

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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	Mike Smith
	Melvin Ziliak

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Rosary	Leroy Seib
Sacristan	Bernie Spindler
Gifts	Spencer & Carson Heichelbech
Lector	Brenda Smith
Servers	Molly Schnarr, Audrey Spindler
Greeters	John & Sarah Spindler
Cantor	Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers
Money Counters	Camy Davis
	Matt Obert
Traveling Chalice	Pat Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 27- 11:15 a.m.
+ David & Charlie Ziliak
Thursday, August 31 - 6:00 p.m.
+ Glen & Denise Vaal
Sunday, September 3 - 11:15 a.m.
+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes



August 15 Collection (Assumption)	\$300.00
August 20 Collection	\$444.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$16,741.00
Needed to meet budget	\$14,363.04
YTD Variance	\$2,377.96
Children’s Collection	\$5.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today’s day and age, we tend to think of the human person as being a ‘free agent’ who can determine their own course and even define ourselves. We make our opinions and ourselves the measure of all things. This is a false Enlightenment idea. It is false because we have inherent dignity not because we are so great, but because we are created in the Image and Likeness of God who really is great. If we always remember this fact, that we are nothing without Him Who made us, then we are truly humble. We should hang on every word of God and strive to do what He asks of us. For the earthly person, this is a bitter pill to swallow, but for the humble person, it is delight to lean completely on the will and strength and grace of God. Many of us were told as small children, “believe in yourself”. The humble attitude is to be wary of myself, but believe in the goodness and grace of Jesus.

Thomas a Kempis encourages us to walk before God in humility and truth. Humility is acknowledging the truth that we are nothing without God. Therefore, we know that everything good comes from Him and is made possible by Him. Christ assures us:

“Consider your sins with great displeasure and sorrow, and never think yourself to be someone because of your good works. You are truly a sinner. You are subject to many passions and entangled in them. Of yourself, you always tend to nothing. You fall quickly, are quickly overcome, quickly troubled, and quickly undone. You have nothing in which you can glory, but you have many things for which you should think yourself vile, for you are much weaker than you can comprehend. Hence, let none of the things you do seem great to you. Let nothing seem important or precious or desirable except that which is everlasting. Let the eternal truth please you above all things, and let your extreme unworthiness always displease you. Fear nothing, abhor nothing, and [run from] nothing as you do your own vices and sins; these should be more unpleasant for you than any material losses.

My child, walk before Me in truth, and seek Me always in the simplicity of your heart. He who walks before Me in truth shall be defended from the attacks of evil, and the truth shall free him from seducers and from the slanders of wicked men. For if the truth has made you free, then you shall be free indeed, and you shall not care for the vain words of men.”

I realize that these words can be rather harsh to our modern sensibilities, but the Lord does not want just our mere material good here in this short life. He wants our ultimate good for eternity. Therefore, knowing our weakness we should be more terrified and disgusted with our sin and seek the things of God and goodness with more passion. This is a gift and grace that we should always beg the Lord for in prayer: to have a more fervent desire for holiness and a greater sorrow for our sins. In this way, we can be sure that our compass will always be set aright.

Peace to you,
-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION IS THIS FRIDAY. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR COMMITMENT AND COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH THE LORD. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Parish Council Meeting
The next Parish Council Meeting is THIS Thursday, August 31 after evening Mass. All new committee members need to attend!!

Thank you to everyone who helped trim shrubs/hedge. We appreciate you helping keep St. Bernard beautiful!

A very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Deacon Lonny and Deacon Vince who both have birthdays on September 1.

MAGNIFICATS

It is that time of year to place your order for the 2024 Magnificats. I will need your order for Magnificats no later than October 8. The price is the same as last year, **\$29.00** for a yearly subscription. **PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST Church.** Please sign up on the list in the back of church and give the money to Terri or put it in the collection basket. I cannot take orders after October 8!



St. Bernard Family Picnic

Thank you to the Altar Society and all those who helped with the family picnic. We were blessed with great food and great fellowship! Thank you to Fr. Chris, Dennis Titzer, Susan Smith, Matt Obert, and John Spindler for participating in the BBQ Cook-off. A special congratulations to Matt Obert for being the 2023 winner! When asked what made his barbecue special Matt wrote, “The last ingredient, and arguably the most important, was all the love that goes into each delicious bite.” How fun!!



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

- 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.
- A list of food items needing donated is 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.
- Please share on flyer 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.
- We can’t thank everyone enough for all your help. It really takes everyone!

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR AUGUST

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

Upcoming Youth Events

Aug. 29 – MS “Reality of Jesus” Night

Sept. 10 – Bingo w/ Elderly

Sept. 10 – HS RockLife

Sept. 16 – Josh Goodman concert / youth Mass

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. Just bring your diocesan event waiver. 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 on Mon. Sept. 18th.

Bingo with the Elderly – Transcendent Healthcare Owensville

Sunday, Sept. 10th 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 10th, 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!

Josh Goodman Concert, Youth Mass, and Adoration

A night for the whole family! Sat. night, Sept. 16th we have Josh Goodman, a Catholic musician and worship leader from Chicagoland, coming to share his musical gifts and help inspire us in our walk with the Lord! We will begin at 7:00pm with outdoor Mass at St. James, followed by a concert with various praise and pop music, and then we'll end with Adoration. We'll have light snacks and drinks. Ends at 10:00pm. Bring your waiver and a friend!



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.

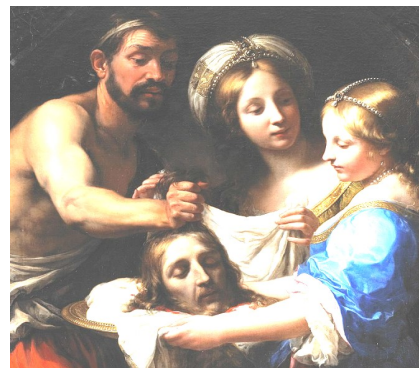
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.

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

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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, 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.

Prayer for our Military

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from you. Please keep all of our military in your prayers.

Veterans and current military need our prayers.

August 27, 2023 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time