

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Rosary Leroy Seib
Gifts Harrison & Annie Obert
Sacristan Bob Fuhs
Cantor Kelly Obert
Greeters Schleter Family
Lector Brenda Smith
Servers Audrey Spindler
 Carson Heichelbech
Money Counters Melvin Ziliak
 Holly Heichelbech
Traveling Chalice Melvin & Terri Ziliak

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Rosary Dennis Titzer
Gifts Audrey Spindler & Bailey Spindler
Sacristan Melvin Ziliak
Cantor Sarah & Maci Spindler
Greeters Mary McKinney & Vicki Page
Lector Dennis Titzer
Servers Anthony Gress & Cole Phillips
Money Counters Camy Davis
 James Silva
Traveling Chalice Melvin & Terri Ziliak
EM to Homebound Terri Ziliak

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 5 - 11:30 a.m.

St. Bernard & St. Joseph Parishes

Thursday, February 9 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Mary Martin

Sunday, February 12 - 11:30 a.m.

+ Victor Fuhs Family

Stewardship of Treasure

January 29 Collection	\$1,336.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
Variance for January 29	(\$468.98)
YTD Collection	\$64,457.95
Needed to meet budget	\$55,954.38
YTD Variance	\$8,503.57
Children's Collection	\$5.00

Thank You!

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

This coming week we will celebrate yet another remarkable recent saint on the Roman Calendar. Wednesday, February 8th is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who is the patron saint of Sudan.

Josephine was born in Sudan probably in the year 1869, and was part of the local royal family. Her earliest memories of life were of contentment and plenty. However, this all changed when she was about 8 years old. She was captured by Arab slave traders and over the next dozen or so years she would be transferred from owner to owner. Her experience as a slave was varied, but she was often brutalized by her owners. She had in excess of 100 significant scars from her often ritualistic abuse. One of her Turkish owners would go so far as to cut her skin and then grind salt into the wound to ensure a scar. Most of her body was covered with these scars.

Eventually she would be sold to an Italian statesman as a nanny for his daughters. When the family traveled abroad, she was put in residence with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. It was here that her instinct that God was real was filled out with the knowledge of God revealed in Christ. Her heart bloomed in a new way, and she knew that she wanted to give her life to Jesus. When her master came home to retrieve her, she refused to leave. The superiors of the Canossian sisters intervened on her behalf, and sued for her freedom, which she legally won. At the age of 20 she was finally free and chose to stay with the sisters. She was baptized, confirmed, and received her first Holy Communion in 1890 from Archbishop Giuseppe Sarto (the future Pope Pius X), and six years later took her final solemn vows as a Canossian Sister.

For the next 42 years of her life, she worked happily amongst the sisters and taught children, always bringing great peace and encouragement to those around her. She was much beloved by anyone who knew her.

In 1947 she died after a long, painful illness, though she had always maintained her patient joyful demeanor, calmly resigned to whatever the good God had in store for her. She died with the name of Mary on her lips, and people came from far and wide for 3 days to pay respect to this remarkable woman. She was canonized by St. John Paul II in the year 2000.

Josephine's story is remarkable on so many levels, but the most inspirational part is her immense perseverance in the face of great and multiple challenges throughout her life. Not only did she persevere, but she did so with joy and great serenity. If you want to draw even more inspiration to live patiently the road to sanctity, I heartily recommend searching for the movie about her life, Bakhita: From Slave to Saint which is available for free from our Formed subscription. St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us!!

Blessings in the Lord,
 -Fr. Chris

February Church Cleaners

Jenny Fuhs, Madison Fuhs, Terry Fuhs, Karen Jennings, Jan Schmitt

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

This Week

Wednesday (2/8)

Religious Education for All Grades

Thursday (2/9)

Mass followed by Parish Council Meeting

The Chosen in the School Hall after Mass

FEBRUARY
 the month of
 THE HOLY FAMILY



Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be this Thursday, Feb. 9 after evening Mass.

Exciting New Program for our Parish - Flocknote

This system allows churches to reach all their members at a moment's notice, resulting in better communication in the parish regarding any issue, time change, community events, or important meetings. This is your way to stay more connected to your parish. St. Bernard will incorporate Flocknote in February. In order for you to receive your important notifications, we only need your contact number. Please ask for help if you cannot do this on your own. **We need to get everyone on board so we have a sure way of communicating important information to our parish!!** See Terri or Lori with any questions!

Chicken Dinner Meeting: There will be an important meeting for **All Men and Women** of the parish on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 pm in the school hall to discuss the current Chicken Dinner. Now is your chance to bring any ideas you might like to suggest regarding the current dinner such as food menu, games for both young and old, raffle, changes to ways stations are set up etc. We will vote on the meat that will be served at the social. If you have any questions, please contact Libby Ivy.

Blessing of Throats

Fr. Chris will have the blessing of throats after Mass today to commemorate St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, a mother came to Blaise with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the boy coughed up the bone and survived. St. Blaise's feast day was February 3.

Thank you St. Bernard's Parishioners for Supporting the One Rose, One Life Campaign sponsored by Haubstadt Knights of Columbus Council 2215 on the March for Life Weekend.

One Rose, One Life - collected \$1850 from the Parishes of Holy Cross, St Bernard, St James, & Sts. Peter & Paul. St. Bernard generously donated \$420. All proceeds go to the Gibson County Right to Life. Well Done, Thanks to the generosity of our Parishes for supporting these activities ... For Life!

Parish Coordinators - Randy Kiesel, Michael Smith, Jeff Adler & Von Wolfe



Altar Society Luncheon - You are Invited!

Please join us for a carry-in luncheon on Sunday, February 19, after Mass. Please sign up in the back of church by Feb. 12 to bring in your favorite soup or dessert! If you have any questions, text Libby at 812-215-0298.



ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS



Upcoming Youth Events

- Feb. 5 – Boys Open Gym
- Feb. 5 – HS RockLife
- Feb. 9 – Winter Jam
- Feb. 18 – MS Swonder Ice Skating
- Feb. 25 – HS Paoli Ski trip

UPDATE: Paoli Peaks Ski Trip for HS

**Due to recent lack of snow making conditions, we're still waiting for Paoli to open up. Our reschedule date is Sat. Feb. 25th. We'll meet at 10:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul and return around 10:00pm. Cost is \$90 per person, or only \$60 if you don't need to rent ski equipment. We will take our mini-bus but may need another adult driver if we have more than 15 people. Turn in your diocesan event waiver and payment to reserve your spot! (checks written to Sts. P&P) Waivers are in the back of each parish. Please bring spending money for food.*

Winter Jam 2023 @ Ford Center in Evansville

Winter Jam is a spectacular Christian Music Tour you won't want to miss!! Artists include Jeremy Camp, We the Kingdom, Andy Mineo, and many others. It's on **Thursday, Feb. 9th**. Open to High & Middle school youth. We will meet at Holy Cross at 4:00 pm and take the mini-bus to the concert. We'll get some fast food so bring a few extra bucks! We will return around 11:30 pm. Cost is \$15. Diocese permission slip along with \$15 is due in any parish office by Wednesday, Feb. 8 if you plan on attending.

MS Swonder Ice Skating

On Sat. Feb. 18th all middle school youth are invited to go ice skating at Swonder along with multiple diocesan youth ministries. We have the whole rink rented out! We'll meet at Sts. P&P at 3:00pm and arrive back around 7:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Please turn in both Event & Medical waivers and payment to parish office by Wed. Feb. 15th.

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 or for information at 664-7992 or bmack@evdio.org.

UPCOMING—COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Join the **Gibson County Catholic Young Adult Group** on February 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Sts. Peter and Paul Cafeteria for Trivia Night! Babysitting available, RSVP to Courtney Weiss at 812-664-4938. Visit our Facebook page at Gibson County Catholic Young Adults for information on upcoming events!
- Starting on Feb 23rd and every Thursday ending on March 30th. We will meet at the Haubstadt Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm each Thursday of Lent. We will show videos each Thurs. and have discussion afterwards. Snacks provided and the bar will be open after. Open to all men and their sons members or non members of K of C of Haubstadt.
- Haubstadt Daughters of Isabella Spaghetti Supper** on Saturday, February 18 from 5-7 pm \$10 Adults, \$5 children. Eat in or carry out available.

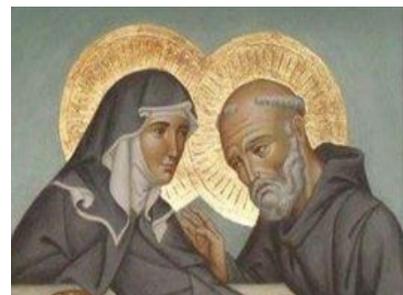


MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Sunday - 11:30 a.m.
Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN (DAYLIGHT)

Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 6:45 am & 9:30 am
Tuesday - 8:00 am
Wednesday - 5:30 pm
Thursday - 8:00 am
Friday - 9:00 am
First Saturday - 8:00 am



St. Scholastica (Feast Day February 10)
twin sister of St. Benedict and Patron
Saint of Nuns, Pray for Us.

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

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 ispindler@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, Steve Obert, Brenda Ankenbrand, 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 5, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time