

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Rosary Dennis Titzer  
Sacristan George Ankenbrand  
Gifts Molly Schnarr, Annie Obert  
Lector Steve Obert  
Servers Anthony Gress, Harrison Obert  
Greeters Lori & Audrey Spindler  
Cantor Leroy Seib  
Money Counters Melvin Ziliak  
Mike Smith

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 20 - 11:15 a.m.  
+ Bernie & Mary Sue Spindler  
Tuesday, August 24 - 6:00 p.m.  
+ Jessica Obert  
Sunday, August 27 - 11:15 a.m.  
+ Dave & Charlie Ziliak



August 13 Collection	\$2,301.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$15,997.00
Needed to meet budget	\$12,567.66
YTD Variance	\$3,429.34
Children’s Collection	\$4.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In my previous article on considering how our Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist developed and spread so quickly in the early Church and how Jews of the first century enthusiastically converted in Pitre's book, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, I focused on the Passover. If you remember, Pitre explains that the Jewish faith laid the foundation of their and our Catholic faith in the Real Presence, body, blood, soul, and divinity. The three elements in the Jewish faith Pitre describes are: the Passover, the Manna from Heaven, and the Bread of Presence kept in the Temple Tabernacle. I want to focus the attention of this article on the second critical element, Jesus, as the Manna from Heaven.

The Manna God gave to Israel daily in the wilderness came in the form of bread in the morning and the flesh of quail in the evening. The people of Israel, led by Moses, ate the Bread of Angels that tasted of milk and honey as a foretaste of the Promised Land. The leftover Manna that rained down from heaven would be collected and placed in the Golden Urn as a sign of God's love for his people. The Golden Urn was then veiled and placed in the Tabernacle, as it was sacred and holy and veiled in mystery, sounding familiar to our Catholic tradition today. Jewish belief expected that the Messiah come again and bring back the Manna from heaven. This expectation is expressed in the Jewish apocryphal work of 2 Baruch, not found in our scripture. Early Christians made the connection to Jesus and the Eucharist after the Resurrection.

In Matthew 6, when the disciples ask how to pray, Jesus gave us the gift of the Lord's Prayer. The unique word translated for "daily" bread occurs only once in the bible, and early Christians quickly noticed. Jesus purposefully chose his words of how we pray to the Father. It is derived from the Greek epi-ousios. Without getting into the weeds of the Greek root words here, St. Jerome translated it as, "Give us this day our supersubstantial bread." Delving into the Catechism of the Church (CCC 2837), taken literally, epi-ousios translates as "super-essential." Another word we could use is supernatural, if that helps. Jesus is referring to the Manna necessary to sustain and obtain eternal life. Without it, there can be no life in us. It is another foretaste of the Eucharist and refers directly to the Bread of Life, the Body of Christ. Jesus is referring to Himself. Jesus is the New Manna, and he tells us while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum (John 6), "I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the Manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread come down from heaven that man might eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him...This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

The teaching was challenging and horrific to understand at the time and even the Apostles struggled with what Jesus might mean, but they trusted in our Lord. Many of his disciples abandoned him. The mystery came to light after the Resurrection. The Early Church understood Jesus meant his risen body and blood and began to celebrate the sacrifice of the Eucharist. They never wanted to be separated from Christ and his gift of Himself and gave their lives for it.

In the last article in this forthcoming series, I will discuss Pitre's final element in Our Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, the Bread of Presence kept in the Temple Tabernacle. As I said before if there is interest, perhaps a bible study could further develop this profound truth of our Catholic faith.

Peace, Deacon Lonny


# ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

**Reminders for our Upcoming Social - September 10**

**MASS ON SOCIAL WEEKEND WILL BE SATURDAY EVENING AT 7 PM - THERE WILL NOT BE A SUNDAY MORNING MASS**

- All raffle tickets have been mailed. Please turn in raffle tickets to Lori, Terri, or Libby or put in collection by September 9 to be entered into the \$50 prize drawing!
- 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.
- There is a list of food items needing donated in the back of church.
- Wednesday, September 6 @ 6:00 p.m. is clean-up evening for the social. We need your help!**
- Each family is asked to donate 2 cakes or 3 pies (preferably homemade). Most people ask for pies the day of the social.
- We can't thank everyone enough for all your help. It really takes everyone!

**Parish Council Meeting**  
The next Parish Council Meeting is August 31 after evening Mass.




- TODAY IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST. BERNARD - August 20**
- He was the founder and abbot of the Abbey of Clairvaux, a Cistercian monastery that expanded throughout Europe.
- He was the confidant of five popes and a renowned preacher of the Second Crusade.
- He wrote a number of sermons on the Song of Solomon and defended his devotion to the Virgin Mary.
- He attracted many men to join the monastic life, including his siblings and widowed father.
- St. Bernard composed the famous prayer to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary known as The Memorare that we say after the rosary.

What we love, we shall grow to resemble. *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

**St. Bernard, pray for us!**

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR AUGUST**  
Sarah Reising, Bridget Blankenberger, Joan Nurrenbern, Cathy Reising, Jennyfer Strickland



**St. Bernard CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
5342 East State Road 168, Fort Branch IN 47648

**PORK CHOP DINNER & SOCIAL**

*Carry-Outs*  
**SERVED 10:30 AM - 1 PM**

*Dinners*  
**SERVED 11 AM - 1 PM**

**SUNDAY SEPT. 10TH**

**FOUR \$100 PRIZE BINGO GAMES!**

Drawings to be held at 2:00 PM  
License # 015392

**5 MILES EAST OF FORT BRANCH ON HWY 168**

**FUN FOR EVERYONE IN SNAKE RUN**

**BINGO**  
MONEY RAFFLE  
BASKET RAFFLE  
COUNTRY STORE  
FLEA MARKET  
QUILT RAFFLE  
KIDS GAMES

**Thank you** to Ericka Obert for designing our new flyer!

**\*\*Please share on Facebook and invite family/friends to our social! There are extra copies of the flyer in the back of church if you have a place to advertise.**

Upcoming Youth Events

Aug. 22 – MS “Reality of Jesus” Night  
Sept. 10 – Bingo w/ Elderly  
Sept. 10 – HS RockLife  
Nov. 16-18 – HS NCYC



**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.

**NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) for High School Youth** - On November 16-18 high school youth have the opportunity to attend the largest gathering of Catholic youth in the nation! And it’s in the Hoosier State, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indy! The 3-day event has been described by youth, priests, and other adults as a faith-filled, action-packed, and fun! The participants experience some of the most amazing liturgies and prayer experiences, great speakers, and clean entertainment during the conference. Our Diocese of Evansville will be sending a delegation of youth and adults. We’ll meet on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Catholic Center around noon and return there either late Saturday night or Sunday afternoon. Cost will be right around \$200 per youth (total actual cost will be around \$400, but SMG will cover \$200). **A deposit of \$100 will be due around early Sept. More details coming soon!**

**Bingo with the Elderly – Transcendent Healthcare Owensville** - Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> any youth grade 6-12 is invited to visit the elderly at Transcendent Healthcare of Owensville. We’ll play bingo and just share in the love and joy of Christ with them! We’ll meet at Sts. P&P at 3:00 and arrive back to Sts P&P around 5:45pm. Please contact Bryan at least a day in advance if you’d like to go, and bring your waiver!

**HS RockLife Nights** - Beginning Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, we’ll meet in the youth room at Sts Peter & Paul from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This will continue throughout the school year (usually twice a month). These nights focus on leading teens closer to Christ while meeting them where they’re at. It helps youth get excited about their faith and more engaged! Not only will you find food for the soul, you’ll also be served Sandy’s Pizza!! Bring a friend and a permission slip!

Any questions/concerns about youth events please contact Bryan Macke at 664-7992 or [bmacke@evdio.org](mailto: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)

**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 Tenbarge. 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](http://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>

**Maui Devastation** - Today our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. As a community of faith, we are called to come together and provide unwavering support to those who are suffering. It is in times like these that our collective love, faith, and compassion can make a tremendous difference. You can make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope.

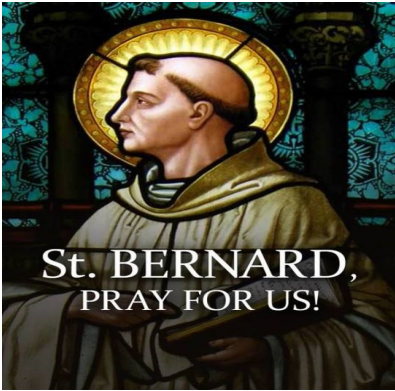


**MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD**

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](mailto:lspindler@evdio.org))  
Terri Ziliak ([tziliak@evdio.org](mailto: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:** 812-615-0201

**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](mailto:lspindler@evdio.org) or calling the parish office.**

**PRAYER LIST**

Kenny & Marcia Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Diane Denton, 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 20, 2023 ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**