



John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."

Mark 9:38-40

SS. John & Bernard Parish

**St. John Church
600 Columbus Ave.
Benton Harbor, MI**

**St. Bernard Church
555 E. Delaware Ave.
Benton Harbor, MI**

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ORDINARY
TIME**

SS. JOHN & BERNARD PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor

Fr. James Adams

ssjbpastor@gmail.com

Sacramental Emergency Only

(269) 983-1575 and follow the instructions carefully. Please leave a message on the emergency line only, if no one answers as it is always monitored.

Parish Office Information

580 Columbus Ave.

Benton Harbor, MI. 49022

www.ssjohnandbernard.org

Office (269) 925-2425

Fax (269) 925-4678

Tuesday—Friday

8:30 am—3:30 pm

Closed for lunch

12:30 pm—1:30 pm

We will be at the churches following each weekend Mass.

Deacons

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Contact information forthcoming

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ednickel57@gmail.com

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psirk64@gmail.com

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Sr. Paulita & Martha Thieneman

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Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Chad Roden

4churchesym@gmail.com

(269) 983-1575 Ext. 17

Lake Michigan Catholic Schools

Middle/High School

James White, Principal

915 Pleasant Street

St. Joseph, MI 49085

(269) 983-2511

Elementary School

Larry Hoskins, Principal

3165 Washington Avenue

St. Joseph, MI 49085

(269) 429-0227

The Mission of SS. John & Bernard Parish

To grow as a Catholic community, united by the Holy Spirit, living our faith in Jesus Christ and sharing God's truth and love with all people.

Our Stewardship:

We Thank You for Your Generosity

Collections for 9/19.....\$13,437.75

Year To Date (July 2021—Present)\$161,918.60

Budget YTD.....\$160,800.00

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2021

Pledged.....\$86,153.00 (76.0%)

Paid to Date.....\$67,242.34

Number of Families.....255 (33%)

It's Easy To Give Online

Our online giving platform is quick and easy on our parish website.

For more information contact the Parish Office (269) 925-2425.

In Case of a Sacramental Emergency

If there is a **sacramental emergency**, please call the emergency phone number at 269-985-8150. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

The phone is always monitored.

Attend Our Masses by Live Stream, Phone, or the Web

Sundays 9:00 am—St. John

Visit Our Facebook Page: SS. John & Bernard

YouTube Channel SS John and Bernard Parish

Now You Can Listen by Phone

You now, can dial a toll free number, and listen to the live audio of the Mass. The call in number is: 1-888-431-4633. If you like, you can receive a call whenever we go live by following the prompts when you call in.



COLLABORATIVE MASS, CONFESSION, & ADORATION TIMES

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm—South

5:00 pm—St. Bernard

5:00 pm—Watervliet

6:00 pm—Downtown

Sunday

8:00 am—Downtown

8:30 am—Watervliet

9:00 am—St. John

9:00 am—South

10:00 am—Downtown

11:00 am—St. Bernard

11:00 am—Watervliet

12:00 pm—Downtown

12:30 pm—St. Bernard

(Español)

Weekday Mass Times

Monday

8:00 am—Downtown

9:00 am—Watervliet

Tuesday

8:00 am—St. John

8:00 am—Downtown

Wednesday

8:00 am—Downtown

9:30 am—South

9:00 am—Watervliet

6:00 pm—St. Bernard

Weekday Mass Times

Thursday

8:00 am—Downtown

9:00 am—St. Bernard

Friday

8:00 am St. John

8:00 am—Downtown

9:00 am—Watervliet

12:15 pm—Downtown

Saturday

8:00 am—St. John

(Latin)

8:00 am—Downtown

9:00 am—Watervliet

Adoration Chapel

Downtown

Tues. 8:00 am—Weds. 6:00 pm

24 Hours, 7 Days—Hopefully soon!

We need more adorers

to make it happen.

Adoration

Monday

7:00 am—4:30 pm

St. Bernard

Friday

8:30 am—4:30 pm

St. John

6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Watervliet

Confession Times

Friday

8:30 am—St. John

11:00 am—Noon

Downtown

6:00—7:00 pm

Watervliet

Saturday

11:30 am—1:00 pm

Downtown

3:00—3:40 pm

South

3:30—4:30 pm

St. Bernard &

Watervliet

Sunday

8:15 am—St. John

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 25

8:00 am SJ †Karl Hummer, by Tammy O'Brien
5:00pm SB †Beverly Goddard (birthday), by the Shoemaker Family

Sunday, September 26

9:00am SJ †Maria Reyes, by the Reyes Family
11:00am SB Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
12:30pm SB (Español) Por la Comunidad Paroquial

Tuesday, September 28

8:00am SJ George & Sue Puchinsky, by Mary Ann Puchinsky

Wednesday, September 29

6:00pm SB †Sr. Sharon Wedig, by Gigi Sparke

Thursday, September 30

9:00am SB Karen Scrima (birthday), by the Nickel Family

Friday, October 1

8:00am SJ Ty Jones (birthday), by the Nickel Family

Saturday, October 2

8:00 am SJ George & Sue Puchinsky, by Mary Ann Puchinsky
5:00pm SB †Aurelio Pangilinan, Jr. (birthday)

Sunday, October 3

9:00am SJ Our Parish Family
11:00am SB *†Daniel O'Brien, Sr., by Tammy O'Brien
12:30pm SB (Español) Carmen Ramos (birthday)

† Indicates Deceased * Indicates Death Anniversary

Readings for the Week of September 26, 2021

Sunday **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - G**
Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday **Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest - W**
Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday **Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs - R**
Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - W**
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Thursday **Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church - W**
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday **Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - W**
Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels - W**
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - G**
Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 2, 5:00 pm Mass Lector Peter Shaffer	Saturday, October 9, 5:00 pm Mass Lector Michael Piraino
Sunday, October 3, 9:00 am Mass Lector Kathy Boyle	Sunday, October 10, 9:00 am Mass Lector Katey Bishop
Sunday, October 3, 11:00 am Mass Lector Marie Maloney	Sunday, October 10, 11:00 am Mass Lector Lynn Brunner

Please Pray For Our Sick

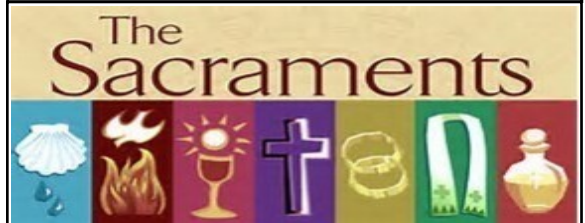
LouAnn Agens	Thomas Jones
Gary Allison	Theda Koshar
Gabriel Andersen	Dave Libs
Andrew Bain	David Liddle
Dennis Bakken	Edith Lutz
Elizabeth Bean	Cindy MacDonald
Lee Boardman	Janine McDonough
Mary Bradley	Linda Mitchell
Zona Bradley	Jackie Miller
Sharon Calahan	Robert Morse
Sabrina Cavanaugh	Richard Nichols
Cole Childress	Larry Olson
Don Cole	Rob Ott
Kenneth A Cuzelis	Mary Ann Puchinsky
Kenneth M Cuzelis	Kim Puleo
Susan Cuzelis	Jolene Richards
Grace deBest	Tom Reuter
Marietta DeMorrow	Tom Schimp
April Disterheft	Richard Schueneman
Paxton Dobbins	Kristy Schmitt
Christian Dornseif	Sharon Sharai
Sally Eberhard	Ann Shembarger
Sandy Fenderbosch	Martha Shuler
Carol Frosolone	Dave Simaz
Michael Gagliardo	Arlene Sisson
Gabe Galligan	Catherine Sitarz
Carolyn Gillen	Dominic Smit
Steve Gaunder	Joseph Stainer
Eileen Healy	Ruth Still
Linda Heil	James Thomas, Jr.
Philip Hild	Shirley Thomas
Fr. Bill Jacobs	Connie Weaver
Marilyn Jennings	Ruth Ann York
Lynne Jones	Special Intentions

Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament of Healing

Do you have a family member who is transitioning to Hospices or is homebound and in need of an anointing or confession? Please contact the Parish Office at 269-925-2425.

Rest in Christ's Peace

Please pray for **Carol Taylor** that she may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends that they find peace in the promise of Christ.



Please contact the Parish Office for all of your Sacramental needs
ssjbsecretary@gmail.com 269-925-2425.

Elementary School:
Larry Hoskins, Principal
lhoskins@lmclakers.org
or 269-429-0227



Middle/High School:
James White, Principal
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269-983-2511

Lake Michigan Catholic Schools
Enrollment for the 2021-22 School Year

Please visit our website LMCLakers.org for more information on classes and curriculum or call: 269-983-2511

God's Creations

Little Laker Preschool 4's began the year together with their All About Me and Friendship units. They celebrated how God made each of them unique and gave them special talents. The children practiced friendship skills as they created and exchanged pictures and necklaces. What a blessing to be together!

Laker 4th Graders

Our fourth grade class is studying creation using STREAM, LMC's five specific disciplines — **science, technology, religion, engineering and mathematics**, to study the life cycle of mealworms. They are conducting observations and documenting their abilities then creating obstacle courses for American Ninja Mealworm Competition!

GO Lakers!

What a blessing to be able to participate in sporting events again! Laker Girls 4th and 5th Grade Volleyball is in full swing at the elementary. Lady Lakers have played very competitive games against Grace Lutheran and St. Paul's in South Haven and have a 1:1 record. Keep up the great work Lakers!

The Return of Trivia Night!

September 25th @ 5:30

Call your friends and make a team!

The Theme is - NOW SHOWING... MOVIE & TV Trivia Night!

For information on how to register, please call the elementary school at 269-429-0227. This will be an outdoor event, with a rain date on October 9th. Details coming soon! Sponsored by Laker FUN Committee.



Confirmation Parent
Information Night

A Confirmation information night will be Sunday, September 26 at St. Bernard Parish Center.
1st year students and parents meets at 6:00 pm
2nd year students and parents meet at 7:30 pm.
If you have any questions please contact Chad Roden at 4churchesym@gmail.com



Catholic Community Dining

will meet the 1st and 3rd
Wednesday of the month.

We will gather as a Parish Family
In St. Bernard Parish Center at 6:30 pm.
We will share dinner and have a lesson.

The evening will end with Bible
verse memory games with our kids.
For planning sake, please make your
reservations on our website or
by contacting the Parish Office.

Volunteers needed.

It is not too late to
register for
Religious Education

If you would like to
register for our
2021-2022 Religious
Education Program,
please register on our
parish website or
contact the
parish office.



The Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd

Are you being called to lead our children into a relationship with Jesus and to know our Catholic Faith? CGS is inspired by Montessori principles, for children from 3-12 years of age. Please contact our Parish office.

Join Us At St. Joseph For First Sunday Rosary

First Sunday Rosary for October will be October 3, 2021. We will pray the 20 decades of the Rosary at St. Joseph South location starting at 2:00 pm.
We will also pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm and complete the Rosary following the Chaplet. The Rosary will be prayed outside, if weather permits.
Please bring a lawn chair.





Stephen Ministers care by listening, supporting, encouraging, praying, being dependable and trustworthy, and maintaining confidentiality - meeting with you once a week for about 1 hour, not to solve your problems but to listen as you

talk about your feelings concerning things that are of vital importance to you. Stephen Ministry is about sharing hope with those struggling because we know that Jesus Christ cares and loves each one of us. If you or someone you know would benefit from having a Stephen Minister, contact us.

Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Lois Wallace 269-934-5683

Kathy Boyle 269-921-6435

Jim Stouffer 269-208-4207

Deacon Ed Nickel 269-214-4451

All Stephen Ministers wear a Blue Stephen Minister badge. Feel free to approach one of them; they are available after all Masses near the Cry Room.

God is Good...All the Time.



Pray For Our Military Soldiers

SPC Gabriel Brunner, son of Jon & Lynn Brunner
PFC Douglas Cox, grandson of Dan & Carol Frosolone
CPT John Dansfield, grandson of John & Johanna Schmuhl, & son of James & Carol Dansfield
STAFF SGT Jared Haberlin, grandson-in-law of Dale & Patricia Quattrin
2LT Noah M. Hanau, son of Brett & Cathy Taylor, grandson of Dale & Patricia Quattrin
LT Rory McRae, Air Force, Grandson of Maureen McRae
PFC Gus Pinkowski, son of Bob & Peg Pinkowski, grandson of Bert Serocki
HM2 Tim Schwartz, USN; nephew of Peter & Raejane Shaffer
PFC Mark Moschiamo, Army Infantry, grandson-in-law of Winn Watts
Afc Kaden Stock
Grandson of Byron & Nancy Stock
COL Alan Quattrin, nephew of Dale & Patricia Quattrin & Erin Fitzsimmons
PFC Samantha Quattrin, great niece of Dale & Patricia Quattrin & Erin Fitzsimmons



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1120

Join us, as we continue our mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. All practicing Catholic men 18 years or older are invited to join. In honor of Blessed Michael McGivney, men can join as online members for free at www.kofc.org/join us using promo code MCGIVNEY2020. Contact Grand Knight Tom Hanley at 269-930-0701 for more information.

Upcoming Council 1120 Events

Sept 26 - Corporate Communion 11:00 am Mass, St. Bernard Church

Oct. 3 - Coats for Kids Distribution, St. Bernard Social Hall

Oct 5th - Membership meeting 7:00 pm, Officers meeting 6:00 pm

St. Bernard Knights Room & Parish Center

Oct. 12 - American Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00 - 5:00 pm,

Oct 17 K of C Breakfast after the 9:00 am Mass, St. John Social Hall

St. Bernard Social Hall

Oct. 30 - Corporate Communion 5:00 pm Mass, St. Bernard Church



Help Is Needed With Our Youth Ministry Program

We are always in need of new help to create and facilitate many great events for our youth. A Hands-on or hands-off, approach can help our children grow in their faith.

New Forms Needed

It is that time of year again. We are in need of new registration forms for your students. Please know that these forms are needed to participate in any Youth Ministry Events or Groups. Forms are available at the parish offices, at any Youth Ministry Event, and digitally by request.

Youth Ministry Prayer Team

We are assembling a team of people who are willing to pray for our kids, as they participate in our programs. Members will be contacted with the names to offer up a prayer.

High School Youth Group

We are back every Tuesday from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at St. Joseph—Rose Center.

Sunday Young Men's Walking Group: 7th-12th Grades

Consider meeting on Sundays at 1:00 pm, at the Stairs to the Bluff in Downtown—St. Joseph. We'll hang out and talk about just about everything from life to our faith.

Lord's Day Celebration

Come celebrate the Lord's Resurrection with your friends over a meal. High School Students are welcome to join us on the last Saturday of the Month at 6:00 pm at St. Bernard's Church. To attend, please contact Chad so that we can have an accurate headcount for food.

For more information on anything listed above contact Chad Roden at 4churchesym@gmail.com or 983-1575 ext. 17

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 26

8:15 am Confession, St. John Church
 1:00 pm HS Men's Group,
 the Bluff in St. Joseph
 6:00 pm 1st Year Parent/Student Confirmation
 Meeting, St. Bernard Parish Center
 7:30 pm 2nd Year Parent/Student Confirmation
 Meeting, St. Bernard Parish Center

Monday, September 27

7:00 am Adoration, St. Bernard
 4:30 pm Benediction, St. Bernard

Tuesday, September 28

6:00 pm HS Youth Group, Rose Center

Wednesday, September 29

5:00 pm Confession, St. Bernard Church

Thursday, September 30

7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School of Michigan,
 St. Bernard Parish Center

Friday, October 1

8:30 am Adoration & Confession,
 St. John Church
 4:30 pm Benediction, St. John Church

Saturday, October 2

8:00 am Quilt Ministry, St. Bernard Classroom
 9:15 am Legion of Mary, SS. John & Bernard
 Parish Office
 10:00 am Father/Son Ultimate Frisbee,
 St. Bernard Parish Grounds
 3:30 pm Confession, St. Bernard Church



If you or someone you know is celebrating 50 years of marriage anytime in 2021, or celebrated in 2020 and didn't participate last year. We will celebrate with a Mass in St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, with Bishop Bradley on Sunday, October 3 at 2 pm. followed by a reception. Please register on the Diocesan website or contact, Socorro at struchan@diokzoo.org

Has Going to Adoration Changed Your Life?

We would like to share with our parish family how going to adoration has changed your life. Please email ssjbsecretary@gmail.com, so we can share your experience in the bulletin. Testimonies can be submitted anonymously.



WHAT IS THE LEGION OF MARY?

The primary focus of the Legion of Mary is the spiritual growth of its members. Those in the Legion entrust themselves to the care of the Blessed Mother to help them become more like her Son. By meeting every week to pray together, learn together, and plan their weekly work, they are enabled with the help of the Holy Spirit to reach out in service to others. We would like to get a group started at our parish. Interested? Call Peg Pinkowski at 269-422-2490 or email pegall4@gmail.com, for more information.



Knights of Columbus Council 1120 has purchased 72 coats for \$20.00 each to keep our community warm. With your help, we would like to purchase 120 more. Please make your donations to the Knights of Columbus Council 1120 or Venmo: Patrick-Clark-319, enter "Coats" in the subject line. Coats will be distributed on October 3rd.

Questions, contact Scott Saunders at scottsaunders747@gmail.com

Father & Son Ultimate Frisbee:

Middle School Age and Up

Come join us for fellowship, frisbee, and donuts! Mark your calendar to play rain or shine at St. Bernard Church from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. We will start with the Gospel reading of the day, then play and end with prayers. Dates are as follows: October, 2 & 16, November TBD. For more information, contact the Parish Office.



2021 High School Retreat

Lord, Teach us to See



4Churches Youth Ministry will host a retreat for our high school youth. On Saturday, October 16 at 9:00 am - 9:30 pm. The cost is \$20.00 plus money for dinner. To register, email Chad at 4churchesym@gmail.com.

Organists and Singers Wanted

Do you or someone you know plays the organ or piano and would be willing to assist a Mass? Maybe you are unable to commit to every week but could commit to the Mass you attend. Prayerfully consider helping with our Masses as we search for a new Music Director. Contact the Parish Office.



PARISH MISSION

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
157 LUCINDA LANE IN WATERVLIET,
WILL BE HOSTING
A PARISH MISSION FEATURING
DANIEL OBERREUTER.
THE MISSION KICKS OFF WITH A
CONCERT ON
SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD AT 7PM.
THE REST OF THE MISSION IS
MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
MASS AT 6:00PM FOLLOWED BY THE
MISSION TALK AT 7:00PM.
COME TO THE CONCERT,
COME TO THE WHOLE MISSION,
COME TO WHATEVER YOU CAN.
[COMEholdmyson.com](http://comeholdmyson.com)



RCIA Invitation to participate

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your spiritual home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? So this is a personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above invite that person. For information, please contact the parish office at 269-925-2425.



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1. Opening of the blue page: choose "sign up"
 2. Choose "I belong to a parish or organization"
 3. In the Search Box, enter St. Joseph WATERVLIET MI.
 4. Click on Watervliet Parish
 5. From there you are able to choose from a wide selection of items.
- Please note you will have to place your contact information in their system and you will receive a welcome email with further instructions.