

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Rosary Dennis Titzer
Sacristan John Hasenour
Gifts Abby & Brian Heichelbech
Lector Kim Elpers
Servers Kaleb Sterczer, Anthony Gress
Greeters Jeff & Tammy Meny
Cantor Leroy Seib
Money Counters Camy Davis
Matt Obert
Traveling Chalice Nick & Libby Ivy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Rosary Elizabeth Ivy
Sacristan Chris Fuhs
Gifts Teddy & Oliver O’Connor
Lector Elizabeth Ivy
Servers Carson Heichelbech, Isaac Ivy
Greeters Kenny & Judy Page
Cantor Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers
Money Counters Dennis Gress
Holly Heichelbech
Traveling Chalice Nick & Libby Ivy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 1 - 11:15 a.m.
+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes
Thursday, October 5 - 6:00 p.m.
+ Jim Gries
Sunday, October 8 - 11:15 a.m.
+ Glenn, Denise, Tom & Carol Vaal

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	
September 24 Collection	\$1,291.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$24,990.25
Needed to meet budget	\$23,339.94
YTD Variance	\$1,650.31
Children’s Collection	\$14.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!	

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Curiosity killed the cat,” they say. Most of us are curious creatures, and this of course is bourn out of our desire to discover and to know. The seeking of knowledge is not necessarily a bad thing of course. After all, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit with regards to religious truths! However, there is the seeking of legitimate knowledge and learning, and there is curiosity. In fact, excess curiosity according to St. Thomas Aquinas can actually be a vice!

In his Summa Theologiae, St. Thomas points out several ways in which our curiosity can get us into trouble. Firstly, he says that we indulge the vice of curiosity when we put off the study and acquiring the knowledge of things, we are obliged to know. Second, we fall into vice when we seek knowledge from “unlawful teachers”. This would include such ‘teachers’ as horoscopes, occult knowledge, divination, or even seeking knowledge from those who are Catholic, but who tear down faith in God and His Church. Next, we violate true study when we fail to refer back to the ultimate goal, which is God. Fourth, he points out that studying something that is actually beyond our natural ability to grasp can be a prideful pursuit. As my grandpa used to say, we shouldn’t “get too big for our britches.”

Finally, Thomas a Kempis shares with us that we should also avoid curiosity about others, which of course leads to envy and gossip and other things destructive to the social order. In his reflection, he has Christ convey:

“My child, do not be curious. Do not trouble yourself with idle cares. What matters this or that to you? Follow Me. What is it to you if a man is such and such, if another does or says this or that? You will not have to answer for others, but you will have to give an account of yourself. Why, then, do you meddle in their affairs?

Behold, I know all men, I see everything that is done under the sun, and I know how matters stand with each – what is in his mind and what in his heart and the end to which his intention is directed. Commit all things to Me, therefore, and keep yourself in good peace, Let him who is disturbed be as restless as he will. Whatever he has said or done will fall upon himself, for he cannot deceive Me.

Do not be anxious for the shadow of a great name, for the close friendship of many, or for the particular affection of men. These things cause distraction and cast great darkness about the heart. I would willingly speak My word and reveal My secrets to you, if you would watch diligently for My coming and open you heart to Me. Be prudent, then. Watch in prayer, and in all things humble yourself.

Peace to you,

-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Join Father Chris this Thursday, October 5 after Mass in the Church
For Questions and Answers
Come join him for an evening of getting to know more about your faith!!



THIS FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AT ST. BERNARD. PLEASE KEEP YOUR TIME COMMITMENT. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD.

SMG FUNDRAISER
The SMG Youth Group is selling pumpkins after Mass this Weekend for \$8.00 and Judy Schmitt Sweet Rolls after Mass on October 15 for \$15. Profits go to help cover expenses for youth events throughout the year for St. Maria Goretti. Please be generous and help support our Youth!

Religion Class
Our first religion class is THIS Wednesday, October 4 from 7 to 8 for all students. A schedule with all religion class dates will be sent home the first night of class. Please drop off students at their classrooms and pick up will be at the school hall this week.

Parish Council Meeting
The next meeting is Thursday, October 12 directly after 6:00 pm Mass.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal
You should receive a letter in the mail this week asking you to prayerfully consider your pledge to this yearly campaign to support our Catholic Diocese and its programs. 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 at the bottom. Please see Lori or Terri with questions.



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 would like to decorate your trunk, there is a sign up sheet in the back of church!! If you have any questions, contact Jess Anderson (812-664-7280).



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

Upcoming Youth Events

Fundraiser - We will sell pumpkins on **October 1** and Judy Schmitt rolls on **Oct. 15** at Holy Cross and St. Bernard. Cost: pumpkins \$8, Judy Schmitt rolls \$15.

MS Game Night
Come to Holy Cross on Sat., Sept. 30, immediately following our Pumpkin fundraiser after 4:30 Mass. We'll have outdoor games and a faith discussion. Enjoy pizza, snacks, drinks, and lots of fun!! Start time is 6 pm and we'll end at 9 pm. Bring a friend & waiver!

MS Holy Fire event in Nashville TN
At Holy Fire, middle school Catholics are invited and challenged to embrace their baptismal call and the powerful, relevant gospel of Jesus. Through talks by dynamic speakers, witness by peers, inspirational praise and worship, and rich experiences of the Sacraments, Holy Fire helps young people feel seen, welcomed, and invited into a life changing commitment to Christ. It's a 1-day event held in Nashville, TN on Sat. Oct. 21st. Cost is \$68 per person (includes meals and transportation). Financial assistance available. Might need a couple adults to lead this daytrip. Approximate departure and arrival home would be 6:30am-9:30pm. Please contact at 664-7992 or bmacke@evdio.org if you are interested. Deadline to sign-up is Monday, Oct. 2nd.

HS RockLife Nights
Next gathering is Sun., Oct. 1st. 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!

HS & MS Fall Freshtivities at St. Bernard
On Saturday, October 7th, all MS & HS youth are invited to join in on this fresh night! Beginning at 6:00pm at St. Bernard. We have a great night planned! HS youth will put on a "haunted house" for MS youth. Bonfire with snacks and drinks provided. More info coming. Ends at 10:00pm. **Asking for \$5 from each person to help St. Vincent de Paul Society! Turn in diocesan event waiver by Wednesday, October 4th.**



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 Lady of the Rosary Feast Day is Oct 7

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 1, 2023 ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

COMMUNITY NEWS

True Hope Pregnancy and Family Resources Center of Gibson County
offers services to assist individuals and families who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy and are in need of services while sharing with them the love and hope of Jesus Christ. As we mentor clients, they will be rewarded with points to earn items from the Boutique. We will offer them new and **Gently Used items**. If you have donations you would like to give, you may call Terri Ziliak at 812-677-0511 and she can schedule a pick up with you. Examples would be clothing newborn to size 10, diapers, wipes, car seats, strollers, bottles, blankets formula etc. We also have an Amazon wish list.

THE DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
Will be on January 13, 2024 at the Old National Events Plaza Auditorium Evansville, IN.
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 are on sale NOW. Tickets are going fast!! For Tickets and more information go to www.eucharisticcongressevdio.org. See Flyers hanging on the bulletin board in the back of church.

The Gibson County Catholic Young Adult Group is kicking off the year with a Family Fall Bonfire on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm at **St. Bernard in Snake Run**. We will have hot dogs, s'mores, yard games and a playground. Sign up to bring something on our Facebook page "Gibson County Catholic Young Adults". To attend, please RSVP to Courtney Weiss by text at 812-664-4938.