

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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 Sarah & Maci Spindler
Money Counters Dennis Gress
Klint Obert
Homebound Communion Lori Spindler

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Rosary Diane Hasenour
Sacristan Steve Obert
Gifts Molly Schnarr, Annie Obert
Lector Sarah Spindler
Servers Audrey Spindler, Lucas Ivy
Greeters John & Diane Hasenour
Cantor Leroy Seib
Money Counters Dennis Gress
Klint Obert
Homebound Communion Lori Spindler

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 22 - 11:15 a.m.
+ John & Herlinda Weber
Thursday, October 26 - 6:00 p.m.
+ Fred Fuhs
Sunday, October 29- 11:15 a.m.
+ Rosalie Stone

<i>Stewardship of Treasure</i>	
October 15 Collection	\$1,869.50
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$32,400.96
Needed to meet budget	\$28,726.08
YTD Variance	\$3,674.88
<i>Thank You for Your Generosity!</i>	

October 19th marked the Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Jesuit priests and martyrs, and their companion martyrs. Very often, the lives of saints can seem far away and remote; their lives, though shining examples of holiness, seem to us alien or strange. How can we expect to emulate people so distance in time and space? The life of St. Isaac Jogues, I think, offers us something more tangible, something we can model ourselves after.

Isaac Jogues was born in France in 1607, and as soon as he was ordained in 1636, departed to the fledging French Jesuit mission in what is now Ontario. He was the first European to see Lake Superior. He lived among the Huron natives for 6 years, a people who were mostly unreceptive to the Gospel; most baptisms were those who requested it on their deathbed. The native people, not wrongly, blamed the missionaries for the European diseases that swept through villages and rumors circulated that the missionaries brought disaster wherever they went, and that is why the left Europe. Growing the number of Christians was extremely slow among the Huron and other Algonquian tribes.

After 6 years, the Huron natives were running out of medicine and other supplies, but cancelled their annual trip to faraway Quebec because their enemies, the Mohawk tribe of the Iroquois nation, had sent many war parties into the area. Fr. Isaac Jogues volunteered to make the nearly 700-mile trip. He arrived safely, and even persuaded a young doctor to join the return trip to the Huron. On the way back, they were captured by the Mohawks; the entire party was paraded through several villages, the spectacle of a European captive was a sight to see-they arrived in Ossernenon village bruised, bloodied, and with open wounds. Soon most of the captured were dead, only Isaac Jogues remained. He endured torture, the loss of most of his fingertips and his right thumb, hunger, and the privation of a Canadian winter in tattered robes. All the while, he taught and preached to anyone who would listen among the Mohawks, learning their language and customs. For almost a year, he was captive until he was able to slip away and seek passage on a Dutch ship.

He was received as a celebrity when he made it back to France, on Christmas Day, 1643. You would think Jogues had earned an early retirement, but in the spring, he returned to Canada, to live among the Huron and continue his mission. In a couple of years, he returned to Ossernenon, the village where he was held prisoner, to help broker peace between the Iroquois and the French. He was successful, and asked to be sent back to establish a mission there. He arrived again in the autumn, never to leave again. The efforts of the Jesuits had begun to take root. The younger men did not like the peace, or the exchange and release of prisoners of war, they wanted to continue to torture and enslave them as their ancestors did. When the Mohawk elders were in a council meeting, one of the young men beheaded Fr. Isaac Jogues and another of his companions. Despite his untimely end, his killer converted within a year, taking Isaac Jogues as his baptismal name. The efforts among the native Mohawk eventually led to many other conversions. Almost the whole Mohawk tribe, including Saint Kateri Tekawitha, became Catholic within a few decades.

Maybe this story of a saint seems at odds with my initial premise that we can learn and be inspired to action by the saints. However, in our modern American lives, we also find ourselves in a culture that has little use for Christ, preferring to go its own way. All too often, I think we would rather be tortured than simply ask our neighbor to come with us to Adoration and Mass on Wednesday nights or the upcoming adult faith formation on November 1. It is often tempting to stay at home, rather than seek out people we do not know, befriend them and show them how a Christ centered life is fulfilling. Saint Isaac Jogues shows us that even what seem like unsuccessful efforts can bear much fruit, and give us the comfort that all we face today is the rejection of being told ‘no’ rather than facing torture and death. I hope, as I write this on his feast day, we might all be inspired to share our faith with someone who does not have any...we just may convert the nation.

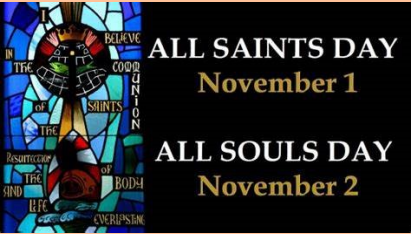
Pax et bonum,
Jason Allen

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Minutes from the October Parish Council meeting are available in the back of church.

All Saint’s Day & All Soul’s Day
All Saint’s Day is Wednesday, November 1 with Mass at 7 p.m. **It is a Holy Day of Obligation.**


All Soul’s Day is Thursday, November 2. Mass at 6 p.m. will be for the souls of the St. Bernard parishioners who have passed away this last year, Gerald and Mary Allen and Janet Schmits. We will make a visit to the cemetery directly after Mass with lit candles. Father will ask all to stand by their loved ones grave site and prayers will be said for all the deceased. The graveyard will also be lit with candles. Please bring your family as this will be a first for our All Soul’s Day Mass and will be very special.



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

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 - \$18,540
% of Goal Collected - 58%

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!!**



PRAY FOR PEACE
Pope Francis has called for another day of fasting and prayer for October 27, encouraging those of any religion or anyone with peace in their hearts, to join in as they see fit.
~Aleteia~

Congratulations to **Oliver Stephen Ziliak** who will be Baptized at St. Bernard on Thursday. He is the son of Caleb and Lora Ziliak. He has two brothers, Case and Noah. Welcome to St. Bernard, Oliver!



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



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.

The youth will again be raking leaves for the elderly who live in town (Haubstadt & Ft. Branch) and do not have family who are able to do this. If you need to have your leaves raked, please call the parish office. This will be done on November 11, weather permitting.

True Hope Pregnancy and Family Resource Center of Gibson County

NOEL: True Hope's first Annual Winter Benefit

With special guest - Lauren Alexander

Dinner, Worship, Silent Auction

December 7th, 2023 6-9 p.m.

Shinnyville Hill 4467 West 525 South Owensville, IN

Tickets are \$35 or a table (8-seats) for \$250

For tickets, please contact Terri Ziliak at 812-677-0511

Let's give back to the community and help others in need this Christmas Season



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, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Tony Sevier, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, 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 22, 2023 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time