

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Rosary

Sacristan

Gifts

Cantor

Greeters

Lector

Servers

Money Counters

Diane Hasenour

Nick Ivy

First Communicants and their families

James Silva

Matt Obert

Steve Obert

Bernie & Lori Spindler

SUNDAY, MAY 7

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EM to Homebound

Lori Spindler

John Hasenour

Molly Schnarr, Brooke Silva

Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers

Lori & Audrey Spindler

Kim Elpers

Allison Spindler, Jack Anderson

Klint Obert, Mike Smith

Rena Schleter

MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ Robert Knotts

Thursday, May 4 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Tom & Carol Vaal

Sunday, May 7 - 11:15 a.m.

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 23 Collection	\$1,834.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
YTD Collection	\$92,756.82
Needed to meet budget	\$77,614.14
YTD Variance	\$15,142.68
Children's Collection	\$1.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Continuing through our survey of the Imitation of Christ, we next come to the concept of having a humble opinion of the self. In this, Thomas of Kempen speaks particularly against pride of having great knowledge. Knowledge is good, but only insofar as it assists in salvation of self and others, and the glorification of God. He warns against the desire to be known as knowledgeable, while neglecting the needs of the soul. Our knowledge is not for its own sake, but proper knowledge should lead us to live lives that are more virtuous and truly assist others in charity. Unfortunately, the world encourages us to simply seek honor and elevate the self by amassing heaps of worldly knowledge. Thomas rightly points out that those who have better knowledge and understanding are also more liable to judgement if they do not act in accordance with that knowledge. So the person who is even concerned with spiritual and religious knowledge, but does not have the discipline or determination to put that knowledge into practice in his own life is setting himself up for an even harsher judgement. I often run into this as a priest (and find myself tempted in the same ways), when I encounter people who are so concerned about the morality of others or even of society, but can almost use that as a way of keeping from doing an examination of their own conscience. Fixating on the sins of others or the human dysfunction in the society or even the Church is not a substitute for looking critically at yourself or your own actions. This is what Jesus means by His parable of the speck and the wooden beam in the eyes. Thomas' parting thoughts on this matter sum it up well:
"If you wish to learn and appreciate something worthwhile, then love to be unknown and considered as nothing. Truly to know and despise (be suspicious of) self is the best and most perfect counsel. To think of oneself as nothing, and always to think well and highly of others is the best and most perfect wisdom. Wherefore, if you see another sin openly or commit a serious crime, do not consider yourself better, for you do not know how long you can remain good. All men are frail, but you must admit that none is more frail than yourself."

Peace to you,
-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Wednesday (5/3)

Thursday (5/4)

Friday (5/5)

Spring Party/May Crowing Practice - 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Mass - 6 p.m.

Questions and Answers with Fr. Chris

Adoration from 8-4

This Week

Congratulations First Communicants

Brian Heichelbech

Carlisle Phillips

Kohlman Sterczer

Alexander Wilson

Thank you to parents, teachers, and the St. Bernard Community for all the support and prayers! May today be the first of many special days of receiving Jesus into your hearts!

Vacation Bible School

Cathletics - Training to Be Champions for Christ! South Gibson Catholic Vacation Bible School is June 26-30 at Sts. Peter and Paul. Want to help? Volunteer through Signup Genius on Facebook. There will be daycare available for anyone who helps with VBS. Register through the Sts. Peter and Paul website or contact Jason Kruger at jkruger@evdio.org

Join Father Chris this Thursday after Mass, May 4, for a Question and Answer Evening in the School Hall. 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.

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ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS

Upcoming Youth Events

May 6-7 – MS Shantytown
June 7 – Holiday World
June 14-17 – Mission Evansville



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.**

Youth Day to Holiday World

Any youth from **incoming 6th thru outgoing 12th** grades are invited to attend our Holiday World outing Wednesday, June 7th. Again, we will be going the same day as all the Westside parishes! So contact those friends you know from Savio, Siena or Source & Summit and meet up! We will be starting the day off with Mass at 9:30 at St. Nicholas Church in Santa Claus! (which is right next door to Holiday World) After Mass we will meet at the front gate of Holiday World and hand out the tickets. For those that need a ride you can RSVP a seat on the mini-bus (first come, first serve). Cost is \$25 per ticket. Look in back of church for permission packets. Read the packet carefully. **Parents:** All youth need a chaperone. We need your help chaperoning to make this possible! **Forms and payment due by Tuesday May 30th** in any parish office.

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 the Gibson County Catholic Young Adult Group on May 6 at Monte Cassino Shrine for mass beginning at 7:00 AM CT. Afterwards, we will travel a short distance to St. Meinrad Seminary and get a tour from Clint Johnson. Kids are welcome. Visit our Facebook page at Gibson County Catholic Young Adults for information on upcoming events!



May is devoted to the Blessed Mother, pilgrimages to Monte Cassino Shrine are held each Sunday during May. The pilgrimage begins with an opening hymn and a short sermon, followed by a rosary procession. The hour-long service ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. Pilgrimages start at 2 p.m. Central Time. The shrine is located in St. Meinrad, IN, one mile east of Saint Meinrad Archabbey along Indiana 62. For more information on the Monte Cassino pilgrimages, call 812-357-6585 .



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



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 30, 2023 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter