

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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
Homebound Communion Terry Fuhs

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Rosary Dennis Titzer
Sacristan Dennis Gress
Gifts Kohlman & Kaleb Sterczer
Lector Deann Gress
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 Lori Spindler

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 8 - 11:15 a.m.

+ Glenn, Denise, Tom & Carol Vaal

Thursday, October 12 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Christian & Mary Frances Wehmer Family

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

+ Dody Bolander

Stewardship of Treasure

October 1 Collection	\$3,346.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$28,336.25
Needed to meet budget	\$25,135.32
YTD Variance	\$3,200.93
Children's Collection	\$6.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month is of course another Marian month of the year (in addition to May). October is also known as the month of the Rosary, especially due to the celebration of the victory of Catholic Europe over the Turkish navy at the battle of Lepanto in 1571. The victory was attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as the Pope had asked all Catholics to pray the rosary for victory before the battle.

In addition to this, on the first of October is the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux, one of my favorite saints, and one of the most popular in the world today in terms of personal devotion.

There are many reasons for this. First of all, she was a young, vibrant French woman whose spiritual journals and autobiography has been published for all the world since her death. But it is the treasure to be found there that is most compelling. Even though Therese was only 24 when she died in 1897, and was almost unknown to the world outside of the tiny Carmelite monastery where she lived, in a few short years her diary would take the world by storm and quickly lead to her canonization.

The central thrust of her life was to embody love to those around her. This was frequently done in the most simple and unremarkable things of daily life. However, it was the fervor and intention with which she did things that was truly remarkable. Even though there were people and things that caused her great annoyance, she would always offer them acts of love and kindness. She saw this as a great sacrifice and gift to God Whom she loved, and Whom she knew loved her as a little child. In fact, she realized seeing ourselves as children before God as essential to 'getting' the Christian life. In acknowledging our littleness and helplessness before God, we ironically gain all things, by trusting in Him in all things.

Her simple but profound teachings are mainstays for anyone in ANY walk of life, and no matter our age. In fact, Saint John Paul found her teachings so important that less than 20 years ago he declared her a doctor (that is teacher) of the Church alongside such spiritual and intellectual giants as St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas.

I encourage everyone to look more into what she teaches for living a life of everyday holiness. Her autobiography, Story of a Soul, is a short and informative read, and contains many pearls of wisdom. Also, there are several books written by Fr. Jacques Philippe, who does an excellent job of unpacking and explaining how her ideas can find a place in your home and in your heart. I can especially recommend The Way of Trust and Love.

Peace to You,
-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS



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 left.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Assessment - \$31,828
Collected - \$6,200

% Collected - 19%

Week One Totals -- Thanks to those who donated. We are off to a great start!

Religion Class/Living Rosary

This year, we have 49 students signed up for religious education classes on Wednesdays. What a blessing! The older students will be leading a live rosary in the rosary garden on Wednesday, October 18 shortly after 7 p.m. October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary - please join us!

Parish Council Meeting

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

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!!



11 - Religion Class - 7 to 8 p.m.
12 - Mass - 6:00 p.m. with Parish Council Meeting After Mass
18 - Religion Class - 7 to 8 p.m. with Rosary in Rosary Garden at 7
19 - NO Thursday Evening Mass
25 - Trunk or Treat - 6 to 7:30 p.m. - All parishioners are invited!
26 - Mass - 6:00 p.m.

October Church Cleaners

Jessica Anderson, Brenda Ankenbrand, Camy Davis, Juli Phillips, Payton Steckler

THANK YOU to all those who help to keep the church clean! If any changes need made to the cleaning list, please contact Rose Obert.

Upcoming Youth Events

Oct. 8 – HS RockLife
Oct. 21 – MS Holy Fire in Nashville TN
Oct. 21 – Erect cross at Cemetery of Innocents
Oct. 22 – MS Girls Gathering
Nov. 16-18 – HS NCYC



HS RockLife Nights

Next gathering is Sun., Oct. 8th. 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!

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

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 Tenbarger 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.eucharisticcongressevdio.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 8, 2023 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time