

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Rosary Leroy Seib
 Gifts Kohlman & Kaleb Sterczer
 Sacristan Chris Fuhs
 Cantor Sarah Reising
 Greeters K of C
 Lector Rena Schleiter
 Servers Adam Spindler & Lucas Ivy
 Money Counters Klint Obert
 Mike Smith

EM to Homebound Dennis Gress
 Traveling Chalice The Gress Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Rosary Dennis Titzer
 Gifts Lucas Ivy & Jack Anderson
 Sacristan Dennis Gress
 Cantor Leroy Seib
 Greeters Chris & Terry Fuhs
 Lector Sarah Spindler
 Servers Blake & Brooke Silva
 Money Counters Dennis Gress
 Matt Obert

EM to Homebound Dennis Titzer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 19 - 11:15 a.m.

+ Brian & Mary Riley

Thursday, March 23 - 6:00 p.m.

+ John & Herlinda Weber

Sunday, March 26 - 11:15 a.m.

+ Dave McKinney

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 12 Collection	\$1,750.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
Variance for March 12	(\$54.98)
YTD Collection	\$78,227.82
Needed to meet budget	\$66,784.26
YTD Variance	\$11,443.56
Children's Collection	\$6.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, In the daily Mass readings on Thursday of this past week, St. Luke (Lk 11:14-23) recounts Jesus' expulsion of a mute spirit from a certain man. Among the onlookers are some of Jesus' enemies and others who are skeptical of Him. Their reaction to this clearly miraculous event and Christ's obvious authority over unclean spirits is still disbelief. They begin to murmur amongst themselves that He is not doing this because He is divine, but because He is doing it through the power of Satan. Jesus' response to them is to ask the rhetorical question "If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?" It is rhetorical because Satan's kingdom (the society of hell) is divided against itself. Satan and his minions and the souls of the damned are arranged not according to the harmony of love that is found in the Kingdom of God, but according to power. Satan is at the top, and it is boots on throats all the way down! At the end of this particular Gospel passage, Jesus makes the statement that "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." This is divine truth that is very much counter to the spirit of the world today. Today we emphasize 'tolerance' as the highest virtue, but this tolerance is intolerant of any position or moral standard that is opposed to it. This is made very clear in the so-called 'woke' mentality surrounding such things as gender ideology, abortion, and the host of things opposed to the teachings of Christ. Christ is seen as the stumbling block. 'Tolerance' really becomes aggressive especially to the Truth that is Jesus. Pope Benedict XVI frequently referred to this reality when he spoke of the dangers of the 'dictatorship of relativism' as he called it. This is the false notion that all ideas and even religions are basically on equal footing (except for the tenets of Christianity, which uphold universal and objective and unchanging Truth). Everything is tolerated except Jesus. Can we not see that this is exactly the same spirit of Satan that we see in this Gospel reading? When we see division in families, society, churches, and nations, Satan is not far away, and is indeed behind it all, especially in the opposition to Christ. At the end of the day though, Jesus has total authority and power over the Evil One. It is not even a contest! The Kingdom of God, which has perfect unity in loving obedience to the Will of God, will crush the divided kingdom of Satan. There is only one Truth, Jesus Christ. There is only one real moral code, that of His teachings. There is only one true Religion, the divine institution of the Church He founded. Anything that arrogates to itself a 'truth' other than this is part of the divided kingdom that will be defeated. In this same Gospel, Jesus mentions the fully armed strong man (Satan) that guards his house (the world), but also refers to Himself when he mentions one even stronger who will plunder that strong man. When we are faced with temptation, opposition, intimidation, and aggression for standing up for Christ against the dictatorship of relativism, we should be comforted and encouraged in staying close to Him. We know He is the victorious king. We know His Kingdom will have no end. We know the Evil One's time is short. In the spiritual life, there is no Switzerland (neutral ground). We must pick a side. Let us choose rightly! Though we may be condemned for 'bigotry', 'intolerance', and 'judgementalism' in being faithful, we have confidence that our faithfulness will be rewarded! In Jesus our Victor King, -
 Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

This Week

Wednesday (3/22)

Religious Education for Grades 2-12

Thursday (3/23)

Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Easter Lilies

There is now a box in the back of church to order your lilies. Lilies are \$30 each this year. We are asking for a donation. Please put whatever money amount you want in an envelope marked with who you want the lilies in memory of. Any questions, ask Dolores Ziliak. Orders due by April 2. Thanks to everyone for helping to make our church beautiful this year for Easter!

Holy Week Information

St. Bernard Holy Week Schedule: Holy Thursday - 5 p.m., Good Friday - 5 p.m., Easter Sunday - 8:30 a.m. with Egg Hunt to Follow.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 4, 5:30 PM CDT, at Saint Benedict Cathedral. At this Mass, the holy oils used throughout the year are blessed and consecrated, and the priests of the diocese make a public renewal of their priestly promises to serve Christ and the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available prior to the Mass. All are invited to attend so show your support for the service of our priests.

Wednesday, April 5—Reconciliation at St. Bernard from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 6—Adoration sign up in the back of church to spend time with our Lord after Mass.

St. Bernard Summer Social

Please be sure to mark your calendar for this year's St. Bernard Social on September 10. We will need everyone's help for this to be a success! Please let Libby Ivy (812-215-0298) or Lori Spindler (812-664-2511) know if you would like a change in your job from previous years.

Eucharistic Miracles

Some new posters with Eucharistic Miracles are in the back of church for this week only. Please take time to read these posters and learn a little more about your faith and the real presence of the Body of Christ in the Eucharist!

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday!

Pat Hall will be 97 years old on Wednesday, March 29. Please send birthday wishes to 5359 E SR 168 Fort Branch and wish her a great day!!

Join us for Breakfast!

Our wonderful chefs of St. Bernard are coming together for a can't miss breakfast!! Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, and fruit will be served on April 16 from 9-11!! Donations will be accepted. Please sign up in the back of church by April 9. Any questions, please text Libby Ivy at 812-215-0298. Hope to see you there!!



ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS



Upcoming Youth Events

March 24 – MS Lent Night
April 2 – HS RockLife
June 14-17 – Mission Evansville

MS Friday Night Lent Series

All middle school youth are invited to join us 3 Fridays during Lent. This is a great way for them to draw nearer to God during the Lenten season! We'll have cheese pizzas and social time as well! Join us in the youth room at Sts. P&P beginning Friday, February 24th from 7-9pm (and continuing Fridays: March 10th & 24th). Bring a friend and your waiver! (Put all 3 dates on the same waiver!)

Mission Evansville 2023 for HS Youth

There still may be spots available. Contact Bryan ASAP. Total cost per youth is \$100 (scholarships available). This year we will join multiple parish youth ministries in our Evansville Diocese for Mission Evansville 2023. Attendees will help various local organizations such as Boys & Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, All Saints Soup Kitchen, Ozanam Family Shelter, and more. Adult leaders are needed (1 adult for every 3 youth). The dates for the mission are **June 14-17**.

Notre Dame Vision Summer Conference

There's still a little time to register for this great summer conference! Let Bryan know ASAP if you're interested!! Notre Dame Vision is a leadership conference that helps develop the faith and gifts of high school youth to imitate the lives of Jesus Christ and the Saints in our current culture. Cost is \$100 for each youth (we have scholarship money, donations, and fundraising options to help subsidize). **Please contact Bryan if interested** or for information at 664-7992 or bmack@evdio.org.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rogation Mass

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March, 28 at 6:00 pm CST at St. Clement Parish in Boonville. Reception and light refreshments to follow. Please bring your seeds and soil to be blessed by the Bishop.

March Church Cleaners

Rena Schleiter, Deann Gress, Ericka Obert, Kelly Obert, Cindy Titzer

Instructions on how to clean the floor and pews are hanging behind the altar

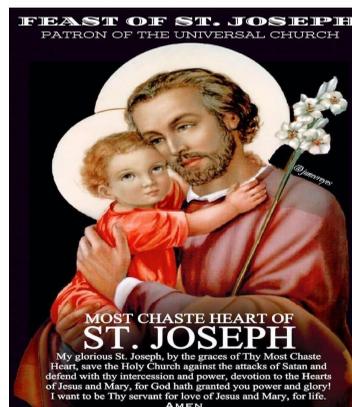


MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

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: 812-753-4568

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, Gerald Allen, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Tony Sevier, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, Greg Obert, Doris Hagedorn, Peach family, Leroy Seib, Stephanie Meny, Mike Folsom, Marge Weber, Graham Hosman **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**

March 19, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent