

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Rosary

Sacristan

Gifts

Cantor

Greeters

Lector

Servers

Money Counters

Leroy Seib

Chris Fuhs

May Crowning Mass

Dennis Gress

Holly Heichelbech

Dennis Gress

Nick & Libby Ivy

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Seniors & Families

Camy Davis, Matt Obert

Dennis Titzer

Nick & Libby Ivy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 14 - 11:15 a.m.

+Clemens & Marie Obert & August Wulf

Thursday, May 18 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Linda Folsom

Sunday, May 21 - 11:15 a.m.

+ Mildred Georges & Delores Sevier

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May 7 Collection	\$1,849.50
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
YTD Collection	\$97,347.32
Needed to meet budget	\$81,224.10
YTD Variance	\$16,123.22
Children's Collection	\$14.50

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In continuing through some highlights of The Imitation of Christ, I would like to examine meditation 6, concerning Unbridled Affections. We can also read this as how to address our unruly human passions or even infatuations with something or someone. We all know that our insistent desires can sometimes get us into trouble. As my old seminary professor Fr. Larry Hennessey used to tell us, "If we did everything that we desired to do, we'd either be dead or in jail." Truer words have never been spoken! Thomas à Kempis enlightens us: "When a man desires a thing too much, he at once becomes ill at ease. A proud and avaricious man never rests, whereas he who is poor and humble of heart lives in a world of peace. An unfortified man is quickly tempted and overcome in small, trifling evils; his spirit is weak, in a measure carnal and inclined to sensual things; he can hardly abstain from earthly desires. Hence, it makes him sad to forego them; he is quick to anger if reproved. Yet if he satisfies his desires, remorse of conscience overwhelms him because he followed his passions and they did not lead to the peace he sought. True peace of heart, then, is found in resisting passions, not in satisfying them. There is no peace in the carnal man, in the man given to vain attractions, but there is peace in the fervent and spiritual man." Therefore, we should always be more than a little suspect of our insistent and earthly desires, for the human heart is easily led astray without the teachings of the Lord and His prudence and fortitude. Self-denial and worldly detachment are difficult for us, but experience and the wisdom Thomas gives us tells us that it is precisely this that leads us to peace and happiness! Godliness and otherworldliness is happiness! It is always an act of faith to deny ourselves, strengthen our will, and observe discipline. We place faith in being disciples of Jesus Christ. We trust that this will bring us the peace that we seek. And because Jesus cannot lie, we find that we are not disappointed!

Peace to you,

-Fr. Chris


ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is this Thursday, May 18 after the 6 pm Mass in the Rectory.

The Holy Rosary

May is the month we honor Mary in the Catholic Church. The Rosary is a great way to do this. Consider adding it to your daily prayers or make a visit to our beautiful rosary garden. It is VERY powerful. We pray the Rosary at St. Bernard before every Mass. "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." Sister Lucia



Senior Mass and Donuts Next Weekend- All are Invited!

We have four seniors graduating from high school this year - Hailey Richter, Adam Spindler, Katelyn Sterczer, and Kayden Sterczer. We will have Senior Mass next Sunday, May 21. This year we will be serving donuts/fruit **BEFORE** Mass at 10 a.m. EVERYONE is invited! Please come and show your love and support for our seniors as they prepare for the next phase of their lives.

Fleas

It's time to start collecting 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!

St. Bernard Apparel

St. Bernard shirts and decals should be ready in approximately 2 weeks. Libby Ivy will pass them out after Mass when ready. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in their St. Bernard gear!

Phone Number

St. Bernard has a new phone # - 812-615-0201. The old line wasn't working properly so we had to change phone companies. Although we are not at the office every day, you can always leave a message and we will get back with you.


Flock Note

Are you receiving important messages from Flock Note on happenings at St. Bernard? If not, please email Lori Spindler at lspindler@evdio.org. This is how we communicate Mass changes, deadlines for event sign-ups, and special occasions!

Trip to Visit Fr. Tony in Vincennes

Unfortunately, Fr. Tony has a conflict with his schedule so we will not be able to visit him on June 14. We hope to schedule another date, and when we know more we will let you know!

**Thank you to ALL children who participated in the May Crowning Mass today. Our Mother, Mary, is so honored!



Happy Mother's Day to ALL our Mothers!

All mothers, please pick up your special treat after Mass provided by the Altar Society!

May Church Cleaners

Brenda Smith, Sauny Seib, Amy Silva
Stephanie Silva, Rita Smith, Julie Sterczer

ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS

Upcoming Youth Events

June 7 – Holiday World

June 14-17 – Mission Evansville

Youth Day to Holiday World

Any youth from **incoming 6th thru outgoing 12th** grades are invited to attend our Holiday World outing Wednesday, June 7th. Again, we will be going the same day as all the Westside parishes! So contact those friends you know from Savio, Siena or Source & Summit and meet up! We will be starting the day off with Mass at 9:30 at St. Nicholas Church in Santa Claus! (which is right next door to Holiday World) After Mass we will meet at the front gate of Holiday World and hand out the tickets. For those that need a ride you can RSVP a seat on the mini-bus (first come, first serve). Cost is \$25 per ticket. Look in back of church for permission packets. Read the packet carefully. **Parents:** All youth need a chaperone. We need your help chaperoning to make this possible!

Forms and payment due by Tuesday May 30th in any parish office.

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



Remember Fr. Chris in your prayers as he will be approaching the 15th Anniversary of his Ordination on May 31. Please show him your appreciation for his Priesthood.



Community News



May is devoted to the Blessed Mother, pilgrimages to Monte Cassino Shrine are held each Sunday during May.

The pilgrimage begins with an opening hymn and a short sermon, followed by a rosary procession. The hour-long service ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. Pilgrimages start at 2 p.m. Central Time. The shrine is located in St. Meinrad, IN, one mile east of Saint Meinrad Archabbey along Indiana 62.

Vacation Bible School: Cathletics - Training to Be Champions for Christ!

South Gibson Catholic Vacation Bible School is June 26-30 at Sts. Peter and Paul. Want to help? Volunteer through Signup Genius on Facebook. There will be daycare available for anyone who helps with VBS. Register through the Sts. Peter and Paul website or contact Jason Kruger at jkruger@evdio.org



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.

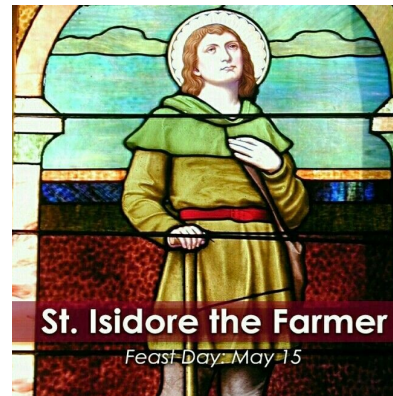
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.

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, 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, Karen Williamson McCloud

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.

May 14, 2023 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter