

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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,
Lucas Ivy

Money Counters

Melvin Ziliak
Michael Smith

EM to Homebound

Lori Spindler

SUNDAY, APRIL 16—DIVINE MERCY

Rosary

Dolores Ziliak

Gifts

Spencer & Carson Heichelbech

Sacristan

John Spindler

Cantor

Sarah & Maci Spindler

Greeters

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Lector

Dennis Titzer

Servers

Isaac Ivy, Cole Phillips

Money Counters

Camy Davis
Matt Obert

EM to Homebound

Terri Ziliak

Traveling Chalice

Pat Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ John, Herlinda & Donna Weber

Thursday, April 13 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Janet Schmits

Sunday, April 16 - 11:15 a.m.

+ Dorothy Burke Thornburg

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 2 Collection

\$3,503.00

Needed for weekly budget

\$1,804.98

Variance for April 2

\$1,698.02

YTD Collection

\$85,641.82

Needed to meet budget

\$72,199.20

YTD Variance

\$13,442.62

Children’s Collection

\$5.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A happy and joyful Easter to all of you and your loved ones!

I hope that this has been a fruitful and fulfilling Lenten journey for all of you. For me, it seemed to fly by. However, even if it seemed to crawl for you, I hope that it was nonetheless a time of spiritual renewal and awakening. Christ is, or should be, the center of our lives as Catholic Christians, and He is constantly working in our hearts to bring us closer to Himself. We allow Him to truly work profoundly in our hearts when we ourselves strive to meet Him in our daily lives.

Whether you have had a productive or a somewhat lackluster experience of preparation for the great feast of Easter, my prayer is that we all stay committed to our quest for Him, even after the season of Lent is over. We have pondered our weaknesses and sinfulness. We have plumbed the depths of our own poverty of spirit and our need for the Savior. If we have done this to the best of our ability, we can now contemplate the greatness of the sacrifice of Jesus and ponder the wonder of His Resurrection.

I now encourage you to step into another stage of the journey toward the Lord. During this season of Easter, let us marvel at the blessings He has brought to us in our own lives. We could all stand to be more steadfast in taking an inventory of these blessings, and then offering heartfelt prayers of thanks and praise to the One who has made them possible. In addition, if this is for whatever reason a time of darkness and trial for you because of loss, anxiety, or other challenge, we are still encouraged to persevere in our prayer and quest for the Lord. If we are honest people of faith, we also must admit that it is often from our own crosses that our greatest occasions for growth and blessings have sprung forth. Let us continue to trust in the Lord, who heals our wounds. What we celebrate now, at the high point of our Church year, is that God has shown Himself the master of all things, even death itself.

Christ is Risen!

Peace to you,

-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

This Week

Sunday (4/9)

Easter Mass at 8:30 am followed by Egg Hunt

Wednesday (4/12)

Religious Education

Thursday (4/13)

Mass followed by PC Meeting

Sunday (4/16)

Breakfast from 9 to 11

Divine Mercy Service at Holy Cross at 3 pm

He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.
Rejoice in the resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

Egg Hunt

The Egg Hunt will be directly after Mass today for 6th grade and under. Please meet in front of the school hall. We will have extra sacks if you forgot your basket! Thanks to all our Easter helpers!

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting following Thursday evening Mass this week in the rectory.

Thank You

Many thanks to everyone that helped with the Holy Week Liturgy. Thanks to all those that helped with the music, and thank you to everyone who helped with the decorations in church.

Easter Lily Memorials

Many thanks to all who purchased an Easter Lily and helped to make our church beautiful for Easter!!

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!

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!!



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

ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS

Upcoming Youth Events

May 6-7 – MS Shantytown

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**.

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.smgyouth.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."**



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 9, 2023 ~ Easter