

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

### 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
Home Communion	Lori Spindler

### 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, October 29 - 11:15 a.m.**

+ Rosalie Stone

**Wednesday, Nov. 1 - 7:00 p.m. (HOLY DAY)**

+ Jeanne Vieke

**Thursday, Nov. 2 - 6:00 p.m.**

+ Gerald & Mary Allen, Janet Schmits

**Sunday, November 5 - 11:15 a.m.**

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

### Stewardship of Treasure

October 22 Collection	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$34,000.96
Needed to meet budget	\$30,521.46
TD Variance	<b>\$3,479.50</b>

*Thank You!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of November is traditionally observed within the Church as a special time to remember the lives of those who have passed beyond the veil of death and out of the sight of our earthly lives. This is beautiful because of two great truths: we believe as Christians that we are all a connected family, and that our human life does not end with physical death. We give testimony to this with two great celebrations at the beginning of the month next week: The Solemnity of All Saints (Nov. 1st), and the feast of All Souls (Nov. 2nd).

All Saints Day is exceptionally important to us Catholics. It is, after all, a holy day of obligation. But why? The saints are every bit as much a part of the Body of Christ as we are, but in their perfected state, they are even closer to the heart of God and in perfect unity with Him and with one another, though they are invisible to our eyes. We celebrate the memorials and feasts of individual saints throughout the Church year, but on this day, we honor them as the heavenly host, the great cloud of witnesses that spurs us on to the life of blessedness. They are the great heroes we look to as models and guides on how to walk this journey through earthly life. And what a diverse and fascinating group they are! They were from every state and walk of life, in practically every time and place. As I like to say, while the Gospels give our minds and hearts the bones of Christ Jesus in his teachings and major life events, it is the saints that help us to flesh out those bones. In their way of life, their heroic struggle against sin, and yes, even in their sufferings and triumphs each of them shows us in the flesh yet another illustration of what Christ is like.

The next day, on All Souls day, we remember and pray for our loved ones who have died, particularly those who have died in the past year. We pray for their purification and their triumphal entry into heaven with the very saints we have celebrated the day before. In a sense, the Mass for all souls is a common funeral for all our parishioners, family, and friends who have died. It also stresses for us the importance of prayer on behalf of the dead in general. We remain connected in love to them, even though they have passed beyond our sight.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints this coming Wednesday, let us keep all this in mind and heart. St. John's will celebrate the Holy Day at 7am and 5:30pm Wednesday, and St. Bernard will have a 7pm Mass Wednesday. All Souls prayer services will be held at St. John's cemetery at 4:30pm Thursday the 2nd. St. Bernard will have a candlelight procession to the cemetery to honor our deceased loved ones following the 6pm All Souls Mass that same evening. Let us give thanks to Almighty God for the gift that they have been for us, and express our yearning to be with Him and with our brothers and sisters again.

Peace to You,

-Fr. Chris

# 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 This 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!



### Thank You

Many thanks to the Altar Society and all the helpers who put on our second Trunk or Treat. The children and youth had such a good time!! We appreciate everyone who decorated their trunk or brought cookies!

### 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](http://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 - \$20,290  
% of Goal Collected - 64%

### SAVE THE DATE: SOUP SUPPER TO BENEFIT RIGHT TO LIFE

When: Nov. 7, Tuesday, 3:30 to sell out

Where: Knights of St. John Hall, Haubstadt -- DRIVE-THROUGH ONLY

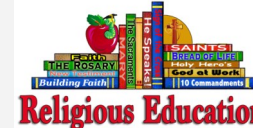
Menu: Chicken Noodle & Chili Soups & Whole Pies

Prices: \$18/Gal. \$10/Half-Gal. + Whole Pies \$10-\$15.

This will benefit Right to Life of Gibson County.

**St. Joseph—Princeton**—Chicken Dinner is Sunday, November 5 from 11 am to 1 pm. Carry outs available

**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.



### Upcoming Youth Events

Nov. 5 – HS RockLife  
Nov. 5 – Boys Open Gym  
Nov. 11 – Leaf Raking  
Nov. 12 – Bingo w/ Elderly  
Nov. 12 – Girl Time  
Nov. 16-18 – HS NCYC

### 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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.



### 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, 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 29, 2023 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**