

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Rosary

Sacristan

Gifts

Lector

Servers

Greeters

Cantor

Money Counters

Homebound EM

Traveling Chalice

Dolores Ziliak

Steve Obert

Maverick Reising, Carson Heichelbech

Elizabeth Ivy

Lydia Siekman, Abby Heichelbech

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Kelly Obert

Holly Heichelbech

James Silva

Dennis Titzer

Mike & Brenda Smith

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

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Terri Ziliak

George Ankenbrand

Annie Obert, Grace Ivy

Dennis Titzer

Isaac & Lucas Ivy

Jim & Jan Schmitt

Leroy Seib

Dennis Gress

Jenny Fuhs

Rena Schleter

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 17 - 11:15 a.m.

+ Roberta Silva & Marlene Obert

Thursday, December 21 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Robert & Charlotte Wehmer & Family

Sunday, December 24 - 11:15 a.m.

+ Mary Frances Wehmer

Stewardship of Treasure

December 7 (Holy Day)

December 10 Collection

Needed for weekly budget

YTD Collection

Needed to meet budget

YTD Variance

Children's Collection

\$72.00

\$2,038.00

\$1,795.38

\$51,884.96

\$43,089.12

\$8,795.84

\$23.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
“Father, why are you wearing pink again?!?”

If I had a dollar for every time I heard that, I'd be a millionaire. Okay, well it may be more true to say that I could get a pretty decent dinner out, but I've heard it a lot. But why do we bother with it at all? What does the rose (not pink) vestment even mean?

As I might have said before, we really only use this color twice in the whole Church year. On the fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, and the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), these colors can make their appearance. The names of each of these Sundays are Latin, and loosely translated mean ‘rejoice’ or ‘delight’, and they generally mark when we pass the halfway point of a penitential season. They are to show that something has changed, something is different. We are still not wearing the white of the Christmas or Easter seasons, the seasons of exultation, but we are over halfway there! The light is at the end of the tunnel! It is a recognition that the penance and sacrifice we are offering during Lent or Advent will soon be blooming forth for something greater.

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, and if we examine the gospel readings of the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of advent and compare them, we can actually tease out a little contrast. They are similar in that they center around John the Baptist, but whereas the reading from last Sunday makes reference to John’s severity and his call to repentance, this week’s Gospel speaks a little more explicitly about the greatness and Lordship of the coming Savior who is in their midst. That is something to rejoice about!!

So we recall that although we are not yet at our heavenly homeland where we will see the Lord Jesus in His unveiled glory, we do indeed have him in our midst, and we are closer to our time of meeting Him than ever we were before. This is why on these Sundays we tend to ‘lighten up’ a little.

Rejoice in the Lord always!  
-Fr. Chris

A Prayer for the Third Sunday of ADVENT

Jesus, you will come among us once again to give us your very life. May your life's gift inspire us to make our lives a gift to you, over and over again. Amen.

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

The Angel Giving Tree

We've dropped off the first batch of items for the True Hope of Gibson County. They would like to thank everyone for the very generous donations for the ladies of our community that are in need! Your church went beyond and we are very thankful!

Confessions

This Wednesday, December 20 is your chance to get ready for Christ for Christmas. Confessions will start at 6:30 pm for the Parish. We will have a second priest here to help. Make this a great Christmas with a clean heart for Christ.

Christmas Poinsettia Remembrances

Today is the last day for your Remembrance money. Many thanks for your donations!!

St. Bernard Christmas Program

The religious education students invite you to the 2023 rendition of “Waiting for the Birth of Jesus” Tonight, **Sunday, December 17 at 6 p.m.** followed by cookies and a visit from Santa. All are invited!

Caroling

Please help us spread a little Christmas cheer to our parishioners!! We will begin with pizza in the school hall and then off to caroling on Friday, December 22 at 4:30 p.m. Please text Lori Spindler (812-664-2511) if you would like to join us so we can order pizza. It will be a fun evening!

End of Year Donations

All donations for tax substantiation must be turned in by January 1 and dated December 31. Anything received after January 1 will be recorded as a 2024 donation.

Mass Change

Starting Saturday, January 6, 2024 Mass will be on Saturday evening at 5:30 pm.

Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Eve Mass this year will be at 10 p.m. at St. Bernard. Since Christmas falls on a Monday, we will have Mass at 11:15 am on Sunday the 24th along with Christmas Eve Mass that evening at 10 p.m. To fulfill your obligation you will need to attend two Masses. Please see the chart from the diocese.

\*\*Parish Council Minutes

from the November/December meeting are in the back of church.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Sympathy and Prayers to Janet Sevier & Jeff and Tammy Meny and families on the loss of Tony Sevier, who passed away on December 14. May he rest in peace.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Assessment - \$31,828  
Amount Collected - \$30,773.13  
% of Goal Collected - 97%

Wednesday, December 20

Religion Class from 7 to 8 p.m. for All Grades

Saturday Dec. 23	Saturday Morning Mass (fulfills no obligation)	Saturday Evening Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Sunday Dec. 24	Sunday Morning Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)	Sunday Evening Mass (fulfills ONE Obligation for either day) *
Monday Dec. 25	Mass on Christmas Day (fulfills Christmas Obligation)	

\* Two Christmas Eve Masses can fulfill both obligations.

### Upcoming Youth Events

Jan. 13 – Evansville Diocese Eucharistic Congress  
Jan. 14 – Boys Open Gym  
Jan. 14 – Girl Time  
Jan. 14 – HS RockLife

### Eucharistic Congress in Evansville Diocese for HS youth

Want to grow deeper in your love for and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist? This unique and timely event in our home diocese will bring our local church together for worship, adoration, education, joy, and mission! Renowned Catholic speakers include Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford, Monsignor James Shea, and Fr. Tyler Tenbarge! Worship music will be led by PJ Anderson and John Michael Talbot. It'll be on Sat. January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Old Nat'l Event Plaza. We have 10 seats reserved as of now. Tickets that include lunch are \$50. We will meet at Sts. Peter & Paul around 7:30am to take the mini bus. We will return around 5:30pm. Invite a friend! **Turn in your waiver & \$50 by Wed., December 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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.smgoyouth.com](http://www.smgoyouth.com)



### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Rooted in Him** - Gifts that inspire faith for the home and garden! We are now open in Haubstadt, Indiana at Daylight Land Management. You will find a variety of items to grow your faith and embellish your home honoring the beauty of the world with which God has blessed us all.

**Open** Mon. Thurs, & Fri. 11 am - 4 pm  
Wed. 11 am - 7:30 pm and Sat. 9 am - 12 noon.  
Closed Tues. & Sun. Call 812-499-7230  
Located at 363 E SR 68, Haubstadt IN, 47639



### Gibson Catholic Young Adults

Come join the Gibson County Catholic Young Adults for games and socializing on Jan. 12 at 6:00 in Sts. Peter and Paul Cafeteria. Join a hot sauce challenge or cheer on your friends. Families welcome, see our Facebook page for details and to sign up to bring food.



### 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:** Nick Ivy

**Altar Society President:** Jessica Anderson

**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, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, Doris Hagedorn, Stephanie Meny, Mike Folsom, Stan Elpers  
*Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off the list. Thank you.*

December 17, 2023 ~ 3rd Week of Advent