

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Rosary Terri Ziliak
Gifts Jack Anderson, Maverick Reising
Sacristan John Hasenour
Cantor Kelly Obert
Greeters Nick & Libby Ivy
Lector Elizabeth Ivy
Servers Adam Spindler, Anthony Gress
Money Counters Melvin Ziliak
 Holly Heichelbech

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Rosary Dolores Ziliak
Gifts Kaleb & Kohlman Sterczer
Sacristan Chris Fuhs
Cantor Sarah & Maci Spindler
Greeters John & Diane Hasenour
Lector Deann Gress
Servers Allison Spindler, Jack Anderson
Money Counters James Silva
 Camy Davis
Traveling Chalice Dan & Jess Anderson

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 1 - 11:30 a.m.

St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Thursday, January 5 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Mary Faver

Sunday, January 8 - 11:30 a.m.

+ Jeanne Vieke

Church Cleaners for January

Brenda Ankenbrand
 Jessica Anderson
 Camy Davis
 Barb Phillips
 Juli Phillips

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we bring the Octave of Christmas to a close, and also the calendar year. This is also when we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

This has been a controversial title from early centuries of Christianity, but before that, in the earliest years of Christianity, it was not controversial in the least. The early Church knew Christ was God, and that He was the son of Mary, so the logic simply followed.

Then in the early 5th century, the archbishop of Constantinople, Nestorius, began to take issue with the title, claiming that it implied that Mary was higher than Jesus because she was His Mother. He expressed that it was more proper to refer to her only as the Mother of Christ, since he put forth that she was only the mother of His human nature, not His whole personhood.

However, this was found to be a heresy according to the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. To say that Mary only gave birth to a human nature makes no sense. Mothers give birth to a person, not a nature. In order for it to make sense, then we have to say that Jesus was two persons. Instead, we believe that Jesus is a divine person with two natures, divine and human. Therefore, the natures (that is the attributes that make Him human as well as those that make Him divine) are united in one person of the Son of God. Therefore, in order to hold proper belief in Christ Jesus, we have to hold that the title Mary, Mother of God is correct and proper to say as well. As you can see, what we believe about Mary is not just some over pious regard for Mary or some unnecessary detail, but really goes to the heart of what we believe about Our Lord.

Therefore, if anyone ever questions us about our regard for Mary or our celebrating her divine motherhood, now we know that in order to have proper belief in Christ, we must also have proper belief in His mother!

I also pray that this new calendar year brings you much joy and blessing. May the prayers and intercession of Mary bring you protection from dangers, comfort in sorrow, and even greater devotion to her Son. Happy New Year! Joyous feast of the Mother of God!

Peace and Christmas Blessings, -Fr. Chris



December 24, 2022 Collection	\$1,739.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
Variance for December 24, 2022	(\$65.98)
YTD Collection	\$51,334.95
Needed to meet budget	\$46,929.48
YTD Variance	\$4,405.47

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

This Week

Wednesday (1/4) NO CLASS - Class Resumes January 11
 Thursday (1/5) Mass - 6:00 p.m.
 Friday (1/6) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8 am - 4 pm
 Sunday (1/8) Training for all Sacristans Directly after Mass



Please join your St. Bernard family for breakfast and fellowship! The Altar Society will be serving an all you can eat pancake breakfast with your choice of sausage or bacon, milk, orange juice, and coffee on Sunday, January 22, from 9-11 am. Cost is \$5 per person. Please sign up in the back of church or text Libby Ivy at 812-215-0298 if you can come so we have enough food! Hope to see you there!

Adoration

This Friday is Adoration at St. Bernard. Please keep your prayer hour with the Lord. If you cannot attend, please find a replacement. Everyone is welcome. Thank you.

Parish Council

The next PC meeting will be on Thursday, January 12 directly after the Thursday evening Mass.

The Chosen, Season 2

The Chosen is the first-ever-multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. The Chosen allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him. The Chosen stays faithful to the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture. The series brings to life those people that are mentioned in the Bible, using the historical context of life at the time of Jesus. The series does not contradict scripture, but instead puts life around it so that we as viewers can imagine, "What was life like with Jesus."

Who: All are welcome! If you missed the first discussion group you can still attend this one. **Our study group really enjoyed the first session - please join us!** Please contact Kim Elpers if you have any questions (812) 632-0368 or email at kelpers77@hotmail.com

What: You can purchase The Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study Season 2 book (optional) on Amazon or The Chosen website. *Please bring a Bible, pen or pencil, and The Chosen Bible Study Season 2 book (or notebook).* Each week we'll watch one episode, have great discussions, and learn what life was like with Jesus.

When: Thursdays after Mass for 8 weeks (beginning Jan. 12th and ending Mar. 2nd)

Where: St. Bernard Snake Run in the School Hall

Young Adults

Join the Gibson County Catholic Young Adult Group on January 13 at 6:30 pm at Sts. Peter and Paul parish center basement to listen to Nick Sellers share about the life of Saint John Paul II. Babysitting available, please RSVP to Courtney Weiss at 812-664-4938. Visit our Facebook page at Gibson County Catholic Young Adults for information on upcoming events!



ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS

Upcoming Youth Events

- Jan. 15 - Bingo w/ Elderly
- Jan. 15 – Boys Open Gym
- Jan. 15 – Girl Time
- Jan. 15 – HS RockLife
- Jan. 23 – Indiana March for Life



DEADLINE: Indiana March for Life for HS Youth

We are now reserving spots for the new 1-day Pilgrimage for Life to Indianapolis. With the overturning of Roe v. Wade our diocese is turning our focus this year to the state level. Registration packets are in the back of each church with all the information or you may go online at www.evdio.org/march-for-life. Registrations are due in parish office by **Tuesday, January 3rd**. We'll leave early Monday morning of January 23rd and return that evening, **missing 1 day of school**. Check the packet for further details. Cost is \$60 which includes a hoodie, lunch, and transportation.

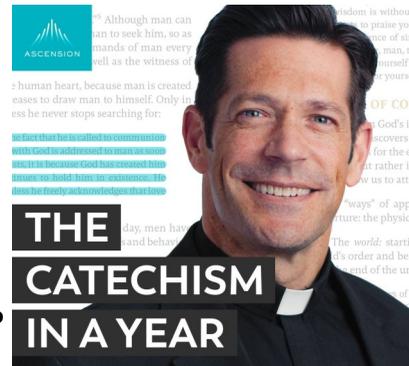
DATE CHANGE: Girl Time grades 6-12

All girls in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for the next Girl Time coming up on Jan. 15th in the youth room at Sts. Peter & Paul from 4:00-5:30pm. This time, we'll be crafting clay dishes in the ovens! More details to come for following dates. Bring a waiver and a friend!

Bingo with the Elderly – Transcendent Healthcare Owensville

Sunday, Jan. 15th 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!

Join us in a great New Year's resolution that will change your life – sign up to read the entire Catechism in a year! Ascension Press is excited to invite our parishioners and friends to join reading the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church together using **"The Catechism in a Year"** podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz beginning January 1, 2023. Each of the daily episodes will be about 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen for your own personal listening, with your family, or with a small group. Don't miss out on this opportunity to finally understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life! Please click this link to learn more and join us on this journey through the Catechism: www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish



WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

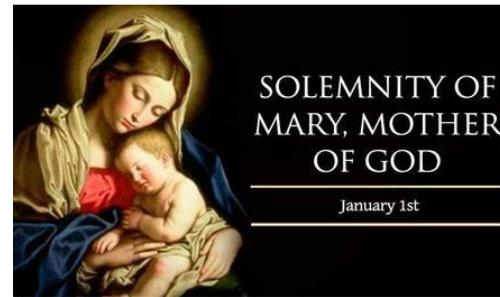


MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

- 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



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.

PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Diane Denton, Ace Turner, Gerald & Mary 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

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

January 1, 2023 ~ Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin