

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Rosary	Elizabeth Ivy
Gifts	Isaac Ivy, Molly Schnarr
Sacristan	Dennis Titzer
Cantor	Emily & Hannah Rodgers
Greeters	John & Sarah Spindler
Lector	Kim Elpers
Servers	Brooke & Blake Silva
Money Counters	James Silva Camy Davis
Traveling Chalice	Mike & Brenda Smith
EM to Homebound	Volunteer

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Rosary	Lori Spindler
Gifts	Abby & Brian Heichelbech
Sacristan	Nick Ivy
Cantor	Kelly Obert
Greeters	Leroy & Sauny Seib
Lector	Elizabeth Ivy
Servers	Anthony Gress, Harrison Obert
Money Counters	Melvin Ziliak Holly Heichelbech
Traveling Chalice	Jan & Jim Schmitt
EM to Homebound	Steve Obert

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, February 26 - 11:15 a.m.**

+ Fred Fuhs

**Thursday, March 2 - 6:00 p.m.**

+ Mary Allen

**Sunday, March 5 - 11:15 a.m.**

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

### Stewardship of Treasure

February 19 Collection	<b>\$1,221.00</b>
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
Variance for February 19	<b>(583.98)</b>
YTD Collection	\$69,494.95
Needed to meet budget	\$61,369.32
YTD Variance	<b>\$8,125.63</b>

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A couple of weeks back, I encouraged all of us to evaluate our lives and see if we had any idols that keep us from getting closer to God or being in conformity with His Will. This week I invite us to examine the life of a recently declared Blessed of the Church, and let it be a starting point for examining what we are willing to give away for Jesus. Full disclosure, I stole this idea from the discussion our youth group had this Wednesday. I just had to share!

Blessed Chiara Badano (nickname, Luce, or 'light') was born in Italy on October 29, 1971, the only child of parents who tried for over a decade to conceive. She was by all appearances a normal girl, except there was remarkableness about her. When she was 9 she became involved in the Focolare movement, a lay movement that sought to sanctify everyday life and evangelize through love and joy. She began to come alive in this environment, but she really began to grow in sanctity when at age 16 she was diagnosed with an extremely painful form of bone cancer which had generally metastasized. With the exception of a few episodes of darkness in the beginning, she embraced this with joy, as a way of loving the forsaken Savior, Jesus.

Eventually, she would have to give everything over to Him; her comfort, her athletic pursuits, her dreams of relationships, her mobility (the use of her legs), and eventually her very life. But she did so willingly, and later, ecstatically. She died on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1990. Her last words were to her parents, saying "Be happy, because I am." She was buried, at her request, in a wedding dress, because she wanted to be dressed appropriately for her spouse when she met Jesus.

This beautiful and popular and kind teenage girl had to learn quickly how to give over her dreams and even her very life, but she showed everyone around her what was most important. At first the bad news was something she accepted with great reluctance and shock. Eventually she came to see that all of it wasn't bad news after all, but her great opportunity to embrace the Good News, the Gospel, knowing that it leads to the truest life. Everyone who encountered her in those last three years of her life experienced that transforming power of real life and joy as well.

As heroically as she went to meet Jesus, I believe my favorite story about her life was when as a 4-year old girl. One day her mother pointed out that she had a lot of toys, and that she could give some of them to poor children who had none. At first she said, "No, they're mine!" Then later, her mother overheard her in her room sorting the toys into two piles, one for her, and one to give away. When her mother came into the room to see what she was doing, she found that Chiara was going to give away all of her newest and best toys. When her mother acted surprised at this, Chiara simply replied, "I can't give old toys to poor children!"

May we all be a bit more like this simple, beautiful girl. May we all be willing to give the things that we value the most for the sake of Jesus, and eventually, to receive Him forever.

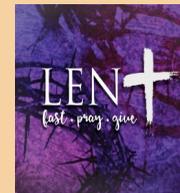
Peace to you, Fr. Chris

### February Church Cleaners

Jenny Fuhs, Madison Fuhs, Terry Fuhs, Karen Jennings, Jan Schmitt  
\*\*Instructions on how to clean the floor are hanging behind the Altar

# ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

## This Week



Thursday (3/2)

Mass followed by Stations of the Cross  
The Chosen in the School Hall after Mass

Friday (3/3)

Adoration

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday Adoration is this Friday, March 3. Lent is a great time to come and spend time with the Lord.

### Altar Society Meeting

There will be a meeting to discuss the upcoming Dinner. We are making some changes to the current dinner and need all the women's help in making this a success. Please plan on attending Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm in the rectory.

### Stations of the Cross

We still have some openings if your family would like to lead the Stations on Thursday evenings. Please contact Terri to sign up.

### Thank You

~Thank you to the Altar Society for hosting the Soup/Dessert Luncheon last Sunday! Thanks also to everyone that brought food. It's always a great blessing to enjoy fellowship and good food with our church family!

~Tony Sevier would like to thank everyone for the cards he received for his birthday!

~Thank you to all those who helped with sprucing the church grounds. You are appreciated!

**Holy Week** St. Bernard Holy Week Schedule: Holy Thursday - 5 p.m., Good Friday - 5 p.m., Easter Sunday - 8:30 a.m.



Congratulations to Hailey Richter and Adam Spindler on receiving the St. Maria Goretti Youth Distinction Award from St. Bernard. The honor recognizes young people for their outstanding faith, service, and dedication to the mission of the Catholic Church in their local community. The distinction will be celebrated at St. Benedict Cathedral on March 12 with Bishop Siegel. Congrats Hailey and Adam!!

### COMMUNITY NEWS—TROTTER HOUSE

- --HELP ~ HEALING ~ HOPE Coming in 2023...Trotter House of Gibson County.
- What is the Trotter House? It's a family resource center that offers the following:
  - pregnancy testing, pregnancy consulting, healthy lifestyle education, infant supplies,
  - mentoring life skills program, healthcare, community, adoption and professional counseling referrals. Need help now? Please call the Evansville Office: 812-402-0101.
- To volunteer or for more information, please e-mail: trotterhouseevv@gmail.com or contact Jennifer Kolb, Alicia Ziliak or Terri Ziliak



# ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS



## Upcoming Youth Events

March 5 – Bingo w/ Elderly  
March 5 – Cupcake Wars

March 5 – HS RockLife  
March 10 – MS Lent Night  
March 17-19 – Source + Summit  
June 14-17 – Mission Evansville

## Cupcake Wars : Girl Time / Boys Open Gym grades 6-12

In place of Open Gym and Girl Time, we're all getting together for Cupcake Wars! We'll have a "bake-off" to see who can make the best cupcakes, the boys or the girls. Fr. Andrew will be the judge! All girls & boys in grades 6-12 are invited in the cafeteria at Sts. Peter & Paul from 4:00-5:30pm. Bring a waiver and a friend!

## MS Friday Night Lent Series

All middle school youth are invited to join us 3 Fridays during Lent. This is a great way for them to draw nearer to God during the Lenten season! We'll have cheese pizzas and social time as well! Join us in the youth room at Sts. P&P beginning Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm (and continuing Fridays: March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>). Bring a friend and your waiver! (Put all 3 dates on the same waiver!)

## Source + Summit Retreat

Mark your calendar for Source + Summit 2023... March 17-19 at Memorial HS. This year's theme is "Through Him, With Him, and In Him." Registration forms are available in the back of church or at [www.sourcesummitevansville.org](http://www.sourcesummitevansville.org), and it includes all the info about the weekend, including a list of awesome speakers this year! This is for all youth ages 13-24. Cost is \$50. Make checks payable to Sts. Peter & Paul.

Bus transportation provided. We will meet at Tri-State Speedway parking lot. Bus will depart at 5:00 on Friday, and 7:30 on Sat. and Sun. morning. **Deadline to turn in forms & payment is Mon., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.** Adult chaperones will be needed for this event (if all you can chaperone is one day that is still greatly appreciated).

## Mission Evansville 2023 for HS Youth

\$30 deposit is due Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Total cost per youth is \$100 (scholarships available). This year we will join multiple parish youth ministries in our Evansville Diocese for Mission Evansville 2023. Attendees will help various local organizations such as Boys & Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, All Saints Soup Kitchen, Ozanam Family Shelter, and more. Adult leaders are needed (1 adult for every 3 youth). The dates for the mission are **June 14-17**. Reservations for this trip are first come, first serve so don't put this off!! Any questions please contact Bryan at 664-7992 or [bmack@evdio.org](mailto:bmack@evdio.org).

## HS Summer Conferences – One Bread One Cup, Notre Dame Vision, MDI @ Marian

1) St. Meinrad's One Bread, One Cup focuses more on developing the youth's gifts to serve in the liturgy at Mass like being a Eucharistic minister, cantor, lector, etc. It helps the youth know that they ARE part of the Church and gives them ownership and purpose in the Body of Christ!  
2) Notre Dame Vision is a leadership conference that helps develop the faith and gifts of high school youth to imitate the lives of Jesus Christ and the Saints in our current culture.  
3) Marian's Missionary Disciples Institute at Marian Univ. (MDI) is a smaller, more immersive experience that prepares high school students to be young missionaries who serve their communities and impact the world through the local church.

\*\*We plan to keep the cost of all 3 conferences at \$100 for each youth (we have scholarship money, donations, and fundraising options to help subsidize). **Please contact Bryan if interested** for information at 664-7992 or [bmack@evdio.org](mailto:bmack@evdio.org).



## MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Sunday - 11:30 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.



**Temptations of Christ**

12th Century Mosaic in St. Mark's Basilica, Venice

## 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/Terri Ziliak

**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:** 812-753-4568

## Sacraments:

**Adoration:** First Friday of each month 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Thursday evening & Sunday morning Mass.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Must sign up for Baptismal Class. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of 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, Ace Turner, Gerald Allen, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Tony Sevier, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, Greg Obert, Doris Hagedorn, Gretchen Young, Peach family, Leroy Seib, Stephanie Meny, Mike Folsom, Marge Weber, Graham Hosman *Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Please help up to keep this list up to date. Let us know when someone can come off the list. Thank you*

**February 26, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Lent**