

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Rosary Dennis Titzer
Sacristan Robert Fuhs
Gifts Teddy & Oliver O’Connor
Lector Steve Obert
Servers Emily & Jack Anderson
Greeters Jim & Jan Schmitt
Cantor Leroy Seib
Money Counters Jenny Fuhs
Holly Heichelbech
Homebound Communion Steve Obert
Traveling Chalice John & Sarah Spindler

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Rosary Dolores Ziliak
Sacristan Bernie 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 Schleter

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 5 - 11:15 a.m.
+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes
Thursday, November 9 - 6:00 p.m.
+ NO MASS
Sunday, November 12 - 11:15 a.m.
+ Gerald & Mary Allen

Stewardship of Treasure

October 29 Collection	\$3,246.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$37,246.96
Needed to meet budget	\$32,316.84
YTD Variance	\$4,930.12
Children’s Collection	\$4.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I think we can all agree that our culture is constantly becoming less and less Christian and even friendly to Christianity. Most all of us know many friends, family, and acquaintances that have drifted from their Catholic and Christian faith, even those who have been raised by strongly Christian parents and ancestors.

How in the world does this happen? The short general answer of course is that all of us have the ability to misuse our freedom and reject God in favor of sin and following our fallen passions. This is often the case. However, there are also those who have fallen out of practice that actually are otherwise decent people who simply do not see it as important. What explains this?

I believe that the origin of this dechristianization is likely moralism. Notice this is not the same thing as morality. Let me explain. I would define moralism as simply concentrating on the letter of the laws of religion while losing sight of the spirit, or the central reason for living a moral life. Of course, this is part of the design of Satan to separate us from God and His love. As Pope Benedict once said in a 2008 address, Christianity “is not a new philosophy or a new form of morality. We are only Christians if we encounter Christ, even if He does not reveal Himself to us as clearly and irresistibly as he did to Paul in making him the Apostle of the Gentiles. We can also encounter Christ in reading Holy Scripture, in prayer, and in the liturgical life of the Church... it is only in this personal relationship with Christ, in this meeting with the Risen One, that we are truly Christian.”

Truer words could not be said. Satan has endeavored throughout the years to boil Catholicism down to a list of “do’s” and “don’ts”. Moralism concentrates on staying off the “bad list” and being on the “good list”, but forgets about Christ. Authentic morality begins with encountering, getting to know, and loving Jesus, and then we act morally because we wish to please and follow Him. Raising children in a moralistic way can often teach kids that “we do this, but we don’t do that”, without teaching them why. With each generation of this, the why is eventually forgotten, until one day, often as teenagers or young adults, they ask themselves why they would restrict themselves with all of these rules, and they no longer have the answer. Then they leave. Why wouldn’t they, if our Faith is simply a bunch of restrictive and nonsensical rules?

However, this is not the case! We should put Jesus first and strive to have an encounter and relationship with Him! Go to prayer and adoration! Read the Scriptures; strive to learn the why of our Faith. Then we will truly have something priceless to pass on to our children, and it will be something they will not readily let drop.

Peace to You,
-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

There will not be Mass on Thursday, November 9 or 16. Father is gone to Continuing Education. Please keep Father in your prayers.

Altar Society

There will be a meeting on Sunday, November 12 at 10 a.m. in the School Hall. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend!

Confirmation

We have 14 students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in March. The students are Kyla Blankenberger, Isaac Ivy, Brooke Silva, Audrey Spindler, Maci Spindler, Kaleb Sterczer, Talan Strickland, Emily Anderson, Jake Richter, Allison Spindler, Anthony Gress, Lydia Siekman, Blake Silva, and Mia Strickland. Today, they will receive a blessing from Father Chris. We ask everyone in our parish to please pray for them as they continue on this journey.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

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 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 - \$22,248.13
% of Goal Collected - 70%



Happy Birthday to Deacon Richard who celebrates his birthday on November 9!

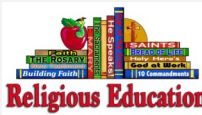
Happy Birthday to Father Chris who celebrates his birthday on November 16! Cards may be sent to 5301 Daylight Drive, IN 47725.

November Church Cleaners

Jenny Fuhs, Lauren Crowder, Madison Fuhs, Terry Fuhs, Karen Jennings, Jan Schmitt

Wednesday, November 8

Religion Class from 7 to 8 p.m. for all grades.



Open Gym for Boys grades 8-12

Beginning on Nov. 5, 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".

Leaf Raking Service Project

The youth will be raking leaves on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 8 am. We will meet at Sts. Peter & Paul (outside of gym). This is open to all middle and high school youth (great Confirmation service project). Bring your permission slips, rakes and gloves. We'll provide a lunch in the youth room when finished. Adult chaperones and trucks are needed. We have several people that need this help, and it can only be accomplished with YOUR help! Please try and come to this service project!

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!

Girl Time grades 8-12

All girls in grades 8-12 are invited to join us for the first Girl Time coming up on November 12th. 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!

Peer Leadership Team

St. Maria Goretti Youth Ministry has a team of young leaders (HS age) that we call the Peer Leadership Team. The purpose is to better serve the needs and interests of our youth by having the youth make more decisions as to what we do and how we do it. We usually meet about once a month to discuss ideas for youth activities and events. At this time, we are looking to add 3-4 more youth to the team. If you are interested please write a letter of interest to Bryan Macke and the SMG Youth Board, explaining why you would like to be on the team and turn it in to any parish office. We'll review the letters and choose youth asap.



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



Members of St. Bernard processed out to the cemetery by candlelight on All Soul's Day, November 2 to pray for the dead. Fr. Chris blessed and incensed the graves of our loved ones. It was a special evening to remember all those who have died.



COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Joseph 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.

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, and we will get them where they are needed!



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



St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Feast Day: November 10

Welcome to St. Bernard
A Catholic Community Since 1877

5342 E. State Road 168
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Pastor: Fr. Chris Forler
Deacons: Vince Bernardin, Richard Leibundguth, Lonny Davis
Catechetical Leader: Rose Obert
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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.



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, Graham Hosman, 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 5, 2023 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time