

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Rosary	Lori Spindler
Sacristan	George Ankenbrand
Gifts	Harrison & Miles Obert
Lector	Allison Spindler
Servers	Brooke Silva, Blakelee Obert
Greeters	The Gress Family
Cantor	Sarah Reising
Money Counters	Matt Obert, Dennis Gress
Homebound EM	Dennis Titzer
Traveling Chalice	Melvin & Terri Ziliak
Homebound EM	Rena Schleter
Traveling Chalice	Melvin & Terri Ziliak

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Rosary	Leroy Seib
Sacristan	Melvin Ziliak
Gifts	Molly Schnarr, Alex Wilson
Lector	Dennis Titzer
Servers	Lucas Ivy, Kaleb Sterczer
Greeters	Audrey & Lori Spindler
Cantor	Kelly Obert
Money Counters	Holly Heichelbech James Silva
Homebound EM	Lori Spindler
Traveling Chalice	Dolores Ziliak

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 15 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Tony Sevier, Floyd Georges
Bill Sevier

Thursday, June 20 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Brenda Smith Surgery

Saturday, June 22 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Jeanne Vieke

Stewardship of Treasure

June 8 Collection	\$2,483.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,795.38

YTD Collection	\$110,854.96
Needed to meet budget	\$89,769.00
YTD Variance	\$21,085.96

Children's Collection	\$3.00
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Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Father's Day weekend! And a Happy Father's Day to all the dads in our parishes! Just like our mothers, fathers are the reason we exist at all. However, it's also obvious that fathers give to us in so different of a way.

Unlike motherhood, which is necessarily an intimate and directly nourishing relationship to a child, especially in the earliest years of life, fatherhood by its nature is less so. This much is obvious. Once conception has occurred, babies can biologically live without fathers. They cannot so easily live without mothers. However, I would posit that while we can survive without the presence of a father, we cannot *thrive* and truly know our full value and purpose and principles without the love, guidance, and example of a father.

Our relationship with God Himself can be much the same way, at least from our perspective. The Father is pure spirit, and while we cannot exist at all without Him holding us in being, He isn't always obviously present to our awareness. Countless people throughout the ages have not known Him, and without the Revelation shown us in Jesus Christ, none of us would know Him as a Father. However, Jesus tells us that our Heavenly Father cherishes and loves all of us intimately. He calls us by name. He gives us good gifts, even if we aren't aware, but especially when we call to Him and ask. Jesus assures us that He knows every hair on our heads. He seeks to guide us with His word. He even invites us into His ministry in the world as disciples of His Son, Jesus.

Even though earthly fathers (physical as well as spiritual fathers like myself), fall far short of the perfection of the fatherhood of God, good fathers give us a tiny glimpse of the Father's love for us all. My own father was not a perfect man, but he was good, kind, loving, and a great teacher of virtue. It wasn't because he preached at us, but he taught and gave credibility to his teaching by striving to live what he taught.

He also included us in what he was doing. Even as a little kid, he delighted in my 'help' in building a doghouse, for instance, though I was probably doing little more than slowing his progress! He taught me how to do many things, to build, to work in the woods, to love and appreciate nature, and so many more things. He slaved away at a job that probably wasn't very fulfilling but paid the bills. But most of all he wasn't afraid to let us know that he loved us. He was very attentive to his own father and spent as much extra time as possible with him and helping him. He gave generously to our little parish with his time and treasure.

God does all of those things and does them perfectly. Even if your own earthly father was imperfect, deeply flawed, or abusive or even absent, we all have a perfect Father that wishes to teach, protect, love, guide, and call to the highest life. And to all human fathers: if you think you've been a failure as a father for your own children, call to the Lord and ask Him to guide you. If you feel like you don't know what you're doing most of the time, ask Him to teach you. If you feel you don't know how to love your wife and family as you ought, go to Him and beg Him for a deep knowledge of His love for *you*. And ask with confidence, for He is a Father who keeps His promises.

In God Our Father, -Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Renovation of Rectory Update

The rectory renovation is coming along nicely! The painters were here last week painting the ceilings and the walls. The flooring was delivered on Wednesday and is scheduled to be installed this coming week beginning on Monday, June 17. Our contractor is also scheduled to replace the front door of the rectory along with installing our new mosaic to the church floor. This will be completed on Monday and Tuesday of this coming week if all goes according to plan. The maintenance crew has been busy working on updating light switches and installing a few new lights in the rectory which were greatly needed. We are thankful for anyone who has played a part in making the renovation of the rectory a success! We will have a work day to clean woodwork and bring everything back upstairs once the work is complete. We will send out a text once a date is decided.

Ministry Schedule

Sarah will be working on the new schedule soon. Please let her know of any changes you may need. We are always in need of more ministers. Please consider signing up for a ministry. Thank you to all who are already helping.

Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to David Memmer for cleaning the outside of the church and school hall! We so appreciate you volunteering your time and talent on this much needed project. St. Bernard appreciates you and all those who so generously give of their time to keep our church looking beautiful!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR FATHERS AT ST. BERNARD. YOU ARE A BLESSING!

Mary Lou Michel will celebrate her 90th Birthday on June 26. The family would like to invite everyone to her Birthday Party on Sunday, June 23 from 1-4 pm at the Fort Branch Park, Shelter House #1 on 510 East Vine Street. It is an Open House and everyone is invited to stop by and wish her a Happy Birthday!!



June Church Cleaners

Sarah Spindler, Jess Anderson, Brenda Ankenbrand, Camy Davis
Men's Team
Melvin Ziliak Team

Upcoming Youth Events

June 24 - HS Mass &

June 26 - MS Mass &

HS Mass & Hangout

On Monday, June 24 (during VBS week) the Dominican Sisters will kick back with our high school youth for some fresh fun and conversation! It'll be at Sts. Peter & Paul. We'll start with 6:30 Mass and afterward have Sandy's Pizza and various activities! This is open to all HS youth. Ends around 9:30pm. Bring a waiver and a friend!

MS Mass & Hangout with Dominican Sisters

On Wednesday, June 26 the Dominican Sisters will join our middle schoolers for a fun night of fellowship! It'll be at St. Bernard starting at 6:00pm. We'll have Sandy's Pizza, outdoor games, and the Sisters will share a little about their lives! Ends at 9:00pm. Bring a waiver and a friend! 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.smg youth.com



Hangout w/ Dominican Sisters

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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.

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN (DAYLIGHT)

Saturday - 4:00 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.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

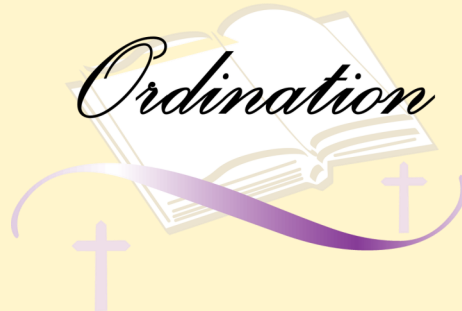
Deacon Phillip Rogier - Christ the King, Ferdinand

Deacon Caleb Scherzinger - St. Isidore, Celestine

Deacon Tyler Underhill - Our Lady of Hope, Washington

Next Saturday, June 22, 2024

St. Benedict Cathedral 10am CST



The seed is
the word of
God, Christ
is the sower.
All who come
to him will
live for ever.



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, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Ronnie Martin, Judy Schuth, Mary Lou Michel, Johnsie Michel, Ed & Sue Miskovic, Mary Lou Wolf, Greg & Rose Obert, David Weber, Jeff Williamson, Brenda Smith, Cindy Knotts, Ed Nurrenbern, Phyllis Schmitts, Diane Hasenour

Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Let us know when someone can come off.

Saturday, June 15, 2024 ~ 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time