LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY. JULY 2

Rosary Lori Spindler Dennis Titzer Sacristan Isaac & Grace Ivy Gifts Allison Spindler Lector Adam Spindler, Harrison Obert Servers Jim & Jan Schmitt Greeters Cantor Sarah Reising **Money Counters** James Silva Melvin Ziliak

SUNDAY. JULY 9

Rosary Libby Ivy Sacristan Nick Ivv Alex Wilson, Molly Schnaar Gifts Michael Smith Lector Servers Lydia Siekman, Emily Anderson Greeters Bob & Rena Schleter Cantor Leroy Seib Holly Heichelbech **Money Counters** Klint Obert

EM to Homebound Dennis Gress Traveling Chalice Mike & Brenda Smith

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 2 - 11:15 a.m.

St. Bernard & St. John Parishes Thursday, July 6 - 6:00 p.m.

- + Robert & Charlotte Wehmer & Family Sunday, July 9 - 11:15 a.m.
- + Tom, Carol, Glenn & Denise Vaal



Numbers not available at time of printing

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the truths of this life is that suffering is a part of the thing. There is no escaping it. However, we always desire and try to escape and avoid this suffering. In short, we want the Resurrection, but not the Cross.

A part of this reality is coming to be at peace inside through selfmastery. This is something that demands that we are honest with ourselves about our sins and shortcomings, and are open to legitimate correction from others who see our sins plainly. We desire to avoid hardship and discomfort, and so we avoid selfcorrection. When we do this, however, we short-circuit our conversion, which would otherwise lead to inner peace. If we truly want to be peaceful people who are real peacemakers, we have to possess this in ourselves through this conversion. As they say, you cannot give what you do not have. Thomas a Kempis shares this wisdom with us:

"First keep peace with yourself; then you will be able to bring peace to others. A peaceful man does more good than a learned man. Whereas a passionate man turns even good to evil and is quick to believe evil, the peaceful man, being good himself, turns all things to good.

The man who is at perfect ease is never suspicious, but the disturbed and discontented spirit is upset by many a suspicion. He neither rests himself nor permits others to do so. He often says what ought not to be said and leaves undone what ought to be done. He is concerned with the duties of others but neglects his own.

Direct your zeal, therefore, first upon yourself; then you may with justice exercise it upon those about you. You are well versed in coloring your own actions with excuses, which you will not accept from others, though it would be more just to accuse yourself and excuse your brother. If you wish men to bear with you, you must bear with them. Behold, how far you are from true charity and humility which does not know how to be angry with anyone, or to be indignant save only against self!

Some people live at peace with themselves and with their fellow men, but others are never at peace with themselves nor do they bring it to anyone else. These latter are a burden to everyone, but they are more of a burden to themselves. A few, finally, live at peace with themselves and try to restore it to others.

Now, all our peace in this life is found in humbly enduring suffering rather than in being free from it. He who knows best how to suffer will enjoy the greater peace, because he is the conqueror of himself, the master of the world, a friend of Christ, and an heir of heaven."

Peace to you,

-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Join Father Chris this Thursday, July 6 after Mass in the Church! The topic this month is THE EUCHARIST and explaining the Mass.

Come join him for an evening of getting to know more about your faith!!

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament is this Friday, July 7 from 8 am until 4 pm. Please keep your commitments!. Everyone is encouraged to come and spend time with our Lord.

......

Altar Society

The next Altar Society Meeting will be next Sunday, July 9 at 10:15 a.m. before Mass in the School Hall.

You Are Invited

Jerry and Betty Brown were married 50 years ago on July 7, 1973 at St. Bernard Catholic Church Snake Run. The parish family is invited to celebrate with them on Sunday, July 9 after Mass from 12:30-3:30. Lunch will be available at 1:00. BYOB. Casual dress. No gifts, but cards are welcome. Please sign up in the church vestibule by July 2 to have an accurate count for food.

Thursday, July 13

St. Bernard is hosting the Annual Feast Day of Maria Rosa Mystica Celebration. The celebration will start with a procession to the Altar to honor Mary, followed by Mass at 6 pm, and a Rosary at 6:45 pm. If you don't know about this beautiful monthly dedication in our Diocese, make sure you plan to attend to learn more. Maria Rosa Mystica is the patron of priest. The evening is dedicated to praying for our Priest. Please come support this special evening!



PRAYER WARRIORS FOR CONSECRATED SOULS María Rosa Mística Knights

Fleas

All gently used items can be placed in the rectory basement. If you have any questions, please see Sarah Spindler or Jess Anderson. Help is also needed with sorting and pricing. If you can help, please let them know!

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. For Past Recipients see the website.

Church Cleaners for July

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

Upcoming Youth Events

July 8-9 – HS "Shantytown" Throwback July 11 – MS Tri-State Food Bank & Bowling

SI, MARIA 40RETII

"Shantytown" Throwback for High School

For the first time, we're doing a Shantytown type campout and service day for high school! During Cov*# 🛭 back in 2020 and 2021 we couldn't have some of these events so we're doing a fun throwback! It'll be held at St. Bernard on July 8th -9th. We'll be making & serving a meal at Evansville Rescue Mission and then come back to St. Bernard to campout, eat a campfire meal, hear a guest speaker, and have some fun and reflect on life. Check-in between 1:00-1:30pm on Saturday. Event ends at St. Bernard at 8:00am on Sunday. We'll have Mass for the youth on Sat. night at St. Bernard. **To sign up turn in waiver to any of our parish offices by Wed. July 5**th.

MS Day of Service & Bowling

All middle school youth are invited to this enriching day of service and fun! On Tuesday, July 11, we'll serve at Tri-State Food Bank by making food boxes, followed by pizza and bowling at Diamond Lanes! We will meet at Sts P&P at 12:30pm and return around 7:00pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Please turn in waiver to any parish office or let Bryan know ASAP if you'd like to attend!

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

Annual Feast Day

Join us for this year's Rosa Mystica Feast Day Celebration. Fr. Chris Forler will preside this year's celebration at St. Bernard Church. We will process to the altar with all of our Diocese's pilgrim statues that have been traveling continuously through our region since 2019.

6:00 pm Mass 6:45 pm Novena and Rosary

THURSDAY, JULY 13TH



St. Bernard Catholic Church 5342 E. State Road 168 Fort Branch, IN





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



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 Rynkiewich, Tony Sevier, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, Greg 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 2, 2023 ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time