

LITURGICAL MINISTRY	
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 13</b>	
Rosary	Leroy Seib
Sacristan	Robert Fuhs
Gifts	Kaleb & Kohlman Sterczer
Lector	Steve Obert
Servers	Audrey Spindler, Bailey Spindler
Greeters	Jeff & Tammy Meny
Cantor	Sarah Reising
Money Counters	Matt Obert Jenny Fuhs
Homebound EM	Terri Ziliak
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 20</b>	
Rosary	Dennis Titzer
Sacristan	Nick Ivy
Gifts	Teddy & Oliver O’Connor
Lector	Brenda Smith
Servers	Carson Heichelbech, Anthony Gress
Greeters	Kenny & Judy Page
Cantor	Leroy Seib
Money Counters	Klint Obert Dennis Gress
Homebound EM	Terri Ziliak
Traveling Chalice	Mary McKinney

MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Saturday, January 13 - 5:30 p.m.</b> + Kenny & Mary Martin	
<b>Thursday, January 18 - 6:00 p.m.</b> + Gerald & Mary Allen	
<b>Saturday, January 20 - 5:30 p.m.</b> + Fred Fuhs	

<i><b>Stewardship of Treasure</b></i>	
January 6 Collection	<b>\$994.00</b>
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$62,885.96
Needed to meet budget	\$50,270.64
YTD Variance	<b>\$12,615.32</b>
<i><b>Thank You!</b></i>	

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I recently began reading a fascinating and alarming book by Dr. Paul Kengor, a professor of political science in Pennsylvania and a recent convert to Catholicism. The rather fetching title of the book is The Devil and Karl Marx. It is part biography of the man, as well as a tracing of the various religious and political movements that have sprung from his thought and writings. You might be wondering why I would write about something that would seem to be purely political. A fellow Catholic and social commentator can find the answer in a recent quote: “All politics is downstream of culture, and all culture is downstream of religion. Therefore all politics is fundamentally religious.”

Marx was an avowed atheist, at least after his teenage years, though he was a baptized Christian and had a decent beginning as a child. His numerous writings, most famously The Communist Manifesto, unequivocally label all social and especially religious structures as his greatest enemies. This is because what he proposed was nothing less than to rewrite human nature so that a communist utopia could come forth, one without classes, money, inequality, or strife of any kind. To arrive there, however, would by his own admission require a bloody revolution. Indeed much of his writing and poetry and even discourse is rather dark, violent, and to any person of decent temper, evil. As it turns out, ideas can lead to reality. In the case of his ideas, totalitarian communist regimes of the last century are responsible for the deaths of 100 million people at minimum. The reality could easily be twice that figure.

This was no less true in his own tragic personal life. Marx and his wife Jenny lived and died in complete poverty and squalor. Only four of his eight children (7 with his wife and 1 with their maidservant) survived to adulthood. The other four died either in early childhood, all due to terrible living conditions, malnutrition, and neglect. Of these four, two died young due to disease and two daughters committed suicide and were childless. One might assume his ideas were an attempt at a solution to these problems, but the truth is even more tragic. It was really a direct result of his rage against God and his own selfishness. He steadfastly refused to work to support his family. Though he was often given large sums of money to support his family, they seldom saw any of it. He would instead consume it by spending it on alcohol, cigars, and selfish pursuits. If Marx did have a god, and it appeared to be himself and his own pleasures. He rejected all forms of morality and personal responsibility, especially Christian and Jewish morality, and it showed in his life and in the political structures that his ideas gave rise to.

Why do I bring all of this up? Because what we believe truly matters!! What we believe about God determines what we believe about human nature and dignity. This determines how we live and treat one another. Marx might have deceived himself into thinking that he was striving for just working conditions for laborers at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. The results were far from that in practice, both in future communist regimes as well as in his own life. Many speak today of the ‘culture war’. As I indicated at the beginning, the culture war has its roots in religious beliefs. The war is not for the culture, it is a war for the soul first. What we believe, how we act, the health of our immortal souls all affect our world and its health too. Keep the Faith!  
-Fr. Chris

# ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

### Parish Council Meeting

The next PC meeting will be on Thursday, January 18 at **7:00 pm**. There will be a Finance meeting first at 6:45 pm.

### The Message

There are now envelopes in the back of church for you to sign up for the Message or to renew your subscription.

### One Rose Campaign

The Knights of Columbus Council 2215 will be covering Mass next Saturday, January 20. All donated proceeds will go to the Gibson County Right to Life and True Hope Pregnancy Center in Princeton. Thank you for your generous support!

### High Chairs

The School Hall would like to have a couple nice high chairs. If you have a gently used one you would like to donate, please let Jess Anderson know. Thank you

### Church Cleaning

It has come to our attention that the Church Cleaning has become a little more complex with having the tile flooring. It was discussed at the Parish Council and Altar Society meetings and has been decided to have both a women and a men's team to do the monthly cleaning. The men’s team will clean the tile floor and the women’s team will do the rest. If you would like to be on the men’s team, please sign up in the back of church. As far as the women’s team, you will be receiving a call in the next couple weeks to see if you are willing to stay on the team, or need to be removed. We take pride at St. Bernard of always having a beautiful church, which is kept this way by the generous people of our parish. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving of your time and talent with this ministry.

### Adoration

The Most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic Adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, bring peace, covert hearts, and make reparation for the evils in the world than spending time in prayer in Adoration. Our world is in desperate need of hope and “turning back” to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age. We receive much grace, love and peace in **His** presence. We are transformed little by little into a closer reflection of His image.

*Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration*

We are always in need of more people to help with First Friday Adoration, please contact Terri if you would like to help or be put on as a substitute. Hours are 8-4 every First Friday of the month. We put two people at a time, so if you cannot make a month, you have someone else to cover you.





### Religion Class - January 17 for Grades 2 to 12 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Reminder, if South Gibson cancels school d/t weather, we will not have religion.



**Upcoming Youth Events**

Jan. 14 – Boys Open Gym  
Jan. 14 – Girl Time  
Jan. 14 – HS RockLife  
Jan. 28 – Bingo w/ Elderly  
Feb. 2 – HS Palentines  
Feb. 17-19 – TEC



**HS Girl Time**

All HS girls are invited to join us for the next Girl Time coming up on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> in the youth room at Sts. Peter & Paul from 4:00-5:30pm. This time, we’re having a dance off! More details to come for following dates. Bring a waiver and a friend!

**Bingo with the Elderly – Transcendent Healthcare Owensville**

Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1:00 and arrive back to Sts P&P around 3:45pm. Please contact Bryan at least a day in advance if you'd like to go, and bring your waiver!

**HS “Pal”entines Night**

Whether you have a true love or just a close “pal”/friend this Valentine Night event is for you! Beginning at 5:30 on Friday, Feb. 2 in the youth room at Sts P&P, we'll learn more about true love and the different types of love that all point back to our Heavenly Father (for “God is love” I John 4:8). We'll have fresh games, pizza, guest speaker, and the “Newlywed” game show where we get to showcase some of our parishes adult couples (some not-so-newlywed). Ends around 10:00. **Youth need to turn in waivers by Wed. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)** is a three-day experience for young people who are searching for goals, acceptance, meaning, and for community. Adults are also welcome and encouraged to attend as they increase our witness to our faith while experiencing their own encounter with Christ. Candidates can expect to meet others from all areas of the Diocese, find how God fits in your life, and encounter the Risen Jesus Christ. You will have time to reflect on your life, ideas, hopes, and dreams away from home, school, and/or work. You can find an application and more information at <http://www.switec.org/>. You must be a junior in HS to attend. The next weekend is Feb. 17-19, 2024, at St. Mary’s Church in Ireland. Feel free to send in applications for any of the weekends, but please know that they may fill quickly, so send in your application soon.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Sts. Peter & Paul Outreach Chicken Dinner on Sunday, January 28 in the school cafeteria. Dine in and carry out dinners will be available from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (or until sold out). Adults: \$14, children: \$7.

Tickets on sale now for Holy Cross Half Pot Raffle! 28 Chances to Win! \$500 Daily Drawing Feb. 1-Feb.27. \$10,000+ Grand Prize drawing on Feb. 28. \$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100.

James Youth group will be hosting breakfast on Sunday, January 21 from 7:30 - 10:30 am. Join us in Madden Hall for pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage (homemade by SJ Men's Club), scrambled eggs and more! Adults: \$10, Kids 4 - 12: \$5.



**MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD**

Saturday - 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN (DAYLIGHT)**

Saturday - 4:00 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  
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**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:** 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, Karen McCloud, Sarah Reising, Ronnie Martin *Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off the list.*

**Saturday, January 13, 2024 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**