

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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 Schleter
Traveling Chalice Melvin & Terri Ziliak
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Rosary Elizabeth Ivy
Sacristan Dennis Titzer
Gifts Harrison & Annie Obert
Lector Michael Smith
Servers Lydia Siekman, Abby Heichelbech
Greeters Robert & Rena Schleter
Cantor Sarah & Maci Spindler
Money Counters Dennis Gress
Klint Obert
Homebound Communion Dennis Titzer
Traveling Chalice Melvin & Terri Ziliak

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 19 - 11:15 a.m.
+ Jim Gries
Wednesday, November 22 - 7:00 p.m.
+ Fred Fuhs
Sunday, November 26 - 11:15 a.m.
+ Angie Folz & Mary Jo Barnard

<i>Stewardship of Treasure</i>	
November 12 Collection	\$1,821.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$40,878.96
Needed to meet budget	\$35,907.60
YTD Variance	\$4,971.36
Children’s Collection	\$13.00
<i>Thank You!</i>	

Dear Parishioners,

It was a few days after the October 7th attack by Hamas on Israel when I found myself in a retirement community speaking to a resident who could not drive anymore. She was upset and spoke of how she felt useless being unable to go to Church to meet friends, participate in groups, and evangelize in the world the way she used to. But it was more than that. The recent attack on Israel, the war in Ukraine, the culture war, political fears, and the uncertainty of the future weighed heavy on her. She wanted to do something but did not know how because she felt trapped by her inability to drive and lack of freedom.

The more I talked to others, the more I realized she was not alone, not by her inability to drive, but by her uncertainty and powerlessness. I had conversations in the commons, the grocery store, with clients, and numerous other places. I am sure you have as well. If we remain focused on this central theme, it can seem overwhelming.

The explanation and task I gave the resident were the same thing I told myself. It was not complicated or anything. I asked her if she prayed for peace and trusted Our Lord Jesus. Sitting in her chair, she said it was all she seemed to do lately. I reminded her that it was the greatest thing she could do and that we can achieve nothing apart from Jesus. Perhaps, in her time, sharing her love and doing what she believed was small was more significant than what I was doing in my ministry. The world needs our prayers, and it needs Christ. Not a small thing at all. It is amazing how I came to her door to evangelize her; somehow, she managed to evangelize me.

Praying is always the first step in healing the world and the greatest thing we can do. We can never improve the world and spread the Gospel without allowing God’s love to dwell in us. Interestingly, today’s Gospel describes how the Master entrusts his possessions with his servants. Did you catch that? Everything we have is on loan from God, including his love. He charges us to use it for the betterment of those around us, or simply put, we lose it. With Jesus, we can heal the world and grow the Kingdom of God. Apart from Him are the overwhelming woes of the world.

The Gospel Acclamation sums it up nicely (Jn 15: 4a,5b).
Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

Jesus multiplies all the goodness we do. Most of us don’t have large platforms or soapboxes to stand on to broadcast. We each have our own little pocket of those who surround us, and we come into contact with. These are the people we speak the truth of the Gospel with and share God’s love.

When we each do our part and live our lives reflecting and sharing the Gospel, we bear fruit and impact the world as a branch off the vine of Jesus. If we can share the gift of Christ with just one person, and they do the same, imagine what kind of world we could live in.

Christ said, in Him, we can accomplish anything. Share His love, and Our Lord will do the rest. It’s not our purpose to worry and be overwhelmed.

Pray and Trust.
Peace,
Deacon Lonny

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

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 an 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 questions, please ask Lori or Terri.

St. Bernard 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.

The Christmas Giving Tree is Now Up
Please pick an angel from the tree in the back of church. This year’s gifts will go to the True Hope Pregnancy Center in Princeton. The angel will let you know what needs to be purchased. Items are due by December 17. No need to wrap items. Thank you for your support!


The Catholic Ministries Appeal
THANK YOU to all those who have donated! So many programs at St. Bernard are only possible with the support of our diocese. We continue to get closer to our goal so please donate if you can.
**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.



Happy Thanksgiving ~ Enjoy your time with your family! We want to thank each of you who make St. Bernard a special place! There are so many generous families at our parish. We are grateful for each of you!

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

Wednesday, November 22
Religion Class in church for Thanksgiving Mass



Church Christmas Party

Catholic Ministries Appeal	
Assessment -	\$31,828
Amount Collected -	\$26,098.13
% of Goal Collected -	82%

Upcoming Youth Events

Dec. 1 – MS Blacklight Event
Dec. 3 – Bingo w/ Elderly
Dec. 3 – Girl Time
Dec. 3 – Boys Open Gym
Dec. 3 – HS RockLife

MS Blacklight Dodgeball/Volleyball

Back by popular demand! For all middle school youth. When & where: Friday, December 1st at Sts. Peter & Paul from 6:00-9:00pm. We'll provide pizza. Bring your white/neon clothing and special gear so you'll GLOW! Also, bring a friend and a permission slip. Don't miss this hoopla!!

Bingo with the Elderly – Transcendent Healthcare Owensville

Sunday, Dec. 3rd 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!

HS Girl Time (grades 9-12)

Next HS Girl Time is on Dec. 3rd. HS Girl Time is one Sunday of the month from 4:00-5:30pm in the youth room from Nov. thru March. We will go Christmas gift shopping for families in need! More details to come for following dates! Bring a waiver and a friend!

Open Gym for Boys grades 8-12

Next one is Dec. 3rd. 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".



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



Adult Scripture Study

Lectio: Mary "The New Eve" with Dr. Brant Pitre

Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries? In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary. Classes begin in January at Sts. Peter & Paul on:

Jan. 7 for the Sunday at 8:15 am class
Jan 9 for the Tuesday at 6:30 pm class
Jan 10 for the Wednesday at 9 am class

Register on SPP website or contact Laura at
lgoedde@evdio.org
Cost is \$15 for a study guide



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

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Pastor: Fr. Chris Forler

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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.



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 19, 2023 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time