

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Rosary Dennis Titzer
Sacristan Dennis Gress
Gifts Kohlman & Kaleb Sterczer
Lector Sarah Spindler
Servers Audrey Spindler & Bailey Spindler
Greeters Nick & Libby Ivy
Cantor Kelly Obert
Money Counters Jenny Fuhs
Mike Smith
Traveling Chalice Jess & Dan Anderson
Homebound Communion Terri Ziliak

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Rosary Dolores Ziliak
Sacristan Bernie Spindler
Gifts Harrison & Annie Obert
Lector Deann Gress
Servers Allison Spindler, Teddy O'Connor
Greeters Bernie & Lori Spindler
Cantor Leroy Seib
Money Counters Dennis Gress
Klint Obert
Homebound Communion Lori Spindler

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 15 - 11:15 a.m.
+ Dody Bolander
Thursday, October 19 - 6:00 p.m.
+ NO MASS
Sunday, October 22 - 11:15 a.m.
+ John & Herlinda Weber

Stewardship of Treasure	
October 8 Collection	\$2,195.21
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$30,531.46
Needed to meet budget	\$26,930.70
YTD Variance	\$3,600.76
Children's Collection	\$1.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This coming week, our priest convocation here in the diocese of Evansville will be held. Due to this, daily Masses Tuesday through Thursday at our parishes will be canceled. In times past, it has proven to be a wonderful time of recollection and brotherhood for me in particular, and many of my brothers in the priesthood in the diocese in general.

Many might wonder what exactly a priest convocation is. The word literally means ‘to be called together.’ There are only about 60 priests in our diocese, and about a third of those are retired from parish ministry, though they still travel about to various parishes filling in for the rest of us who are ‘still in the saddle’. Because of our schedules and being often geographically separated, it is difficult if not impossible for us to see each other for any meaningful length of time. All human beings need connection and community, especially among peers, and priests are no exception. Of course we form meaningful bonds with our people, but the experience of life as a priest is rather unique. It helps to be able to commiserate with the men and brothers that are in the same boat in terms of day-to-day life.

It’s also a great opportunity for relatively younger clergy like myself to glean wisdom from those who have been doing it a lot longer than we have. It is quite inspiring not only to hear how these unique and gifted men have given of themselves to the enrichment of the diocesan Church, but to consider how each of them had impacted me in particular.

Priestly life can sometimes be challenging. It can also be immensely rewarding and inspiring. This week is one of those times, made possible by men such as these, my priestly brothers, gathered around our bishop. What makes them most inspiring is not their considerable personal gifts, but their faithfulness to Christ and His call and His people. May they have many more years of fruitful ministry to us and all of God’s people!

I ask that while we are gone next week, you would graciously keep us all in prayer. We are weak, fallible, and yes even sinful creatures of God. Yet we have been given a high call. Please pray that we may become every day, and especially through our conferences this week, better men and better priests. You depend on sacramental grace and pastoral care for salvation. We depend on those things too, as well as on our being good ministers of the Gospel for ours. We need your prayers, and thank you for them!

In Christ the High Priest,
-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS


NO MASS THIS THURSDAY EVENING DUE TO ALL PRIESTS IN THE DIOCESE ATTENDING THEIR ANNUAL CONVOCATION. Please keep them in your prayers!

URGENT PRAYER FOR PEACE
The Cardinal Pizzaballa of the Holy Land and US Conference of Catholic Bishops are calling on all Christians to pray and fast for peace in the Holy Land on this Tuesday, October 17. The pain and dismay of what is happening is great and will increase a spiral of violence with destruction all over the world. Cardinal Pizzaballa says we DO NOT remain helpless. We must turn to God and our Mother Mary for help and intercession. Quoting the Cardinal, “Let us organize prayer times with Eucharistic Adoration and with the recitation of the Rosary to our Mother on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

GOD WILL LISTEN!!!
We at St. Bernard will have a day of Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, October 17. Please text or call Terri at 812-677-0511 for a time that works for you in 1/2 hour or hour increments from 8 am to 6 pm. If you are unable to attend adoration, please take time to pray a Rosary at some time during the day and continue daily! **Our Religious Education Students will pray a public Rosary in the rosary garden THIS Wednesday, October 18 shortly after 7 p.m. This Rosary will be said for Peace in Israel and Ukraine.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal

St. Bernard’s assessment for this year’s campaign is \$31,828. We would really like to make our goal this year so we don’t have to increase our budget next year. Let’s all work together to make our goal!! **Please make your gift by returning your commitment card to the Diocese of Evansville. You can also 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 - \$8,400
% of Goal Collected - 26%

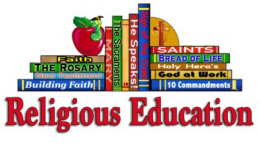
TRUNK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN PARTY
Please join us for our 2nd annual TRUNK or TREAT Halloween Party at St. Bernard on Wednesday, October 25 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. ALL St. Bernard children and families are welcome!! Hot dogs and chips will be served! Don’t forget to wear your Halloween costumes! If you have any questions, contact Jess Anderson (812-664-7280).
*****If you would like to decorate your trunk or can donate cookies, there is a sign up sheet in the back of church!!**





Sympathy and Prayers to Julie Sterczer on the passing of her mother, Diana Denton. May she rest in peace.

October Church Cleaners
Jessica Anderson, Brenda Ankenbrand, Camy Davis, Juli Phillips, Payton Steckler



Religious Education

Wednesday, October 18
Religious Education for All Grades at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Youth Events

Oct. 21 – MS Holy Fire in Nashville TN
Oct. 21 – Erect cross at Cemetery of Innocents
Oct. 22 – MS Girls Gathering
Nov. 5 – HS RockLife
Nov. 16-18 – HS NCYC



Cemetery of Innocents

On Oct. 21, ALL YOUTH grades 6-12 are invited to help erect crosses at the Cemetery of the Innocents (Elper's farm) on Hwy 41 just south of I-64 at 9:00 am. We really need some strong young people!

MS Girls Gathering

Our next middle school Girls Gathering will be Oct 22 at 3:00pm starting in church at Sts. Peter & Paul. Please pick up at 4:15 at the church. Girls Gathering is for any girl grades 6-8. In October, we will be journeying to become disciples of Christ. Questions? Call/Text Leah Simon 812-549-5234 or leah_simon@yahoo.com

HS RockLife Nights

Next gathering is Sunday, Nov. 5th. We'll meet in the youth room at Sts Peter & Paul from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This will continue throughout the school year (usually twice a month). These nights focus on leading teens closer to Christ while meeting them where they're at. It helps youth get excited about their faith and more engaged! Not only will you find food for the soul, you'll also be served Sandy's Pizza!! Bring a friend and a permission slip!

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.

THE DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS SAVE THE DATE!



Our diocese will host a Eucharistic Congress in Evansville at the Old National Events Plaza Auditorium on January 13, 2024. Bishop Joseph Siegel will be the main celebrant of the closing Mass and Rev. Tyler Tenbarge will be the Master of Ceremonies. Presenters will be Msgr. James Shea, Dr. Edward Sri, and Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford with musicians John Michael Talbot and PJ Anderson.

This Eucharistic Congress is meant to draw the local body of Christ together for worship, adoration, education, service, joy, and especially mission.

We are called to share the good news, and this Congress could be a starting line for a new age of mission in the Diocese of Evansville. Reserved seating tickets go on sale September 22. For Tickets and more information go to www.eucharisticcongressesvdio.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: 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, Diane Denton, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewicz, Tony Sevier, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, Greg & Rose Obert, Doris Hagedorn, Stephanie Meny, Mike Folsom, Graham Hosman, Kim Elpers, 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.

October 15, 2023 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time