

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

### SUNDAY, JULY 16

**Rosary** Diane Hasenour  
**Sacristan** John Hasenour  
**Gifts** Jack Anderson, Bailey Spindler  
**Lector** Kim Elpers  
**Servers** Anthony Gress, Teddy O'Connor  
**Greeters** John & Sarah Spindler  
**Cantor** Sarah & Maci Spindler  
**Money Counters** James Silva  
 Camy Davis

**EM to Homebound** Dennis Gress  
**Traveling Chalice** Mike & Brenda Smith  
**SUNDAY, JULY 23**

**Rosary** Leroy Seib  
**Sacristan** Nick Ivy  
**Gifts** Abby & Brian Heichelbech  
**Lector** Kim Elpers  
**Servers** Audrey Spindler  
 Abby Heichelbech  
**Greeters** Bob & Jenny Fuhs  
**Cantor** Sarah Reising  
**Money Counters** Melvin Ziliak  
 Holly Heichelbech  
**EM to Homebound** Dennis Gress  
**Traveling Chalice** Jim & Jan Schmitt

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, July 16 - 11:15 a.m.**

+ Kenny & Mary Martin

**Thursday, July 20 - 6:00 p.m.**

+ NO MASS

**Sunday, July 23 - 11:15 a.m.**

+ Bernie Sr. & Mary Sue Spindler

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 9 Collection	<b>\$1,514.00</b>
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$5,547.00
Needed to meet budget	\$3,590.76
YTD Variance	\$1,956.24
Children's Collection	\$1.00

*Thank You for Your Generosity!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We human beings are creatures of many motivations. It is true that we have many facets to our lives. We wear different hats in different places and with different people. We all have different roles to play and different sets of loyalties. While this is a fact of life for us, and this is not necessarily bad, it can have the effect of complicating our lives and making our discernment and decision-making difficult. This is especially true when we have competing loyalties. However, the main complication is our own pride and our tendency toward indulging our selfish and comfort-seeking desires.

When we have a divided heart cluttered with competing ideals and confused priorities, life itself becomes more exhausting, fearful, and chaotic. The Lord wishes for us to be whole, complete, and free to do the right and the good. When we can live this way with simplicity of purpose and are motivated by the highest ideals, we are happiest and most content.

"A man is raised up from the earth by two wings – simplicity and purity. There must be simplicity in his intention and purity in his desires. Simplicity leads to God, purity embraces and enjoys Him.

If your heart be free from ill-ordered affection, no good deed will be difficult for you. If you aim at and seek after nothing but the pleasure of God and the welfare of your neighbor, you will enjoy freedom within.

If your heart were right, then every created thing would be a mirror of life for you and a book of holy teaching, for there is no creature so small and worthless that it does not show forth the goodness of God. If inwardly you were good and pure, you would see all things clearly and understand them rightly, for a pure heart penetrates to heaven and hell, and as a man is within, so he judges what is without. If there be joy in the world, the pure of heart certainly possess it; and if there be anguish and affliction anywhere, an evil conscience knows it too well.

As iron cast into fire loses its rust and becomes glowing white, so he who turns completely to God is stripped of his sluggishness and changed into a new man. When a man begins to grow lax, he fears a little toil and welcomes external comfort, but when he begins perfectly to conquer himself and to walk manfully in the ways of God, then he thinks those things less difficult which he thought so hard before."

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." (Matthew 6:33) This is the key to life. Yes, it takes discipline and often a pushing away of some limited short-term comforts, but it bears much fruit in this life and unto life eternal! Let us daily strive to put God's values as first in our hearts, and we will know true peace and joy!

Peace to you,  
 -Fr. Chris

# ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

**There will NOT be Mass Thursday, July 20 and 27 since Father will be on Vacation. Let's keep Father in our prayers for a safe and relaxing vacation!**



## St. Bernard Church Picnic

The St. Bernard Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, August 20 after the 11:15 am Mass. This is the Feast Day of St. Bernard! The Altar Society will be providing hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and dessert. Please bring a side dish. We will also be having a Barbecue Cook off for anyone who would like to participate!! This can be any kind of BBQ. A prize will be given to the best one! Sign ups for both are in the back of church along with further details. Please sign up by **August 13**. Any questions please text Libby Ivy at 812-215-0298. Hope to see you there.

## Parish Council Nominations

Nominations for the Parish Council are needed. If you would like to be on a certain commission that you are not already on or an at-large member, please sign up in the back of church by July 30. We will have elections the first weekend in August. If you have questions, please contact Dennis Gress, Parish Council President.

## Brute Award

Brute Award nominations are now being accepted which recognizes outstanding models of Christian stewardship. Nominations should be submitted in letter form with a short description of who you are nominating and why. You may put it in the collection labeled "Brute" or give to the Parish Council President, Dennis Gress. Nominations due by **August 20**.

## Basket Raffle

It's time to start thinking about your basket donation for the St. Bernard Social. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Haven't made a basket before? Please consider it this summer. Families can go together to help with cutting costs. These creative baskets have been successful. If you have any questions please call Camy Davis at 812-664-1617 or Amy Silva at 812-664-1548. Baskets can be put in the dining room of rectory before the Social or can be dropped off at the Craft Stand the day of the Social.



## Church Cleaners for July

Rose Obert, Kristie Dubord, Libby Ivy, Lori Spindler, Madelyn Spindler,  
 Kristen Spindler, Sarah Spindler

### Upcoming Youth Events

July 25 – MS Summer Hangout  
Aug. 4-6 – HS Boys Retreat  
Aug. 4-6 – HS Girls Retreat



### MS Summer Hangout

We're having a middle school hangout on Tuesday, July 25 from 6:00-9:00pm! It'll be in the youth room at Sts. P&P. It'll include a faith discussion and as always, we'll have some fun games and pizza! No cost, just bring a waiver.

### HS Boys Summer Retreat

This year we're heading back to St. Bernard for our HS boys retreat from Aug 4-6. All HS boys (including incoming Freshmen & outgoing seniors) are invited to enjoy 3 days of fun and spiritual activities. We have a packed schedule that includes outdoor games, time for prayer and worship, guest speakers, etc. Cost is \$20 per person. Waiver & fee are due in any parish office by Tues., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### HS Girls Summer Retreat

On Aug. 4-6, we're having our summer girls retreat on Sts. P&P campus. A 2-night stay over the weekend, it'll include fun activities, volunteer work, guest speakers, spiritual activities, and some good quality time relaxing with your sisters in Christ! This is open to all girls from incoming freshmen to outgoing seniors. Cost is \$20. Waiver and fee are due in any parish office by Tues, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. Any question contact Jamie Baehl at 664-4955 or Bryan Macke 812-664-7992.

Any questions/concerns about youth events please contact Bryan Macke at 664-7992 or [bmacke@evdio.org](mailto:bmacke@evdio.org). Diocesan Event Waivers can be found in the back of each church or on our webpage at [www.smgyouth.com](http://www.smgyouth.com)



**Prayer for our Military:** O Prince of peace, we humbly ask your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from you. Amen.  
**Please keep all of our military in your prayers. Veterans and current military need our prayers.**



### 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



St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church

## 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](mailto:lspindler@evdio.org))  
Terri Ziliak ([tziliak@evdio.org](mailto:tziliak@evdio.org))

**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:** 812-615-0201

### 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](mailto:lspindler@evdio.org) or calling the parish office!

### PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Diane Denton, Ace Turner, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Tony Sevier, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, Greg & Rose Obert, Doris Hagedorn, Leroy Seib, Stephanie Meny, Mike Folsom, Marge Weber, Graham Hosman, Kim Elpers, Karen Williamson McCloud, Jerry Brown

*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.*

**July 16, 2023 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**