

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Rosary Leroy Seib
Sacristan Bernie Spindler
Gifts Spencer & Carson Heichelbech
Lector Brenda Smith
Servers Molly Schnarr, Audrey Spindler
Greeters John & Sarah Spindler
Cantor Emily McDaniel, Hannah Rodgers
Money Counters Camy Davis
Matt Obert
Traveling Chalice Pat Hall

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 3 - 11:15 a.m.
St. Bernard & St. John Parishes
Thursday, September 7 - 6:00 p.m.
+ Jerome & Caroline Obert
Saturday, September 9 - 7:00 p.m.
+ Dorothy Burke Thornburg



August 27 Collection	\$750.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38
YTD Collection	\$17,491.00
Needed to meet budget	\$16,158.42
YTD Variance	\$1,332.58
Children’s Collection	\$5.00
Thank You for Your Generosity!	

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Anytime we choose to begin any endeavor in this life, it is usually at the instigation of some idea or ideal. What gives it fuel for actually being done, however, is desire. All of us have various desires in life. Usually the object of our desire is seen as something good (at least from our personal perspective). However, is it always good? To take the question a bit further is it willed by God? Is it a desire that He places in our hearts to do His will? Alternatively, does it come from ourselves? Or, the third option, does it come from the evil spirit?

All of this is to say that when it comes to desire, there is discernment that is usually required. As a teacher once taught us years ago in seminary, if we immediately did everything we desired, we would be either dead or in jail. So how do we know what to do, or said another way, how do we properly discern what is the will of God, what is truly good?

I have written on this subject in the past, using the Rules of Discernment of St. Ignatius Loyola. His approach is very keen, orderly, and yet personal. There is a certain system one can employ, but it requires keen insight into your own heart and great personal honesty. Thomas a Kempis in The Imitation of Christ gives us a simpler, yet intimate and ultimately prayerful way of bringing these matters and desires to Christ in prayer. He also gives us some good frameworks and examples of how to pray with any given idea or desire we might have or any decision we might make:

“Lord, if it be pleasing to You, so be it. If it be to Your honor, Lord, be it done in Your name. Lord, if You see that it is expedient and profitable for me, then grant that I may use it to Your honor. But if You know that it will be harmful to me, and of no good benefit to the welfare of my soul, then take this desire away from me.”

He gives further advice: “Whatever the mind sees as good, ask and desire in fear of God and humility of heart. Above all, commit the whole matter to Me with true resignation, and say: “Lord, You know what is better for me; let this be done or that be done as You please. Grant what You will, as much as You will, when You will. Do with me as You know best, as will most please You, and will be for Your greater honor. Place me where You will and deal with me freely in all things. I am in Your hand; turn me about whichever way You will. Behold, I am Your servant, ready to obey in all things. Not for myself do I desire to live, but for You – would that I could do this worthily and perfectly!”

I firmly believe that if we were to pray this way about every decision, great or small, every motivation and exciting desire in our lives, we will find that gradually it will be more and more as we pray. We will seek the will of the Lord over our own. We will allow our enthusiasm to be tempered with true wisdom, and we will know deep peace, knowing that the Lord is guiding us, because we have invited Him to.

Peace to you, -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Join Father Chris this Thursday, September 7 after Mass in the Church!
The topic this month is the Latin Mass.
Come join him for an evening of getting to know more about your faith!!

Parish Council Officers
The new PC Officers are President - Nick Ivy, Vice President - Melvin Ziliak, Secretary - Rose Obert. Many thanks to the outgoing officers for all their work this past year!

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).

St. Bernard Social
Wednesday, September 6 @ 6:00 p.m. is clean-up evening for the social. Join us if you can!
Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:30 p.m. we will meet to discuss the results of the social.

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!

- Reminders for our Upcoming Social - September 10**
- MASS ON SOCIAL WEEKEND WILL BE SATURDAY EVENING AT 7 PM - THERE WILL NOT BE A SUNDAY MORNING MASS**
- Please turn in raffle tickets to Lori, Terri, or Libby or put in collection by September 9 to be entered into the \$50 prize drawing!
 - Please sign up for a basket. The list is on the bulletin board in the back of church.
 - The dressing committee is in need of newspaper to wrap up the dressing when finished. If you can, save some and give to Jenny/Terri before the big day.
 - A list of food items needing donated is in the back of church.
 - Each family is asked to donate 2 cakes or 3 pies (preferably homemade). Most people ask for pies the day of the social.
 - Please share flyer on Facebook and invite family/friends to our social! There are extra copies of the flyer in the back of church if you have a place to advertise.
 - We can’t thank everyone enough for all your help. It really takes everyone!

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. 18th.**

Bingo with the Elderly – Transcendent Healthcare Owensville

Sunday, Sept. 10th 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 10th, 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. 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!

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.

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



Nativity of Blessed Mother Mary-September 8

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, Marge Weber, Graham Hosman, Kim Elpers, Jerry Brown
Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off the list. Thank you.

September 3, 2023 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time