

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Rosary Lori Spindler
Sacristan Bernie Spindler
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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Rosary Dolores Ziliak
Sacristan Nick Ivy
Gifts Cole & Carlie Phillips
Lector Allison Spindler
Servers Audrey Spindler, Teddy O’Connor
Greeters Chris & Terry Fuhs
Cantor Sarah Reising
Money Counters Klint Obert
Mike Smith
Traveling Chalice Bernie & Lori Spindler

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 17 - 11:15 a.m.
+ Linda Folsom
Thursday, September 21 - 6:00 p.m.
+ Henry & Elizabeth Holzmeyer family
Sunday, September 24 - 11:15 a.m.
+ Kenny & Mary Martin



September 10 Collection	\$2,434.25
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$22,308.25
Needed to meet budget	\$19,749.18
YTD Variance	\$2,559.07
Children’s Collection	\$6.25

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past Thursday, the 14th of September, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the liturgical calendar. This celebration began with the discovery of the True Cross in a cave downhill from Calvary in Jerusalem by St. Helena in the 300s. However, in the early 600s, the Persians attacked Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulcher church, which housed the relic as well as the tomb of Jesus and Calvary, was destroyed. In the aftermath, the cross was taken by the Persians as a war trophy. Fortunately, only a few years later the Byzantine emperor Heraclius defeated the Persians in open war and demanded the Cross returned. The Persian king complied and the Cross was restored to Jerusalem, resulting in the celebration of the Holy Cross being conducted throughout the Christian world from that time forward.

The Cross. What began as the most heinous and shameful and painful instruments of Roman torture and execution became the most recognizable sign of hope for the world. The Cross and the Crucifixion revealed one of the most important realities of our Faith: that God is willing to go to any lengths and depths to save and redeem us from sin and death, even to suffer as one of us. What we celebrate in this feast of the Holy Cross is not merely the suffering and pain that it historically signified, but even more so the redemption that suffering wrought. Christ died, but He rose and He ascended to the Father. The greatest tragedy in the history of the world because the greatest victory that makes the depths of hell quake in fear.

This is not just some pious, high-minded idea that has no bearing on our individual lives. Jesus Himself told us to take up our own cross daily and follow Him. Therefore, the miracle of the Cross translates into our own individual lives. We need not despair of what suffering with Jesus will bring us. It will bring us suffering, pain, and uncertainty, yes, because it brought those things to Him as well. However, it will also bring us victory and redemption. All things that are evil and tragic can be redeemed if suffered patiently and with faith and hope and love in Jesus. There is no corruption and destruction in creation that cannot be touched and transformed by the logic of the Cross. When we suffer, especially innocently, and we offer it up to the Father, we redeem with Christ. We can have confidence that God who takes the darkest hour of history and makes it the most glorious can do so with us as well.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Peace to you,

-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

St. Bernard Social
The results are in, and the social was a huge success! Many thanks to everyone who helped or donated. We could not have done it without everyone’s help! Total profit was \$14,361.54. **THANK YOU!**

Religion Class
If you haven’t turned in your registration form for religion class and would like to join, please contact Rose Obert ASAP at 812-664-7745. 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.

STANDS PROFIT	
Dinners	4,391.00
Carry-outs	2,929.00
	\$7,320.00
Expenses	3,500.16
Dinner Profit	\$3,819.84
Flea Market	3,892.64
Country Store	1,573.51
Kids Games	366.50
Drink Stand	63.00
Money Raffle	1,292.00
Basket Raffle	1,062.00
Quilt	1,832.50
Wheel of Chance	105.00
Bingo	504.55
TOTAL	\$14,511.54
Less Expenses	150.00
PROFIT	\$14,361.54

ST. BERNARD
PORK CHOP
DINNER
SEPTEMBER 10

Ticket Sales
Pork Chop Meal -
504
Hot Dog Meal - 29

TOTAL – 533

SOCIAL PRIZE WINNERS:
Money Raffle - \$150 – Margaret Fuhs (Gave money back), \$100 – Peggy Braun, \$50 – Sue Hirsch
Quilt Raffle - Renee Wilson
\$50 Winner of Early Raffle Drawing - Vickie Hutchinson
BASKET WINNERS - Home Sweet Home - Christy Karcher, Spa - Sarah Spindler, Movie Night - Tammy Meny, Gift Cards #1 - Rose Elpers, Game Night - Rose Obert, Gift Cards #2 - Dolores Ziliak, Car Wash - Courtney Sevier, Books & Wine - Hannah Rodgers, Dog Love - Audrey Spindler, Clock Home - Logan Elpers, Knitting/Sewing Club - Earlean Bittner, Ninja Blender - Courtney Sevier, Polka Dots Cafe - Kelsey Blankenberger, Beach - Stephanie Meny



Congratulations to George and Brenda Ankenbrand on their nomination for membership into the Brute’ Society. This award recognizes those who live a life of Christian stewardship. The Mass and Solemn Ceremony of Induction will be held on Sunday, November 19 at St. Ben’s. Thanks for all you do at St. Bernard!

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

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. True Hope's opening day is September 25. 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 ect. We also have an Amazon wish list. Lets support these women and our Community with the Love of Jesus Christ!

Josh Goodman Concert, Youth Mass, and Adoration

A night for the whole family! Sat. night, Sept. 16th 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!



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. 18th.**

Pumpkin Sales

We'll be selling pumpkins after Masses at each parish (Holy Cross, St. Bernard, St. James, and Sts. Peter & Paul) on the weekend of **Sept. 30 & Oct. 1st**. Profits go to help cover expenses for youth events throughout the year. Cost is \$8 each (large sized pumpkins).

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!

Local News

A 100th Birthday Celebration will be held for Benedictine Sister Mary George Kissel on Saturday, September 23, 2023, and everyone is welcome to come join in the festivities! The party will be held at the Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Family Life Center in Haubstadt, Indiana from 2-4:30 pm CDT. Everyone is welcome. Cards may be sent to Scenic Hills, 710 E Sunrise Dr. Ferdinand, IN 47532



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



The Relic of the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano,

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.

September 17, 2023 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time