna Weber

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 26 Collection	<b>\$2,916.00</b>
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
Variance for March 26	\$1,111.02
YTD Collection	\$82,138.82
Needed to meet budget	\$70,394.22
YTD Variance	<b>\$11,744.60</b>
Children's Collection	

*Thank You!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come fast upon Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, we also come upon the greatest mysteries of our Faith. The greatest of all the Solemnities of the Lord is of course Easter (along with the aforementioned Triduum).

While the celebrations of Holy Week (Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday 5:30 pm, Holy Thursday 5:00 pm @ St. Bernard and 7:00 pm @ St. John, same times and places for Good Friday services) are not holy days of obligation, they certainly are great opportunities to drink in the reason we are Christian. Christ died for us. He gave us the Eucharist to be with us forever and pour the graces of His Paschal Mystery upon us over and over again to save us. He rose from the dead to bring us to new life.

The greatest of the Easter celebrations proper is the Solemn Vigil of Easter, celebrated on Holy Saturday night. I know for many people, Mass on Easter Sunday is a long-held tradition, and there is no doubt that it is important. However, if your family has never attended the Easter Vigil as an option for the Easter observance, I would highly recommend that you consider it. This is particularly true if you have children still at home. My childhood memory is replete with these beautiful nighttime celebrations of the Mysteries of Our Lord, most notably Mass at Night on Christmas Eve, and the Vigil.

The most common complaint about the Vigil itself is, of course, that it is long. This is true. It is far longer than the typical Mass, even Easter Sunday Masses. However, it is so very rich in symbolism that it is really to be experienced by Catholics at least once in my book. The blessing of the Easter fire, the new Easter Candle, the filling of the Church with light from candles held by the baptized (representing the light of Christ in each of us lighting up the world), the great readings from Salvation History with the Psalms, the chanting of the Exsultet, and most especially the bestowal of the Sacraments of Initiation on those newly entering the Church, is so powerful.

Yes, it is late. Yes, it is long. My recommendation is this: just go, and you and your family sleep in on Easter Sunday. Win-win!! In addition, it is the perfect conclusion to the beginning of the Paschal celebration, which is the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday (which technically comprise one great Liturgy). These are the days when we have the greatest and most important celebration in the universe. Please come and make it even more complete!

Blessings,  
-Fr. Chris

## ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

### HOLY WEEK INFORMATION

Tuesday (4/4)	Chrism Mass at St. Benedict at 5:30 pm
Wednesday (4/5)	Reconciliation from 6:30 pm to 8 pm Religion Class - 7 to 8 pm
Thursday (4/6)	Holy Thursday Mass at 5:00 pm - Followed by Adoration in the School Hall
Friday (4/7)	Good Friday Service at 5:00 pm
Sunday 4/9)	Easter Mass at 8:30 am followed by Egg Hunt



**The Chrism Mass** - The holy oils used throughout the year are blessed and consecrated, and the priests of the diocese make a public renewal of their priestly promises to serve Christ and the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available prior to the Mass. All are invited to attend so show your support for the service of our priests.

### **Adoration in the School Hall**

Following the Thursday evening Mass, Adoration will be set up in the School Hall. Please sign up for a time slot or just stop by and spend some time with the Lord on this VERY HOLY night.

**REMINDER: No First Friday Adoration this week since it is Good Friday.**

### **Vincennes Trip to Visit Fr. Tony**

A day trip to Vincennes to visit and have Mass with Fr. Tony, see the sights, and eat lunch is being planned for Wednesday, June 14! Details will be shared when the final plans have been made. So mark your calendar and don't miss this exciting trip with your church family!!! Everyone is invited!

### **Lenten Rice Bowl**

Be sure to drop off your Lenten Rice bowls in the box in the back of church.

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

We will pray together the Divine Mercy Chaplet prior to Good Friday service at 4:45 pm. This will begin Day 1 of the Divine Mercy Novena which concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Egg hunt to follow 8:30 am Sunday Mass for all children 6th grade and younger - bring your baskets!

### **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!!

### **Join us for Breakfast!**

Our wonderful chefs of St. Bernard are coming together for a can't miss breakfast!! Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, and fruit will be served on **April 16** from 9-11!! Donations will be accepted. Please sign up in the back of church by April 9. Any questions, please text Libby Ivy at 812-215-0298. Hope to see you there!!



## ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS

### Upcoming Youth Events

April 2 – HS RockLife

May 6-7 – MS Shantytown

June 14-17 – Mission Evansville



### 12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

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](http://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!

Join the **Gibson County Catholic Young Adult Group** on April 14 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Holy Cross Cafeteria to listen to Aaron Smith share about the Divine Mercy. \*No babysitting provided at this event\* Visit our Facebook page at Gibson County Catholic Young Adults for information on upcoming events!

**Divine Mercy Service, Sunday April 16 at Holy Cross Church—3pm.** Service will include Reconciliation, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. **Our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy which is recorded three times in the Diary of Saint Faustina, each time in a slightly different way: "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy."**



### March Church Cleaners

Rena Schleter, Deann Gress, Ericka Obert, Kelly Obert, Cindy Titzer

**\*\*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.



## 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](http://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](mailto: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 Rynkiewicz, 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 2, 2023 ~ Sixth Sunday of Lent**