

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Rosary Dolores Ziliak
 Sacristan John Spindler
 Gifts Jack Anderson, Bailey Spindler
 Lector Brenda Smith
 Servers Allison Spindler, Cole Phillips
 Greeters Bob & Jenny Fuhs
 Cantor Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers
 Money Counters Klint Obert
 Michael Smith

Homebound Communion Rena Schleiter
 Traveling Chalice John & Sarah Spindler
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Rosary Lori Spindler
 Sacristan Bernie Spindler
 Gifts Spencer & Carson Heichelbech
 Lector Dennis Titzer
 Servers Isaac Ivy, Teddy O'Connor
 Greeters K of C
 Cantor Kelly Obert
 Money Counters James Silva
 Jenny Fuhs

Homebound Communion Rena Schleiter
 Traveling Chalice Melvin & Terri Ziliak

MASS INTENTIONS

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

+ Gerald & Mary Allen

Thursday, November 16 - 6:00 p.m.

+ NO MASS

Sunday, November 19 - 11:15 a.m.

+ Jim Gries

Stewardship of Treasure

November 1 Collection (Holy Day)	\$565.00
November 5 Collection	\$1,246.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$39,057.96
Needed to meet budget	\$34,112.22
YTD Variance	\$4,945.74
Children's Collection	\$4.00

Thank You!

Dear Parishioners,

As the holiday season approaches, I have been thinking a lot about the blessings of God. During the Mass, when Fr. Chris says the Eucharistic prayer, one part keeps standing out to me. When he holds up Jesus, he says, "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." The last line keeps coming to me: "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Sometimes, we can look at being called to this life of the Catholic faith as burdensome or one that requires a lot of us, and in reality, our faith requires everything of us. But do we ever consider what a true blessing it is to be called to the Supper of the Lamb? To have been chosen to serve God, be raised, or have converted to Catholicism. It is a blessing indeed, because when we go to the Supper of the Lamb, also known as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; we get to participate in the heavenly banquet feast. We get to experience the foretaste of heaven, and that is powerful and so incredibly humbling when you take time to sit back and contemplate what happens at the Mass and whom you are receiving.

This made me think about how often I count my blessings and give thanks for blessings. If I take the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass for granted sometimes or even my faith, what other blessings am I not acknowledging? I first had to think about what blessed means. It means to be made holy, to be set apart for God. However, why was it so easy to count my blessings when I was little, and why is it so hard now? I love psychology, so as I thought about this, it made sense that, as we get older, everything gets more complex, including our emotions. For example, when we were little, it was easy to count our blessings because we just had to think of the things we liked, such as our pets, toys, parents, or whatever else made us happy in the moment. We only knew how to express one emotion at a time; we felt either happy, sad, or angry. Nevertheless, as we got older, we developed complex emotions, such as being able to feel happy and sad at the same time. For example, if a child moves away, we are happy for them and this new journey but sad because we will miss them.

Jesus also teaches us it is the same thing with our blessings. Sometimes, our blessings become more complex and have multiple facets and emotions tied to them. Jesus shows us this through the Beatitudes. The word beatitude comes from the Latin word beatitudo, meaning "blessedness." They go as follows: Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Going through these helped me to see more clearly the blessings in my life and how when we sacrifice or do the hard thing, in the end, it blesses us more than we could ever know. So, count your blessings and remember, "Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb".

God bless,
 Mary Shetler

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

There will not be Mass on Thursday, November 16. Father is gone to Continuing Education. Please keep Father in your prayers.

Christmas Party

It's time to jingle and mingle at the annual St. Bernard men and women's Christmas party! This magical evening will take place at R'z in Fort Branch on Sunday, December 3. Doors open at 4:30 pm with a delicious meal of fried chicken and all the fixings served at 5 pm. There is no cost to attend, so make sure to sign up in the back of church no later than November 26th! For any questions, contact Jess Anderson 664-7280.



Thanksgiving Mass

We will have a Mass of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. at St. Bernard.

As always, we will collect food for The Lord's Panty during the Thanksgiving Mass. Please bring non-perishable food items. Thank you.

Parish Council

The next meeting is Thursday, November 30 after evening Mass.

School Hall Rental Reminder

Reminder to all who rent the school hall. It is a \$75 fee. You must have a special certificate from your homeowners insurance to rent. This is usually free and the insurance company can email you a copy to give to us. This can usually be done in less than a weeks time. If you have alcohol at your event, you must get a insurance certificate from your insurance company to cover any liabilities that could occur from a party with alcohol. Usually this is a \$50.00 charge. If you would rather us get this insurance, the Diocese does have a company we can go through for you but it will be more expensive and will need at least a month's notice to get this form. Any question, please ask Lori or Terri.



Happy Birthday to Father Chris who celebrates his birthday on November 16!
 Cards may be sent to 5301 Daylight Drive, IN 47725.

Care Closet Items Needed—Ft. Branch Community School

Fort Branch Community School is collecting items for students who need hygiene items to help them feel more confident and cared for at school. Items needed are deodorant, chapstick, body wash, hand sanitizer, toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo (small sizes). Please drop them in the box in the back of church by **November 19**, and we will get them where they are needed!

Wednesday, November 15

Religion Class from 7 to 8 p.m. for Grades 2 to 12



The Catholic Ministries Appeal

THANK YOU to all those who have donated. Please send in your donation ASAP if you have not as we will be sending out reminders soon. **Please make your gift by returning your commitment card to the Diocese of Evansville or make a secure contribution at www.evdio.org/catholic-ministries-appeal or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Catholic Ministries Appeal

St. Bernard Assessment
 \$31,828

Amount Collected
 \$25,698.13

% of Goal Collected - 81%

November Church Cleaners - Jenny Fuhs, Lauren Crowder, Madison Fuhs, Terry Fuhs, Karen Jennings, Jan Schmitt

Upcoming Youth Events

- Nov. 12 – Bingo w/ Elderly
- Nov. 12 – Girl Time
- Nov. 12 – Boys Open Gym
- Nov. 12 – HS RockLife
- Nov. 16-18 – HS NCYC



Bingo with the Elderly – Transcendent Healthcare Owensville

Sunday, Nov. 12th any youth grade 6-12 is invited to visit the elderly at Transcendent Healthcare of Owensville. We'll play bingo and just share in the love and joy of Christ with them! We'll meet at Sts. P&P at 1:00 and arrive back to Sts P&P around 3:45pm. Please contact Bryan at least a day in advance if you'd like to go, and bring your waiver!

Correction: HS Girl Time (grades 9-12)

All high school girls are invited to join us for the first Girl Time coming up on November 12th. (Middle school girls now have MS Girls Gathering). HS Girl Time is one Sunday of the month from 4:00-5:30pm in the youth room from Nov. thru March. The first one will be Game Night! More details to come for following dates! Bring a waiver and a friend!

Open Gym for Boys grades 8-12

Next one is Nov. 12th. Open Gyms will start for boys grades 8-12. It'll include a "halftime" to reflect on growing as Catholic young men! We'll mostly meet in the gym at Sts. Peter & Paul from 4:00 – 5:30 pm typically 2 Sundays of the month (from Nov. thru March). Bring permission forms....and your "game".

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

November—Holy Souls in Purgatory

Please remember that the month of November is the month that the Catholic Church encourages you to pray for the Souls in Purgatory. This is a spiritual Work of Mercy. St. Gertrude was given a prayer by Jesus for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It is piously believed that souls are released from purgatory by praying this prayer from the heart.



Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all the sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen



COMMUNITY NEWS

Knights of Columbus, Haubstadt 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney

K of C annual 3 on 3 tourney will take place Sat. Dec. 2 at Haubstadt Old Gym. This event benefits St James, Sts Peter & Paul, and Holy Cross athletic programs, but all are welcome for the competition! Sandwich and drink concessions will be available. To hold your spot or with questions, email kofc2on2@gmail.com, or call Casey at 812-457-9300 or Brad at 812-350-2022. See Knights of Columbus, Haubstadt 2215 Facebook page for updates and full details.

St. Joseph Princeton Raffle—\$20 a ticket or 6 for \$100—Daily drawings starting December 1. Grand Prize is \$10,000. For tickets or more information, please call 385-2617.



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: Nick Ivy

Altar Society President: Jessica Anderson

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.

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.

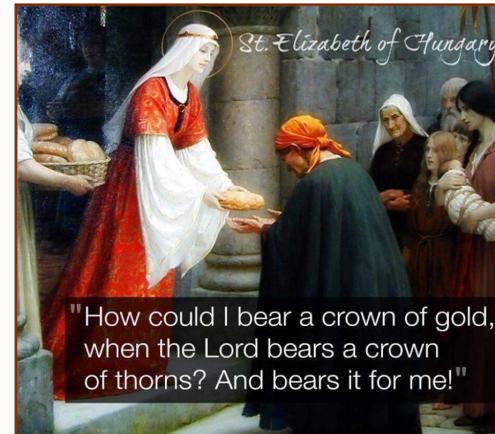
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8:00 a.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m.

First Saturday - 8:00 am



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, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Tony Sevier, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, Doris Hagedorn, Stephanie Meny, Mike Folsom, Winfrid Obert, Stan Elpers

Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off the list. Thank you.

November 12, 2023 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time