

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Rosary	Diane Hasenour
Sacristan	John Spindler
Gifts	Harrison & Annie Obert
Lector	Dennis Titzer
Servers	Isaac Ivy, Cole Phillips
Greeters	Leroy & Sauny Seib
Cantor	Kelly Obert
Money Counters	Melvin Ziliak Holly Heichelbech

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Rosary	Dennis Titzer
Sacristan	Dennis Titzer
Gifts	Alex Wilson, Maverick Reising
Lector	Mike Smith
Servers	Allison Spindler, Jack Anderson
Greeters	Gress Family
Cantor	Sarah & Maci Spindler
Money Counters	James Silva Matt Obert
Traveling Chalice	Bernie & Lori Spindler

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9 - 7:00 p.m.
+ Dorothy Burke Thornburg
Thursday, September 14 - 6:00 p.m.
+ Catherine & Rudy Hoefling
Sunday, September 17 - 11:15 a.m.
+ Linda Folsom

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 3 Collection	\$2,383.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$19,874.00
Needed to meet budget	\$17,953.80
YTD Variance	\$1,920.20
Children’s Collection	\$7.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week I wrote on how we are to relate our desires and motivations to God and commend those desires and the things that we pursue to God’s Holy Will. Usually when we are passionate about something, there is also often a bit of comfort seeking that is woven in which such pursuits. We might even tell ourselves that if we get this thing, if we achieve this thing, we will be happier and be comforted in life.

However, it is in God alone, Thomas assures us, that we find our true and lasting comfort. Certainly, we are not puritans who are to reject as evil any comforts of the world, but we also know that they cannot fulfill us. It is the human tendency however to pursue earthly goods and pleasures as if they could eternally fulfill us, and this is an error.

“Whatever I can desire or imagine for my own comfort I look for not here but hereafter. For if I alone should have all the world’s comforts and could enjoy all its delights, it is certain that they could not long endure. Therefore, my soul, you cannot enjoy full consolation or perfect delight except in God, the Consoler of the poor and the Helper of the humble. Wait a little, my soul, wait for the divine promise and you will have an abundance of all good things in heaven. If you desire these present things too much, you will lose those, which are everlasting and heavenly. Use temporal things but desire eternal things. You cannot be satisfied with any temporal goods because you were not created to enjoy them.

Even if you possessed all created things you could not be happy and blessed; for in God, Who created all these things, your whole blessedness and happiness consists – not indeed such happiness as is seen and praised by loves of the world, but such as that for which the good and faithful servants of Christ wait, and of which the spiritual and pure of heart, whose conversation is in heaven, sometime have a foretaste.

Vain and brief is all human consolation. However, that which is received inwardly from the Truth is blessed and true. The devout man carries his Consoler, Jesus, everywhere with him, and he says to Him: ‘Be with me, Lord Jesus, in every place and at all times. Let this be my consolation, to be willing to forego all human comforting. And if Your consolation be wanting to me, let Your will and just trial of me be my greatest comfort. For you will not always be angry, nor will You threaten forever.’”

Peace to you,

-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS



THE BIG DAY IS TOMORROW! WE APPRECIATE EACH OF YOU!

Parking for Social

For all those who are able, please park in Pat Hall’s yard across the road during the Social to allow parking for our guests.

Altar Society Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm. The Social will be discussed. All committee chairpersons should try to attend.

Religion Class

Registration letters for religion class have been mailed out. Please turn in to Rose Obert by September 10. If you did not receive a form or would like to join, please contact Rose (812-664-775). Our first religion class is October 4.

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting

There will be a meeting for all high school students preparing for Confirmation on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the school hall. All students and at least one parent should attend. Please see Lori Spindler with any questions.

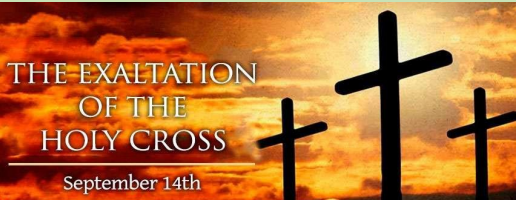


Thanks You

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who helped with the rummage sale this past weekend. All the hard work paid off as they profited almost \$3,000. WOW! Thank you to everyone who donated items also!

Latin Mass

This Thursday, September 14 at 6 p.m. Father Chris will be having a Latin Mass, which is also the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Come join us for this special Mass!



MAGNIFICATS

It is that time of year to place your order for the 2024 Magnificats. I will need your order for Magnificats no later than October 8. The price is the same as last year, \$29.00 for a yearly subscription. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST Church. Please sign up on the list in the back of church and give the money to Terri or put it in the collection basket. I cannot take orders after October 8!



CHURCH CLEANERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Judy Page, Holly Heichelbech, Vickie Hutchinson, Whitney Meny, Vicki Page

**Upcoming Youth Events**

Sept. 10 – Bingo w/ Elderly  
Sept. 10 – HS RockLife  
Sept. 16 – Josh Goodman concert / youth Mass  
Oct. 21 – MS Holy Fire in Nashville TN  
Nov. 16-18 – HS NCYC



**NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) for High School Youth**

On November 16-18 high school youth have the opportunity to attend the largest gathering of Catholic youth in the nation! And it's in the Hoosier State, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indy! The 3-day event has been described by youth, priests, and other adults as a faith-filled, action-packed, and fun! The participants experience some of the most amazing liturgies and prayer experiences, great speakers, and clean entertainment during the conference. Our Diocese of Evansville will be sending a delegation of youth and adults. We'll meet on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Catholic Center around noon and return there either late Saturday night or Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$200 per youth (total actual cost will be around \$400, but SMG will cover \$200). **A deposit of \$100 will be due on Mon. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bingo with the Elderly – Transcendent Healthcare Owensville**

Sunday, Sept. 10<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 3:00 and arrive back to Sts P&P around 5:45pm. Please contact Bryan at least a day in advance if you'd like to go, and bring your waiver!

**HS RockLife Nights**

Beginning Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Josh Goodman Concert, Youth Mass, and Adoration**

A night for the whole family! Sat. night, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> we have Josh Goodman, a Catholic musician and worship leader from Chicagoland, coming to share his musical gifts and help inspire us in our walk with the Lord! We will begin at 7:00pm with outdoor Mass at St. James, followed by a concert with a variety of original and cover music, and then we'll end with Adoration. We'll have light snacks and drinks. Ends at 10:00pm. Bring your waiver and a friend!

**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. 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Any questions/concerns about youth events please contact Bryan Macke at 664-7992 or bmacke@evdio.org. Diocesan Event Waivers can be found in the back of each church or on our webpage at www.smgyouth.com

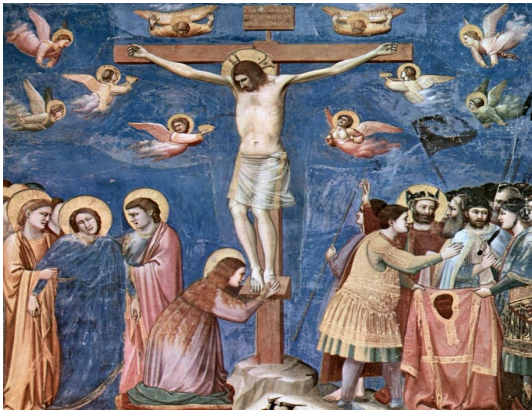


**MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD**

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



Feast of Holy Cross - September 14

**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:** Dennis Gress

**Altar Society President:** Libby Ivy

**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

*Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off the list. Thank you.*

**September 10, 2023 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**