

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Rosary Lori Spindler
Sacristan John Hasenour
Gifts Molly Schnarr, Brooke Silva
Cantor Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers
Greeters Lori & Audrey Spindler
Lector Kim Elpers
Servers Allison Spindler, Jack Anderson
Money Counters Klint Obert, Mike Smith
EM to Homebound Rena Schleiter

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Rosary Leroy Seib
Sacristan Chris Fuhs
Gifts
Cantor May Crowing
Greeters Mass
Lector
Servers
Money Counters Dennis Gress
Holly Heichelbech
EM to Homebound Dennis Gress
Traveling Chalice Nick & Libby Ivy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 7 - 11:15 a.m.

St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Thursday, May 11 - 6:00 p.m.

NO MASS

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

+Clemens & Marie Obert & August Wulf

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 30 Collection	\$2,741.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
YTD Collection	\$95,497.82
Needed to meet budget	\$79,419.12
YTD Variance	\$16,078.70
Children's Collection	\$8.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thomas of Kempen in his 3rd chapter of the Imitation of Christ next exhorts us to seek the Truth. This is of course Jesus Christ, the divine Logos, the one who is in the beginning with God and is God. He once again encourages us not to seek knowledge in vain. That is, while knowledge is a good thing and God desires us to have it, it is to be given to us for a purpose. It must change our lives for the better!

"Every perfection in this life has some imperfection mixed with it and no learning of ours is without some darkness. Humble knowledge of self is a surer path to God than the ardent pursuit of learning. Not that learning is to be considered evil, or knowledge, which is good in itself and so ordained by God; but a clean conscience and virtuous life ought always to be preferred. Many often err and accomplish little or nothing because they try to become learned rather than to live well.

If men used as much care in uprooting vices and implanting virtues as they do in discussing problems, there would not be so much evil and scandal in the world, or such laxity in religious organizations. On the day of judgment, surely, we shall not be asked what we have read but what we have done; not how well we have spoken but how well we have lived."

Powerful and simple words! Knowledge is for helping us to know how to live! As the Scriptures tell us, we should not be hearers of the word only, but doers of the word. Anything else is simply our desire to glorify ourselves with how much we know. This glory is fleeting, because one day we will pass from this world and our knowledge will pass with us, and the world will remember us no more for what we said or learned, but for what we did. Moreover, if we did little or nothing, we will be remembered little or not at all. Therefore, what did just knowing things profit us?

St. Thomas Aquinas tells us that curiosity is not a virtue, but rather a vice. However, desire to know something because it teaches us about God and how we are to live in this life can be a very good thing. Therefore, what Thomas à Kempis asks us to keep in mind with our pursuits is "how will this profit me for eternal life and glorifying God?" This will greatly help us to set our priorities and use our time very wisely indeed, and certainly help to transform and redeem our world. Peace to you,

-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

NO MASS THIS THURSDAY. FATHER HAS A MEETING IN EVANSVILLE.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is 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. 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*



End of Year - Religion Class

We had our year end pizza and ice cream party this week at religion class. Thank you to our religion teachers who so graciously give of their time and talent to teach our children about the faith. It has been a great year learning about Jesus! We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!



There are 15 kids who had perfect attendance this year! This shows a real commitment from parents to make it a top priority for your children to be at religion class each week.

Perfect attendance winners are: Marshall Obert, Miles Obert, Oliver O'Connor, Annelise Obert, Alex Wilson, Teddy O'Connor, Harrison Obert, Annie Obert, Grace Ivy, Bailey Spindler, Maci Spindler, Isaac Ivy, Jake Richter, Lucas Ivy, and Jack Anderson. Way to go students!!



Senior Mass and Donuts - 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 on 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.

St. Bernard Apparel

Today is the last day to order! The Altar Society is selling St. Bernard shirts, sweatshirts, polos, and jackets! Car decals are also available! This is not a fundraiser but just an opportunity to show your church spirit in our community. There are three designs with multiple colors to choose from. There is an online website to order from. Information on ordering can be found on handouts in back of church. Please see Lori Spindler (812-664-2511) or Libby Ivy (812-215-0298) if you need assistance ordering.



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.smgyouth.com

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. For more information on the Monte Cassino pilgrimages, call 812-357-6585 .
- **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: 812-753-4568

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.*

May 7, 2023 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter