

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Rosary Dolores Ziliak
Sacristan Dennis Gress
Gifts Owen Meny, Lucas Ivy
Lector Deann Gress
Servers Blake & Brooke Silva
Greeters Steve & Kelly Obert
Cantor Kelly Obert
Money Counters Dennis Gress
Matt Obert
Traveling Chalice Dennis & Deann Gress

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Rosary Elizabeth Ivy
Sacristan Robert Fuhs
Gifts Grace & Lucas Ivy
Lector Rena Schleter
Servers Allison & Bailey Spindler
Greeters K of C
Cantor Sarah Reising
Money Counters Dennis Gress
Klint Obert
Traveling Chalice Greg & Rose Obert

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 13 - 11:15 a.m.
Dan Heiring & Pete Stalzman
Tuesday, August 15 - 6:00 p.m.
+ Wayne Spindler, Gilbert & Mary Arnold
Sunday, August 20 - 11:15 a.m.
+ Bernie & Mary Sue Spindler



August 6 Collection	\$3,312.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$13,696.00
Needed to meet budget	\$12,567.66
YTD Variance	\$2,923.72
Children’s Collection	\$4.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since I last wrote on the Imitation of Christ, I move on to the so-called “Third Book” which concerns the subject of internal consolation in the soul. All of us seek to be at peace, not only with ourselves, but also with others and especially with God. This last is the highest priority! If we possess God and the peace that only He can give, then we already possess far more than anything or anyone in the world can give to us, for they are finite creatures, and He is infinite. The reflections in this section and remaining throughout the rest of the book are written in a kind of dialogue between we the disciple and the Lord (the Voice of Christ). These are in a sense kind of sample conversations that can be had with the Lord as examples. Many of them are quotations from Scripture as well as good theological insights. What is important to know is that when we show up in prayer we should not expect a booming voice from heaven, nor should we be disappointed when this does not happen. The voice of Christ is His Word in the Holy Scriptures and in the Magisterial teachings of His Church. The more we understand these, the more we know the mind, the words, and the will of Christ Jesus. He also speaks to us without words in the instincts and movements of our heart and conscience. When we are faced with temptation, we most often know what is right and what is wrong. The confusion we often feel is actually not lacking the knowledge of the will of God, but rather lacking the strength, conviction, or devotion to do the difficult right thing. Rather it is much easier to do the wrong thing in our weakness and fallenness. This is what we seek when we come to prayer: clarity, strength, conviction, and consolation. When we bring our struggles and uncertainties before the Lord, he clarifies the Divine Truth in our hearts and souls and minds. He strengthens us to be steadfast and gives us conviction to follow Him in the decisions and situations of our lives. Finally, he consoles us in our sorrows and gives us His peace. In addition, He most often does this in silence. It is true that good, holy, and truthful thoughts will occur to us more readily in prayer, and we should listen to that, because He can often speak this way to us. No matter what may come to us in prayer even if the insights are daunting or difficult, they are usually accompanied with a subtle sense of peace. This is our hint that this is probably the right thing. Thomas a Kempis gives a great little prayer to plead for the Lord to speak to us when we present ourselves in prayer: "Speak, therefore, Lord, for Your servant listens. ‘Thou hast the words of eternal life.’ Speak to me for the comfort of my soul and for the amendment of my life, for Your praise, Your glory, and Your everlasting honor.”

Peace to you,
Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

MASS THIS WEEK IS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15
NO MASS THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Holy Day

This Tuesday, August 15 is the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St. Bernard will be at 6 p.m.
August 14 - 6 pm at St. John the Evangelist – Vigil Mass
August 15 - 8 am at St. John the Evangelist



New Altar Society Officers

President - Jessica Anderson, Vice-President - Sarah Spindler, Secretary - Susan Smith, and Treasurer - Camy Davis. Thanks to our previous officers - Libby Ivy, Deann Gress, Cindy Titzer, and Michele Siekman for all your hard work this past year!

Social Meeting

We will have our last meeting to discuss the St. Bernard Social this Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the school hall. All chairman should be present.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to take Pat Hall to and from church on Sundays. She would need picked up around 10:40. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Thank you!

Reminders for our Upcoming Social - September 10, 2023

- The BIG day will be here soon! Your envelope with reminders, raffle tickets, and the job assignment list are in the back of church. We can’t thank everyone enough for all your help. It really takes everyone to pull it off! If you are not on the list and would like to help, please let Lori Spindler know (812-664-2511). Please review the list as changes have been made since the last social.
- Please sign up for a basket. The list is on the bulletin board in the back of church.
- The dressing committee is in need of newspaper to wrap up the dressing when finished. If you can save some and give to Jenny/Terri before the big day, it would be a great help.
- There is a list of food items needing donated in the back of church. Please sign up if you can.

The St. Bernard Parish Picnic is next Sunday after the 11:15 am Mass. This is the Feast Day of St. Bernard! The Altar Society will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert. Please bring a side dish. We will also be having a Barbecue Cook Off for anyone who would like to participate!! This can be any kind of BBQ. A prize will be given to the best one! Sign ups for both are in the back of church along with further details. Please sign up by August 13. Any questions please text Libby Ivy at 812-215-0298. Hope to see you there!

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR AUGUST

Sarah Reising, Bridget Blankenberger, Joan Nurrenbern,
Cathy Reising, Jennyfer Strickland

Upcoming Youth Events

Aug. 19 – Kickoff Mass and Fellowship

Aug. 22 – MS “Reality of Jesus” Night

SMG Kickoff Youth Mass & Fellowship

Kickoff the new school year on Sat. Aug. 19th with a youth Mass and fellowship after! We'll begin with 4:30pm Mass at Holy Cross followed by ice cream and games afterward. The whole family is invited. Ends at 7:00pm. We need youth to do the parts of Mass (servers, music, readings, etc.) so please let Bryan know if you can help!

MS “Reality of Jesus” Nights

On Aug. 22 & 29, learn about the reality of Jesus. Equip yourself to defend that reality in the youth room at Sts P&P from 6:00-8:00pm with Corey Atkins and Fr. Andrew. A 2-night workshop that includes fun activities, spiritual activities, educational opportunities, food and more. This is open to all boys and girls in middle school. Cost is free. Specific waiver packets for all participants are in the back of each church (and Bryan will email them out). Please bring the waiver packet with you to the first night. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate in all of the activities.

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



Area Happenings:

St. John the Baptist will hold a Men's Conference on Saturday, September 16 from 8:30 AM—1:30 PM at the church. Come for a day of faith, fellowship and learning. See how we as men can help one another to develop the motivation and accountability we need to become men of God. The conference Includes Mass and talks by Father Luke Hassler and Father Tyler Tenbarger. The cost is \$15 per person registration (or \$20 at the door) and includes breakfast and lunch. Please sign up by Friday, September 8 at www.sjbnewburgh.org.

St. John the Baptist Newburgh's Gather in Faith Women's Conference is back! Join us on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9 AM -2 PM as we discover St. Thérèse of Lisieux's "Little Way." The Little Way is a simple approach to spiritual life that seeks to do ordinary things with great love. Our Keynote Speaker is Sr. Augusta of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville. Check-in begins at 8:30, followed by Mass at 9 AM. Registration is \$15 per person before Sept. 1, or \$20 after. Cost includes a light breakfast and lunch from Cleo's! Please register by September 15 using this link: <https://forms.gle/AuUhGch1BWekQVmv>



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



Assumption of Mary into Heaven, August 15

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: 812-615-0201

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, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewicz, Tony Sevier, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, Greg & Rose Obert, Doris Hagedorn, Stephanie Meny, Mike Folsom, Marge Weber, Graham Hosman, Kim Elpers, Jerry Brown
Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off the list. Thank you.

August 13, 2023 ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time