

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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
SUNDAY, JULY 30	
Rosary	Diane Hasenour
Sacristan	John Hasenour
Gifts	Alex Wilson, Maverick Reising
Lector	Madelyn Spindler
Servers	Allison Spindler, Kaleb Sterczer
Greeters	Bob & Rena Schleter
Cantor	Leroy Seib
Money Counters	Klint Obert, Mike Smith
EM to Homebound	Dennis Gress
Traveling Chalice	Jim & Jan Schmitt

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 23 - 11:15 a.m.	
+ Bernie Sr. & Mary Sue Spindler	
Thursday, July 27 - 6:00 p.m.	
+ NO MASS	
Sunday, July 30 - 11:15 a.m.	
+ Gerald & Mary Allen	



July 16 Collection	\$2,723.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$8,270.00
Needed to meet budget	\$5,386.14
YTD Variance	\$2,883.86
Children’s Collection	\$7.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are called as Christians, not surprisingly, to love Christ above all else. Of this Thomas a Kempis has this to share: “Blessed is he who appreciates what it is to love Jesus and who despises himself for the sake of Jesus. Give up all other love for His, since He wishes to be loved alone above all things. Affection for creatures is deceitful and inconstant, but the love of Jesus is true and enduring. He who clings to a creature will fall with its frailty, but he who gives himself to Jesus will ever be strengthened.

Love Him, then; keep Him as a friend. He will not leave you as others do, or let you suffer lasting death. Sometime, whether you will or not, you will have to part with everything. Cling, therefore, to Jesus in life and death; trust yourself to the glory of Him who alone can help you when all others fail. Your Beloved is such that He will not accept what belongs to another – He wants your heart for Himself alone, to be enthroned therein as King in His own right. If you but knew how to free yourself entirely from all creatures, Jesus would gladly dwell within you.

You will find, apart from Him, that nearly all the trust you place in men is a total loss. Therefore, neither confide in nor depend upon a wind-shaken reed, for “all flesh is grass (Isaiah 15:6)” and all its glory, like the flower of grass, will fade away. You will quickly be deceived if you look only to the outward appearance of men, and you will often be disappointed if you seek comfort and gain in them. If, however, you seek Jesus in all things, you will surely find Him. Likewise, if you seek yourself, you will find yourself – to your own ruin. For the man who does not seek Jesus does himself much greater harm than the whole world and all his enemies could ever do.”

Of course what Thomas isn’t saying is that we can’t love anyone or anything besides Jesus. What he is saying is that we can’t prefer any of them to Jesus. Also, he is simply pointing out that our infinite desire for eternal happiness and safety and friendship just cannot be satisfied by finite creatures, even other people. Often, the expectation that other people will fulfill us leads to all kinds of problems, even in marriage! I try to stress with my engaged couples preparing for marriage that they should not see each other as each other’s fulfillment. That is not fair to their future spouse. No one should be held to that impossible standard, because human beings, even the best of us, inevitably disappoint. God, however, who is perfect and infinite and cannot lie, is the rock on which we can build our house. Let us always say with confidence, “Jesus, I trust in You!”

Peace to you,
-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

There will NOT be Mass Thursday, July 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, hot dogs, 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.

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 are 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.

Happy Birthday!

Fred Smith will celebrate his 80th birthday on August 6. Cards may be sent to 903 Blackfoot Drive, Fort Branch, IN 47648.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to take Pat Hall to and from church on Sundays. She would need picked up around 10:40. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Thank you!

Area Happenings:

- Sts. Peter & Paul Family Life Center is sponsoring a Family-Game & Card Party on Sunday, July 30 at noon. Admission is \$6 per person or \$20 per family. Admission includes a meal of a sandwich, chips & drink. Door prizes and a Chinese Auction will be part of the festivities. Please call to R.S.V.P. to Carolyn Spindler at 812-768-6941 or Colleen Kiesel at 812-664-8681. Benefits will go to Right to Life.
- St. James Church, Haubstadt, Summer Social - Sunday, August 6. Join us from 10 am until festivities end for a fun filled day - includes silent auction, Chinese auction, Burgoo, chicken or beef dinner, paddle wheel, kids games, basket raffle, quilt raffle, cornhole tourney, wood shop and more! **See flyer in back of church!**

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. 1st.

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 1st. Any question contact Jamie Baehl at 664-4955 or Bryan Macke 812-664-7992.



The statue of St. Mary Magdalene is sitting at the foot of the cross here at St. Bernard.

St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us!

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. She was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed and served Jesus and his Disciples. Mary Magdalene likely watched the crucifixion from a distance. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away. She was the first witness to His resurrection. St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts and repentant sinners.



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



Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us. Feast Day - July 26

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)
Terri Ziliak (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

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, Diane Denton, Ace Turner, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewicz, 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 23, 2023 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time