

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Rosary Libby Ivy
 Sacristan Melvin Ziliak
 Gifts Cole & Carlie Phillips
 Lector Deann Gress
 Servers Bailey & Allison Spindler
 Greeters Schleiter Family
 Cantor Sarah Reising
 Money Counters Camy Davis
 Klint Obert

Homebound EM Rena Schleiter
 Traveling Chalice Sarah & John Spindler

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Rosary Leroy Seib
 Sacristan Nick Ivy
 Gifts
 Lector
 Servers
 Greeters
 Cantor
 Money Counters Kirk Peterson
 Matt Obert

May Crowning
 Participants

Homebound EM Dennis Titzer
 Traveling Chalice Bernie & Lori Spindler

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4 - 5:30 p.m.

+ St. Bernard & St. John Parishes

Thursday, May 9 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Christian & Mary Frances Wehmer Family

Saturday, May 11 - 5:30 p.m.

+ Tony Sevier, Floyd & Mildred Georges
 and Bill & Delores Sevier

Stewardship of Treasure

April 28 Collection **\$6,013.00**
 Needed for weekly budget \$1,795.38
 YTD Collection \$101,752.71
 Needed to meet budget \$78,996.72
 YTD Variance **\$22,755.99**
 Children's Collection \$9.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Staying with the theme of looking at some of the great saints and heroes of our Faith, Thursday we celebrated the Memorial of bishop St. Athanasius of Alexandria. Besides having a long, fancy name, he was a pivotal figure in the early Church, an early Church Father, and Doctor of the Church.

Athanasius was born in Alexandria in Egypt around the year 297 and was very quickly recognized by the bishop as a brilliant and holy young man. He had an innate grasp of theology from that age, and quickly was taken under the wing of the bishop for education and formation. When he was about 19, he went into the desert to glean the wisdom of the great hermit and father of religious life, St. Antony of Egypt (or Antony of the Desert), where he got a great formation in prayer and relationship with the Blessed Trinity. He would later write the definitive biography of this great saint, which is still a classic to this day.

While still a young man, the bishop Alexander ordained him as a deacon and put him in charge of many things in the diocese of Alexandria, essentially making him his right-hand man. He was the theological advisor to the bishop at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. The council was called to address the issue of the Arian heresy, and would condemn the ideas of Arius, who taught that Jesus was more than human, but was not really God. The issue was not over after the council however, and for the next 200 years Arianism would continue to divide the Church and be a thorn in the side of Athanasius for the rest of his life.

In 328 AD, Alexander died, and Athanasius was acclaimed to succeed him as bishop. This was a post he would hold for the rest of his 45 years of life. Most of this was very contentious, and he spent many of the first 30 years of his episcopate actually in exile and in hiding from hostile Arian forces. He was exiled 5 separate times from Alexandria!

Unfortunately for the early Church, Arianism was very popular, especially among the ruling class, and therefore those who held to authentic Christian beliefs were often set upon by those in secular authority. Despite all of this, Athanasius held to what he knew to be Truth, and suffered for it. Though he escaped execution and martyrdom on many occasions, we could definitely say he suffered a long-lasting and lonely martyrdom of the soul for much of his life. He is truly a heroic example of patient suffering. And he was patient, even being gracious and kind to those who opposed him.

His greatest teachings and writings and contributions, however, would lay the groundwork for Church councils for the next 125 years as they sought to more precisely define our beliefs about Jesus Christ, and the Blessed Trinity in general. The Creed that we pray every Sunday was made possible through his work and wisdom as given by God, and his persistence and courage throughout all the difficulties of his life preserved the authentic Faith for us throughout the centuries. He is truly a hero for us, because without his holding the line on true doctrine, our Faith in the divinity of Jesus and His necessity to come to the Father and to heaven would likely have been lost. The world would very much be a darker place without him having been in it! St. Athanasius of Alexandria, pray for us!!
 In Christ, the Son of God, - Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is May 9 following the 6:00 pm Mass in the Rectory.

May Crowning Mass

We will have our annual May Crowning Mass next Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. All children who are participating should be to the School Hall by 5 p.m.



Religion Class

This past Wednesday evening we had our end of the year pizza party and May Crowning Practice. It is always a fun evening to have pizza, play some games, and to prepare for our special May Crowning Mass where we honor our Mother, Mary. Special prizes for perfect attendance were awarded to: Annelise Obert, Ruby O'Connor, Easton Heldt, Oliver O'Connor, Grace Ivy, Annie Obert, Bailey Spindler, Lucas Ivy, Jack Anderson, Blake Silva, and Isaac Ivy. **Thanks to all our parents and students who make it a priority for their children to attend religion class!**

Work Day

In preparation for painting and new floor to be completed in June in the rectory, we are asking for some help. We will need all available men to help remove the carpet from the rectory on May 18 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please bring any tools you think would be helpful. We plan to be done before lunch by around 11 a.m. with enough help! Thank you!



The Holy Rosary—Monte Cassino Shrine—St. Meinrad



May is the month we honor Mary in the Catholic Church. The Rosary is a great way to do this. Consider adding it to your daily prayers. It is VERY powerful. We pray the Rosary at St. Bernard before every Mass. "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
Sister Lucia

The Shrine in St. Meinrad has a short service every Sunday in May starting at 2 pm with a short homily, song, prayers and Rosary. If you have never been, you are in for a treat. It is a beautiful service and place to visit!!

May Church Cleaners

Lori Spindler, Madelyn & Audrey Spindler, Libby Ivy, Kathy Reising, Kristie Dubord
Men's Team
 Chris Fuhs Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5 – Holiday World

Youth Day to Holiday World

Any youth from **incoming 6th thru outgoing 12th** grades are invited to attend our Holiday World outing Wednesday, June 5th. Again, we will be going the same day as all the Westside parishes! So contact those friends you know from Savio, Siena or Source & Summit and meet up! Mass will be offered at 9:30 at St. Nicholas Church in Santa Claus (which is right next door to Holiday World). After Mass we will meet at the front gate of Holiday World and hand out the tickets. For those that need a ride you can RSVP a seat on the mini-bus (first come, first serve). Cost is \$25 per ticket. Look in back of church for permission packets. Read the packet carefully. **Parents:** All youth need a chaperone. We need your help chaperoning to make this possible! **Forms and payment due by Tuesday May 28th** in any parish office.

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

Bible Study for Middle School and High School

Middle School Bible Study starting May 13, 2024 on Mondays night from 6-7pm. This study is for current 6th-8th graders. We will be studying Ephesians for 8 weeks. High School Bible Study starting May 13, 2024 on Monday nights from 7-8pm. This will be for current freshman-seniors. Also a study on Ephesians for 8 weeks. Here is what to do if your child would like to join: 1. Text Kristy Kruger at (812) 455-5370 that your child will be joining. 2. Fill out an event waiver and send it with your child on the first night. 3. Order the Ephesians workbook (On Ascension Press). They are about \$28.



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.

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.



REBOOT

FEATURING

CHRIS STEFANICK

St John the Evangelist
Catholic Church
5301 Daylight Dr
Evansville, IN 47725

September 18, 2024

7:00pm

Tickets: \$33 - \$39

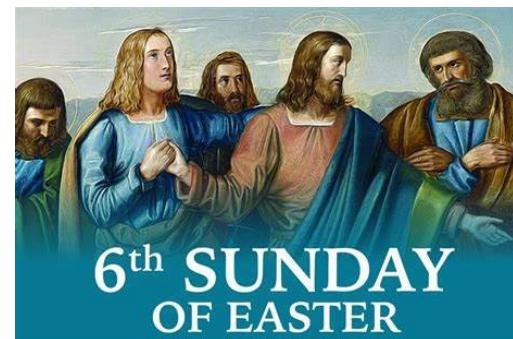
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PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewich, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Doris Hagedorn, Mike Folsom, Ronnie Martin, Judy Schuth, Mary Lou Michel, Johnsie Michel, Fr. Bernie Lutz, Ed Miskovic, Kristie Dubord, Mary Lou Wolf, Rose Obert, Haley Oing

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

Saturday, May 4, 2024 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

 **ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**  
Strawberry Festival
JUNE 2, 2024 | 11 AM - 3 PM

FREE ADMISSION! JOIN US FOR FOOD & FAMILY FUN!