

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Rosary

Gifts

Sacristan

Cantor

Greeters

Lector

Servers

Money Counters

Dennis Titzer

Lucas Ivy & Jack Anderson

Dennis Gress

Leroy Seib

Chris & Terry Fuhs

Sarah Spindler

Blake & Brooke Silva

Dennis Gress

Matt Obert

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Lydia Siekman, Emily Anderson

Melvin Ziliak

Holly Heichelbech

Terry Fuhs

Greg & Rose Obert

MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ Dave McKinney

Thursday, March 30 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Mary Allen

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

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	
March 19 Collection	\$995.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
Variance for March 19	(\$809.98)
YTD Collection	\$79,222.82
Needed to meet budget	\$68,58924
YTD Variance	\$10,633.58
Children's Collection	\$10.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 25th of March on the Roman Calendar is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. While not a holy day of obligation, it is still no doubt one of the central mysteries of our salvation! While it is commonly known as a feast of Our Lady, it is also and primarily so much more. This is because it commemorates the Archangel Gabriel's visitation of Mary declaring God's plan to bring the divine Savior into the world through her. So yes, it is about Mary, but it is really about the central mystery of our salvation: the Incarnation. Everything about our Faith circles around this event. Christ actually first comes into the world not on Christmas, but at the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit on this day. Once Mary gives her fiat, or let it be done, the Holy Spirit now has permission to knit together the Divine Logos, the eternal Son with our human nature. Nothing is the same after this. Mary secures her place above all the angels and saints with this yes, and the dawning of our salvation begins to finally take shape. One of my very favorite writings concerning this is from a homily by the great Cistercian Abbot and Doctor of the Church, St. Bernard of Clairvaux. In this sermon, he paints this beautiful and powerful scene that we celebrate today, and why it is essential that we celebrate it: "You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us. The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life. Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs it, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of the shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons of Adam, the whole of your race. Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word. Why do you delay, why are you afraid? Believe, give praise, and receive. Let humility be bold, let modesty be confident. This is no time for virginal simplicity to forget prudence. In this matter alone, O prudent Virgin, do not fear to be presumptuous. Though modest silence is pleasing, dutiful speech is now more necessary. Open your heart to faith, O blessed Virgin, your lips to praise, your womb to the Creator. See, the desired of all nations is at your door, knocking to enter. If he should pass by because of your delay, in sorrow you would begin to seek him afresh, the One whom your soul loves. Arise, hasten, open. Arise in faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving. Behold the handmaid of the Lord, she says, be it done to me according to your word.

In Jesus our Incarnate Lord, -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Wednesday (3/29)

Thursday (3/30)

No Religious Ed—Spring Break

Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

This Week

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.

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!! What a blessing she is to our parish!

Snake Run is Headed to Vincennes

A day trip to Vincennes to visit and have Mass with Fr. Tony, see the sights, and eat lunch is being planned for Wednesday, June 14! Details will be shared when the final plans have been made. So mark your calendar and don't miss this exciting trip with your church family!!! Everyone is invited!

Welcome

New Members


St. Bernard would like to welcome David and Alechia Memmer to our parish family! They reside in Oakland City.

Question and Answer with Father Chris

Starting Thursday, May 4, Father Chris will have a Question and Answer Evening in the School Hall following Mass. He will have this presentation on the First Thursday of each month. Have your questions ready and come join him for an evening of getting to know more about your Catholic Faith!!

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

April 2 – HS RockLife

May 6-7 – MS Shantytown

June 14-17 – Mission Evansville



Notre Dame Vision Summer Conference

There still might be 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.

12th Annual Shantytown for Middle School

Come get a real look into the reality of homelessness and the financial struggles of many families in today's world. It'll be held at St. Bernard on May 6th- 7th. We'll be serving meals and cleaning at 2 local homeless shelters: Evansville Rescue Mission and House of Bread & Peace. We'll also make shanty houses, eat a campfire meal, play games, learn about poverty. Check-in between 1:30-2:00pm 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. We ask that each youth try to raise at least \$20 in donations – to be split between the 2 shelters. Please pick up an info packet in the back of your parish and **turn in permission form by Wed. May 3rd**.

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.smg youth.com

March Church Cleaners

Rena Schleter, 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.

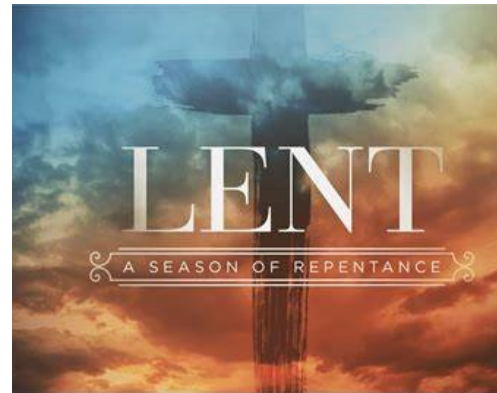
Sunday - 6:45 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8:00 a.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m.



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, Roger Elpers **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 26, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent