

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - 11:15 A.M.

Rosary

Sacristan

Gifts

Lector

Servers

Greeters

Cantor

Money Counters

Homebound EM

Terri Ziliak

George Ankenbrand

Annie Obert, Grace Ivy

Dennis Titzer

Isaac & Lucas Ivy

Jim & Jan Schmitt

Leroy Seib

Dennis Gress

Jenny Fuhs

Rena Schleiter

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Libby Ivy

Bernie Spindler

Bailey Spindler, Jack Anderson

Sarah Spindler

Allison Spindler, Cole Phillips

Dennis & Deann Gress

Sarah Reising

Mike Smith

Klint Obert

Terri Ziliak

MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ Mary Frances Wehmer

Sunday, December 24 - 10:00 p.m.

+ Floyd & Mildred Georges

+ Bill & Delores Sevier & Tony Sevier

Thursday, December 28 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Jack & Betty Purkiser

Sunday, December 31 - 11:15 a.m.

+ Jessica Obert

Stewardship of Treasure	
December 17 Collection	\$2,257.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$54,141.96
Needed to meet budget	\$44,884.50
YTD Variance	\$9,257.46
Children's Collection	\$8.00
Thank You!	

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

This week we complete the anticipation of Advent and celebrate the coming of the Savior visibly into this world. Merry Christmas to all, and grace and peace to you and yours!

It seems as if Advent went so quickly! I suppose since this is true because it was as short as it can ever be. This fourth ‘week’ of Advent will only have been a few hours long! I pray that despite the brevity of the season of preparation for Christmas, we have been able to steer our hearts more fully towards the coming of the Lord. As the Sacred Scriptures remind us, the Lord is coming soon! As I grow older and the time seems to slip by more quickly, that phrase takes on more and more significance in my own life. I know many share in feeling this way, especially those of us who have encountered loss of loved ones. Many throughout this last year have lost people dear to them, some unexpectedly, many to the inexorable march of time and our human mortality. In addition, of course we continue to have all too many social divisions, tensions, and anxieties. Through the eyes of this world, it would seem that we have much to lament and worry over.

However, through the eyes of faith, we have so much to be thankful for and look forward to! Sin and death are the worst calamities to befall this world, and God loves us enough to come to liberate us from that! Not only this, but he consents to do so as a tiny child, showing His great humility and concern for us. Truly, our God is a great God.

As your pastor, I wanted to extend my most heartfelt thanks for your many cards, gifts and well wishes, and especially your prayers. I give thanks to God for all of you. I am truly blessed by God beyond measure in the people He has sent me to. Thank you for being a wonderful, faithful, and generous flock to God and to your priest. As always, you humble me.

The richest of blessings to you and all those you love. Remember that in Christ Jesus, we find our hearts’ joy. Once more, Merry Christmas!

In Jesus the long-awaited Messiah,

-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

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.

Thank You


Many thanks to everyone who helped and participated in this years Christmas Program. We have many talented parishioners at our Parish. Thank you to the teachers, students, parents and Altar Society for all your hard work. What a wonderful tradition we have with our beautiful Advent Program!!

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Let’s remember the real reason for the season as we celebrate with family and friends this week.

Thank you to everyone who helps make our parish what it is throughout the year through your TIME, TALENT, & TREASURES!! Our parish is so blessed!!

In honor of the Christmas season, St. Bernard is offering two books from Dynamic Catholic, “Holy Moments and Beautiful Eucharist.” Please take the time to enjoy these books and learn a little more about your Catholic Faith!



Religion Class resumes on January 10.

Enjoy Christmas Break!

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 13th 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 27th.**

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.smg youth.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.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Assessment - \$31,828
Amount Collected - \$31,323.13
% of Goal Collected - 98%

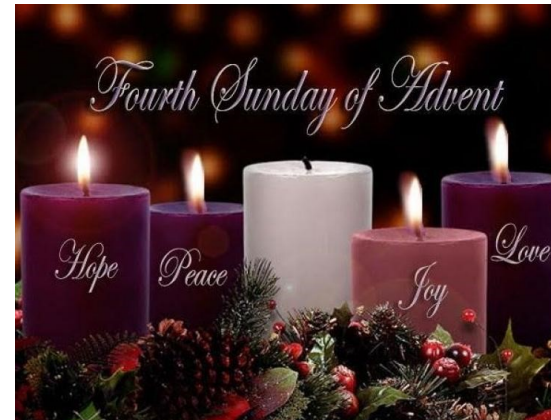


MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

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: Nick Ivy

Altar Society President: Jessica Anderson

School Hall Rental: Terri Ziliak/Lori Spindler

Table & Chair Rental: Jeff & Tammy Meny

Parish Website: stbernardsnakerun.org

Parish Office: 812-615-0201

Sacraments:

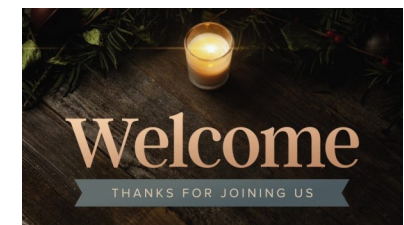
Adoration: First Friday of each month 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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, 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 24, 2023 ~ 4th Week of Advent