

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Rosary Lori Spindler
Sacristan John Hasenour
Gifts Abby & Brian Heichelbech
Lector Kim Elpers
Servers Kaleb Sterczer, Anthony Gress
Greeters Jeff & Tammy Meny
Cantor Leroy Seib
Money Counters Camy Davis
Matt Obert
Traveling Chalice Nick & Libby Ivy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 24 - 11:15 a.m.
+ Kenny & Mary Martin
Thursday, September 28 - 6:00 p.m.
+ Steve and Janet Ralph
Sunday, October 1 - 11:15 a.m.
+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes



September 17 Collection	\$1,391.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$23,699.25
Needed to meet budget	\$21,544.56
YTD Variance	\$2,154.69
Children's Collection	\$9.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In keeping with the liturgical feasts we have had of late, I wanted to take an opportunity to speak about the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15th). This feast is intimately linked with the celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which I wrote about last week (September 14th).

The celebration, Our Lady of Sorrows, has been a universal celebration for the past 500 years. The Servites of Mary are responsible for spreading the Seven Sorrows rosary, or the Seven Sorrows Chaplet (a rosary-like chaplet that consists of 7 sets of 7 Hail Mary beads, with Our Father beads in between). This feast recalls the great sufferings that Our Lady endured in raising her beloved Son and seeing Him die such an ignoble and brutal death. The Seven Sorrows are based on various accounts from the Gospels, and are as follows:

The Prophecy of Simeon (“and your own heart a sword shall pierce.”) (Luke 2:34-35)

The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13)

The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:43-45)

Mary meets Jesus as He carries His cross

The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:25)

Jesus’ side is pierced with a lance and His body is taken down from the cross (Matthew 27:57-59)

Jesus’ burial (John 19:40-42)

This devotion is a powerful spiritual weapon against the powers of evil and the devil. Exorcists frequently speak of the effectiveness of Marian devotion in delivering people from attacks of the Evil One. They hate her! This is especially true of the devotion to her under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows and the praying of the 7 Sorrows chaplet or 7 Sorrows Rosary (or Servite Rosary). Mary’s willingness to suffer innocently and humbly the pains of these mysteries is very repugnant to the prideful demons. In drawing close to her and uniting our own sufferings in life to hers (and those of her Son of course), we also bring the redemptive power of those offerings to bear against evil. Our world today knows no shortage of evil, or suffering. However, we can offer those sufferings in a very powerful way through this devotion for the salvation of the world and the undoing of the kingdom of evil.

We as Catholics always hold these sorrowful events in our salvation in dear memory. First, it is the sacrifice of Jesus and the fervent prayers of His mother that offer us salvation and that maintain us in our pilgrimage here on Earth. In addition, by pondering the sufferings that Jesus went through for our good, it should make us love Him all the more and be willing to suffer in turn for His honor and glory and for the salvation of souls.

Peace to you,
-Fr. Chris

Resources for the Seven Sorrows Chaplet and Rosary

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

The Catholic Ministries Appeal Begins October 1
You will be receiving a letter in the mail next week asking you to prayerfully consider your pledge to this yearly campaign to support our Catholic Diocese and its programs. St. Bernard’s goal for this year’s campaign is \$31,828. Your support provides the continuation of our many services to Catholics throughout the diocese.

SMG Pumpkins for Sale
We’ll be selling pumpkins after Mass **next weekend, October 1**. Profits go to help cover expenses for youth events throughout the year for St. Maria Goretti Youth. Pumpkins are \$8 each.



Religion Class
Our first religion class is Wednesday, October 4 from 7 to 8 for all students. A schedule with all religion class dates will be sent home the first night of class. A big THANKS to all our religion teachers who so graciously give of their time and talent to teach our young children, the future of our church!



As we discern during this Season of Stewardship, let us ask the Lord how we are to support the many needs of our parish and diocese through increasing our prayer, service to others, and financial contributions. May we each respond generously to the Lord’s invitation to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. **More information next week.**

THE DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
Will be on January 13, 2024 at the Old National Events Plaza Auditorium Evansville, IN.

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 Tenbarge 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 are on sale NOW. Tickets are going fast!! For Tickets and more information go to www.eucharisticcongressevdio.org. See Flyers hanging on the bulletin board in the back of church**

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!**

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. 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 etc. We also have an Amazon wish list. Lets support these women and our Community with the Love of Jesus Christ!

Upcoming Youth Events

Sept. 30 – MS Game Night
Oct. 1 – Pumpkin Fundraiser
Oct. 1 – HS RockLife
Oct. 7 – MS/HS Fall Fresh Activities
Oct. 8 – Bingo w/ Elderly
Oct. 15 – Judy Schmitt Roll Fundraiser at Holy Cross / St. Bernard
Oct. 21 – MS Holy Fire in Nashville TN
Nov. 16-18 – HS NCYC

Fundraiser - We will sell pumpkins on **October 1** and Judy Schmitt rolls on **Oct. 15** at Holy Cross and St. Bernard. Costs: pumpkins \$8, Judy Schmitt rolls \$15.

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!

HS & MS Fall Fresh Activities at St. Bernard

On Saturday, October 7th, all MS & HS youth are invited to join in on this fresh night! Beginning at 6:00pm at St. Bernard. We have a great night planned! HS youth will put on a "haunted house" for MS youth. Bonfire with snacks and drinks provided. More info coming. Ends at 10:00pm. **Asking for \$5 from each person to help St. Vincent de Paul Society! Turn in diocesan event waiver by Wednesday, October 4th.**



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



Eucharistic Miracle of Alboraya in Valencia, Spain

Welcome to St. Bernard A Catholic Community Since 1877

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Pastor: Fr. Chris Forler

Deacons: Vince Bernardin, Richard Leibundguth, Lonny Davis

Catechetical Leader: Rose Obert

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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 24, 2023 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time