

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Rosary

Sacristan

Gifts

Lector

Servers

Money Counters

Dennis Titzer

Dennis Gress

Seniors & Families

Camy Davis, Matt Obert

EM to Homebound

Traveling Chalice

Nick & Libby Ivy

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Greeters

Cantor

Money Counters

Leroy Seib

Steve Obert

Alex Wilson, Maverick Reising

Rena Schleter

Kayden & Kaleb Sterczer

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Sarah Reising

Mike Smith, Melvin Ziliak

EM to Homebound

Traveling Chalice

Terry Fuhs

Jess & Dan Anderson

MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ Mildred Georges & Delores Sevier

Thursday, May 25 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Mary Frances & Christian Wehmer Family

Sunday, May 28 - 11:15 a.m.

+ Leroy & Sauny Seib’s 52nd Anniversary

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	
May 14 Collection	\$1,688.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
YTD Collection	\$99,035.32
Needed to meet budget	\$83,029.08
YTD Variance	\$16,006.24
Children’s Collection	\$6.00
Thank You for Your Generosity!	

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week as we continue to glean wisdom from The Imitation of Christ, we now ponder meditation #9, which concerns Obedience and Subjection. I believe the practice of obedience is such a vital and yet difficult thing for human beings of any age, but particularly in our modern age and western culture. We tend today more than perhaps in any other time in history to be rather libertine in our attitudes. We see something and we want it. We want it and we get it. While our national and cultural heritage celebrates the dignity and rights of the individual (a very good thing if understood rightly), we can take that to excess, and make life all about us and what we want. This is a concept that is very counter to authentic Christianity. Our life is actually not about us, but about God. This implies that we have to subject our desires and passions to the will of God. This requires obedience, and it is not easy for fallen human beings subject to pride and sin.

The practice that highlights this difficulty most starkly is having to practice obedience, especially to other human beings. No matter who we are and where we find ourselves, however, we always have someone to answer to, and this often leads to difficulties and friction. It is a great temptation to wish to push back against, resist, revolt against, or reject those in authority over us, or to think that we have a better idea. Moreover, this may very well be true! We can also be tempted into thinking that being subject to another is bad, while being in charge is good. Thomas gives us a counter-perspective that is wise and helpful, however, and can lead us to peace: be humbly obedient and listen, and do it out of a desire to love God and to grow stronger in submitting our will to His. I will conclude with these words from the author:

“It is a very great thing to obey, to live under a superior and not to be one’s own master, for it is much safer to be subject than it is to command. Many live in obedience more from necessity than from love. Such become discontented and dejected on the slightest pretext; they will never gain peace of mind unless they subject themselves wholeheartedly for the love of God.

Go where you may, you will find no rest except in humble obedience to the rule of authority. Dreams of happiness expected from change and different places have deceived many. Everyone, it is true, wishes to do as he pleases and is attracted to those who agree with him.


Who is so wise that he can have full knowledge of everything? Do not trust too much in your own opinions, but be willing to listen to those of others. If, though your own be good, you accept another’s opinion for love of God, you will gain much more merit. It may happen too that while one’s own opinion may be good, refusal to agree with others when reason and occasions demand it, is a sign of pride and obstinacy.”

Peace to you,

-Fr. Chris

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.

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS



Congratulations

graduates of St. Bernard!!

We wish you much happiness and many prayers as you continue on to the next phase of your life!

Check out the Senior spotlight on the back page!

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!

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!

Prayers & Sympathy

Jerald Allen passed away on May 14 and was buried at St. Bernard on May 18. May he rest in peace.

Memorial Day Service

- 9:00 a.m. at St. Bernard Cemetery on Monday, May 29.

Q & A with Father Chris

- Our next Q & A with Fr. Chris is after Thursday evening Mass on June 1.


Happenings at St. John, Daylight:

- VBS at St. John, Daylight is June 5 - 9th for ages 5 - 12. Volunteers needed! Please get registration forms for participants and volunteers on their church website or email mshetler@evdio.org and turn in ASAP. They have two Dominican sisters joining VBS this year.
- Steak Night - Men’s Club of St. John, Daylight is hosting their annual Steak Night on July 8. For tickets and more info please see the flyer in the back of church.

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.

May Church Cleaners

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



Hailey Richter - Gibson Southern

Parents: Stephanie Silva, Jason Richter

Siblings: Nicole and Jake

Grandparents: Frank & Yvonne Pund, Richard and Linda Richter

Future Plans: Purdue University - Ophthalmology

Favorite thing about St. Bernard: How it is like a family and everyone knows each other.



Adam Spindler - Gibson Southern

Parents: Bernie & Lori Spindler

Siblings: Madelyn, Kristen, & Audrey

Grandparents: Greg & Rose Obert, Bernie and Mary Sue Spindler

Future Plans: Vincennes University - Agribusiness

Favorite thing about St. Bernard: We're all like family.



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Kayden Sterczer - Wood Memorial

Parents: Nick & Julie Sterczer

Siblings: Kyndall, Kaleb, and Kohlman

Grandparents: Mike & Gloria Sterczer, Donald & Diane Denton

Future Plans: Wabash College - Diesel Mechanic

Favorite thing about St. Bernard: Everyone is nice. Spending time with friends and family at church activities.



Katelyn Sterczer - Princeton

Parents: Greg Sterczer, Crystal Pynckel, Nick Pynckel

Sibling: Avarie

Grandparents: Mike & Gloria Sterczer, Kenny Russell, Nancy Schultheis

Future Plans: University of Southern Indiana - Social Work

Favorite thing about St. Bernard: How close everyone is and how willing everyone is to help each other out.



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, 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 21, 2023 ~ Feast of the Ascension