

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Rosary	Lori Spindler
Gifts	Abby & Brian Heichelbech
Sacristan	Nick Ivy
Cantor	Kelly Obert
Greeters	Leroy & Sauny Seib
Lector	Elizabeth Ivy
Servers	Anthony Gress, Harrison Obert
Money Counters	Melvin Ziliak Holly Heichelbech
Traveling Chalice	Jan & Jim Schmitt
EM to Homebound	Steve Obert

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Rosary	Diane Hasenour
Gifts	Alex Wilson, Maverick Reising
Sacristan	John Hasenour
Cantor	Sarah & Maci Spindler
Greeters	The Gress Family
Lector	Deann Gress
Servers	Kayden & Kaleb Sterczer
Money Counters	James Silva Camy Davis
EM to Homebound	Rena Schleiter

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 5 - 11:15 a.m.

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Thursday, March 9 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Parker Andrew Ragle

Sunday, March 12 - 11:15 a.m.

+ John & Sister Ida Otto

Stewardship of Treasure

February 26 Collection	\$3,843.87
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
Variance for February 26	\$2,038.89
YTD Collection	\$73,338.82
Needed to meet budget	\$63,174.30
YTD Variance	\$10,164.52
Children's Collection	\$6.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Chicago! Pray for me as I pray for all of you! As I mentioned in my homilies this past weekend, the voluntary sufferings that we embrace in Lent are very disruptive to the devil and his minions, and help us to increase in grace and favor in the eyes of God. However, we are also given innumerable opportunities to do this with the *involuntary* sufferings we encounter in life. As I am sure, our mother or grandmother has said to each of us at one point or another, "Offer it up!"

As members of families, we all have issues with which we are forced to struggle. One of those is end of life matters pertaining to elderly members of our families. Whether they are parents, grandparents, or even younger persons suffering from terminal illnesses, they are always difficult and heart wrenching. This is particularly the case when we personally might find ourselves in positions of authority regarding care and decision-making.

When my maternal grandmother was in the process of dying from Parkinson's disease, she did so at home with the extended family caring for her. She often said to her children and in-laws that she hated to be a burden to them. That was just the selfless kind of person that she was, but if I may presume to differ with my saintly grandmother, I believe she was wrong on this point. I believe that my parents, aunts, and uncles would have agreed with me.

That time of her life and passing were some of the most grace-filled days of their lives, and even at 10 years old, I could see it. They were profoundly grateful to be able to give back to her in some small way what she had labored so faithfully through her life to give to them. It was an exchange of the labors of love. It was exhausting and emotional for them all, to be sure, but I doubt any of them would have done it differently in retrospect.

When someone is in need of intensive or even drastic care from loved ones or others (or perhaps this is where we find ourselves), even if they feel 'useless' or a 'burden', they are actually giving a great gift. That gift is their weakness and being the recipient of loving service. Others are given a chance to exercise heroic charity and are called outside of themselves to give to another. Though this sometimes seems to be a burden at the time, the truth is that it is a grace and gift to *give*. Moreover, as good Catholic Christians, we believe in the redeeming power of suffering. It is suffering that the Lord took upon himself for us, par excellence, but it is a mystery he also invites us to share and participate in as well.

May this season of Lent continue to invite us into that great mystery, and to make it a part of our souls.

Blessed Lent,

-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

This Week

Tuesday (3/7)

Wednesday (3/8)

Thursday (3/9)

Altar Society Meeting in School Hall

Religious Education for Grades 2-12

Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

The Chosen in the School Hall after Mass



Altar Society Meeting

There will be a meeting to discuss the upcoming Dinner. We are making some changes to the current dinner and need all the women's help in making this a success. Please plan on attending Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm in the school hall.

Stations of the Cross

We still have some openings if your family would like to lead the Stations on Thursday evenings. Please contact Terri to sign up.

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!



Thank You

This week is our last Chosen Study Group session. A HUGE thanks to Kim Elpers for leading us in learning more about the life of Jesus. We have really enjoyed watching the videos! If you weren't able to join us, the Chosen can be watched for free online. Our high school religion class recently had the chance to watch one of the videos and really liked them!

Holy Week

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

Rogation Mass

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

*****Please make a note that our Parish Mission scheduled for March 19, 20, and 21 at St. John's has been postponed*****

March Church Cleaners

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

**Instructions on how to clean the floor are hanging behind the Altar

ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS



Upcoming Youth Events

March 5 – Bingo w/ Elderly
March 5 – Cupcake Wars

March 5 – HS RockLife
March 10 – MS Lent Night
March 17-19 – Source + Summit
June 14-17 – Mission Evansville

Cupcake Wars : Girl Time / Boys Open Gym grades 6-12

In place of Open Gym and Girl Time, we're all getting together for Cupcake Wars! We'll have a "bake-off" to see who can make the best cupcakes, the boys or the girls. Fr. Andrew will be the judge! All girls & boys in grades 6-12 are invited in the cafeteria at Sts. Peter & Paul from 4:00-5:30pm. Bring a waiver and a friend!

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!)

Source + Summit Retreat

Youth ages 13 and up, you can still turn in your registration with \$55!! Get a friend to go with you. Don't miss out on this awesome weekend retreat on March 17-19. We will meet at Tri-State Speedway parking lot. Bus will depart at 5:00 on Friday, and 7:30 on Sat. and Sun. morning. Forms are in back of church that includes more info on the retreat. Please contact Bryan with questions at 664-7992.

Mission Evansville 2023 for HS Youth

\$30 deposit is due Monday March 6th. 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**. Reservations for this trip are first come, first serve so don't put this off!! Any questions please contact Bryan at 664-7992 or bmacke@evdio.org.

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.smg youth.com

COMMUNITY NEWS—TROTTER HOUSE

--HELP ~ HEALING ~ HOPE Coming in 2023...Trotter House of Gibson County. What is the Trotter House? It's a family resource center that offers the following: pregnancy testing, pregnancy consulting, healthy lifestyle education, infant supplies, mentoring life skills program, healthcare, community, adoption and professional counseling referrals. Need help now? Please call the Evansville Office: 812-402-0101. To volunteer or for more information, please e-mail: trotterhouseevv@gmail.com or contact Jennifer Kolb, Alicia Ziliak or Terri Ziliak



Welcome to St. Bernard A Catholic Community Since 1877

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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.



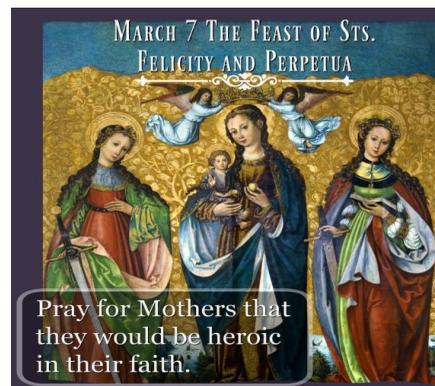
Our parish invites you to join our church family! All new parishioners can register by emailing lspindler@evdio.org or calling the parish office!

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



Pray for Mothers that they would be heroic in their faith.

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, Gretchen Young, 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 5, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Lent