

The background is a painting of a Japanese garden. In the upper portion, a curved wooden fence with vertical posts and horizontal rails is visible, rendered in shades of green and brown. Below the fence is a pond filled with lily pads and blooming water lilies in various colors including pink, white, and yellow. The brushwork is visible and textured, giving it an impressionistic feel.

Forgive

Seventy-Seven Times

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 16

8:00 am †Daniel O'Brien Sr.,
by Tammy O'Brien..... SJ
5:00 pm Our Parish Family,SB

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am †Dr. C. Bassett Brown,
by Perla Tolentino SJ
11:00 am Terry Spans,
by the Spans Family.....SB
12:30 pm (Español) Father James Adams,
by the Spans Family.....SB

Monday, September 18

5:30 pm †Ed Barden, (birthday)
by the Barden FamilySB

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 am †Pomposa Astete, SJ

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 am Diane Pinkowski,
by the Pinkowski FamilySB

Friday, September 22

8:00 am †Allen Zencka
by Judy Zencka SJ

Saturday, September 23

8:00 am †Bobby Connell,
by the Collins Family SJ
5:00 pm †Our Parish FamilySB

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am †Beverly Goddard,
by the Shoemaker Family SJ
11:00 am Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus,SB
12:30 pm (Español) †Lorraine Brown,
by the Alfred Vasta Family ...SB

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

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

Sunday, 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.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of September 17, 2023

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| Sunday | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - G Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35 |
| Monday | Monday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10 |
| Tuesday | Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr - R 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17 |
| Wednesday | Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, Companions, Martyrs - R 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35 |
| Thursday | Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - R Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13 |
| Friday | Friday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3 |
| Saturday | Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest - W 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15 |

Parish Directory

Universal Church Directories

Our Church has selected Universal Church Directors to help us with our new church directory. Their photographer will take professional pictures of you and your family, for the directory. Our scheduling process has begun. You may also sign up through their website <https://www.ucdir.com> and entering the **code: mi1817** (case sensitive) and **password: photos** (case sensitive). If you are interested

volunteering with the sign up process or on the day of the photo shoot, please contact

Wendy at 269-925-2425 or email at **ssjbsecretary@gmail.com**

This is a terrific opportunity for a **FREE**

professional portrait. Our dates for photography will be **September 25, 26 & 27**.

The photos will be taken at St. Bernard Parish Center.

Schedule your family soon!





Anointing of the Sick a Sacrament of Healing

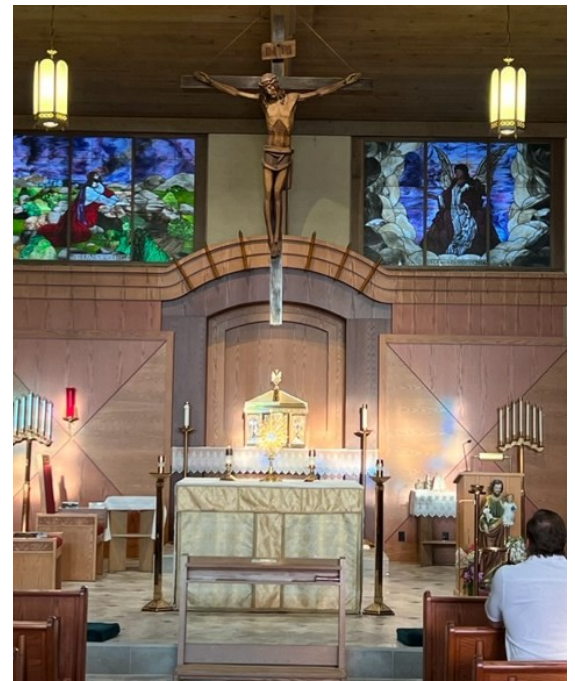
Do you have a family member who is transitioning to Hospice or is homebound and in need of Anointing or Confession? Please contact the Parish Office at 269-925-2425.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Gary Allison
Gabriel Andersen
Anna Anderson
Andrew Bain
Elizabeth Bean
Lee Boardman
Sharon Calahan
James Carpentier
Cole Childress
Denise Copi
Grace deBest
Dale DeLong
Marietta DeMorrow
Richard Dibble
April Disterheft
Christian Dornseif
Sally Eberhard
Sarah Fairthorne
Sandy Fenderbosch
Rose Fuller
Michael Gagliardo
Gabe Galligan
Mike Gaunder
Steve Gaunder
Eileen Healy

Linda Heil
Amanda Michaels
Hamilton
Philip Hild
Barbara Hosbein
Fr. Bill Jacobs
Marilyn Jennings
Lynne Jones
Thomas Jones
Theda Koshar
David Liddle
Cindy MacDonald
Robert Martin
Janine McDonough
Mic McDonough
Patrick McRae
Linda Mitchell
Jackie Miller
Dorthea Myrick
Larry Olson
Rob Ott
Anna Post
Mary Ann Puchinsky
Kim Puleo
Mario Reich

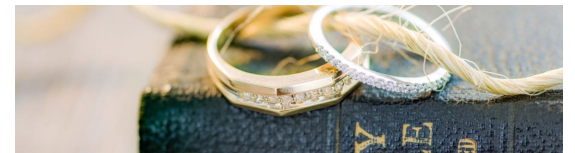
Jolene Richards
Kristy Schmitt
Michael Sears
Raejene Shaffer
Ann Shembarger
Martha Shuler
Deanna Signor
Dave Simaz
Arlene Sisson
Sherry Smith
Catherine Sitarz
Joseph Stainer
Ruth Still
The Tezich Family
James Thomas, Jr.
Shirley Thomas
Terry Wallis
Connie Weaver
Brian Wilder
Julie Wilder
Jeannine Wyss
Ruth Ann York
Special Intentions



Adoration

Mondays St. Bernard's 7:00 am - 4:30 pm
Fridays St. John's 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Our goal is to have two people for each hour. Is God asking you to come and be with Him? We are in need of an adorer on Monday Mornings. To sign up, please call **269-925-2425**.



Congratulations

Justin and Nicole Salvano, who were married on Saturday, September 2, 2023. May God bless their marriage.

Banns of Marriage

September 30, 2023

Sandra Banda Tarez &
José Ignacio Cerna Blanco



Lector Schedule

Saturday, September 16, 5:00pm Mass
Lectors..... Peg Pinkowski
Sunday, September 17, 9:00 am Mass
LectorsLia Hartline
Sunday, September 17, 11:00 am Mass
Lector Patricia Quattrin
Sunday, September 17, 12:30 pm Mass
Lector Yessica Velazquez

Saturday, September 23, 5:00pm Mass
Lectors..... Peter Shaffer
Sunday, September 24, 9:00 am Mass
LectorsJim Stouffer
Sunday, September 24, 11:00 am Mass
Lector Lynn Brunner
Sunday, September 24, 12:30 pm Mass
Lector Ruben Pedroza

Rest in Christ's Peace

Please pray for **Lorraine Brown**, that she may enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends that they find peace in the promises of Christ.



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Sherri Kirschner, Principal
skirschner@lmclakers.org

Middle/High School • (269) 983-2511

James White, Principal
jwhite@lmclakers.org

Business Office • (269) 983-5529

220 Church Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085

2023 - 2024 School Year Enrollment is Open

Families interested in a quality faith-based education can call to schedule a tour: 269.429.0227 for pre-school through 5th grade; 269.983.2511 for 6th through 12th grade.

OLL is looking for a School bus driver

The school is currently looking for a positive, energetic part-time (25 hours a week) bus driver. If interested or require more information contact **Tom Strzyzkowski, Transportation Director** at tstrzyzkowski@ollakers.org or **269-325-2771**.

*The Lord is kind
and merciful, slow
to anger, and rich
in compassion.*



Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2023-24 school year. This year our parish will offer The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as our religious education program. Classes meet on **Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.** in the **Old St. John's School**, and is open to 3 year old preschoolers through 6th grade, and will begin **Sunday, Sept. 17**. 7th and 8th graders meet on Sunday evenings, starting **Sept. 17** at St. Bernard's to prepare for Confirmation. Registration forms may be found on the parish website, or in the vestibule of both churches.

Sacramental preparation meeting: **Sunday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.** at **St. Bernard's**, Fr. John Peter will talk to the parents and students preparing for **1st Penance/1st Communion OR Confirmation**. Please plan to attend with your 1st, 2nd, 7th, or 8th grader. Contact **Chad** at **4Churches YM@gmail.com** with any questions.

Becoming Catholic

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

The first session of our Becoming Catholic program will take place in the Old Saint John's School building (580 Columbus Ave) this **Wednesday, September 20**, from **6:30–8:00 PM**. **ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME** to come and learn more about the Catholic faith. Saint Augustine of Hippo wrote, "You rouse us to praise and delight in you, O Lord, for you have created us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." For our first meeting, we will reflect on the meaning of "becoming Catholic" in relation to the depths of human desire and the wonders of God's revelation. Please email Donny Wallenfang at ssjbformation@gmail.com or call 269-925-2425 for more details.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School has open positions.

PE/Health, Full-Time
High School Spanish Teacher

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School is currently seeking a professional, positive, creative, motivating, and innovative PE/Health teacher for a full-time position. The teacher should be licensed and qualified to teach in the State of Michigan. The teacher will instruct middle and high school PE/Health courses. The teacher should have strengths in the areas of well-developed lesson planning and current pedagogy and methodologies in PE/Health instruction. Additionally, we are seeking a candidate who can successfully build positive relationships, has a passion for working with children, and effectively communicates with students, parents, and staff. Please contact: **James White M.Ed.-Principal 269-983-2511**, jwhite@lmclakers.org



We had so much fun at the Parish Picnic. We celebrated Bishop Bradley and officially welcomed Father John Peter. There was food and games and lots of fellowship. Thank you to all who volunteered your time and talents.



Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, September 17 • Domingo, 17 Septiembre

- 8:15 am Confession,
Confesiones, Iglesia de
St. John's Church
- 10:15 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
St. John's School
- 11:00 am Family Catechism
Catequesis Familiar
St. Bernard Parish Center
- 6:30 pm Sacramental Preparation Meeting
St. Bernard Parish Center

Monday, September 18 • Lunes, 18 Septiembre

- 7:00 am Adoration
Adoracion al Santisimo & Confesión Iglesia
St. Bernard's Church
- 5:15 pm Benediction
Bendicion, Iglesia
St. Bernard's Church
- 7:00 pm Millions of Monicas,
Millones de Mónica
St. Bernard's Church
- 7:00 pm Musician Meeting
St. Bernard's Classroom

Tuesday, September 19 • Martes, 19 Septiembre

- 5:30 pm Legion of Mary,
St. Bernard's Classroom
- 6:00 pm HS Youth Group
Grupo Juvenil de la HS
Rose Center,
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice, St. John's Church
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
St. Bernard's Parish Center

Wednesday, September 20 • Miercoles, 20 Septiembre

- 6:00 pm Becoming Catholic
St. John's School Conference Room

Thursday, September 21 • Jueves, 21 Septiembre

- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary
Legión de María (Español)
St. Bernard's Classroom
- 7:00 pm Michigan Catholic Bible School
St. Bernard's Parish

Friday, September 22 • Viernes, 22 Septiembre

- 8:30 am Adoration & Confession
Adoracion al Santisimo & Confesión Iglesia
St. John's Church
- 4:20 pm Benediction, St. John Church
Bendicion, Iglesia St. John
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
ensayo de coro (Español)
St. Bernard's Church

Saturday, September 23 • Sabado, 23 Septiembre

- Youth Group Pilgrimage to Shrine St. Maximillian Kolbe
- 3:30 pm Confession, St. Bernard's Church
Confesiones, Iglesia St. Bernard

Thank You!

Thank you to Stephen Ministry and Millions of Monica's for taking care of the coffee and donuts this week. If your ministry or family would like to help with this church activity, please contact the parish office.



Music Ministry Meeting

Monday, September 18th at 7:00 pm

Do you play an instrument? Do you love to sing but do not know how to read music? No worries, all are welcome to join our Music Ministry. There will be a meeting on **Monday, September 18 at 7:00 pm** in **St. Bernard's Classroom**, to see what Father John Peter is envisioning for our parish to enhance our Masses.
Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf.. Acts 2:46)

Millions of Monicas

Mondays, 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's (door Number 8)

Millions of mothers have watched their children abandon their Catholic faith in a chaotic, stressful and struggling world. Join with other Catholic women who are being called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica as they attend this prayer ministry in their parishes.

Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith, and for our children to always stay close to their faith. We are a group of mothers, young and old, who believe in the mother's power of prayer.

Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children; to grow in holiness and humility.

If you would like more information we'll be happy to discuss this beautiful ministry with you. Call **Marie 616.216.7711** or visit millionsofmonicas.com

The Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Friday, October 13, 2023, 11:30 am - 8:30 pm

Join us for a Fall Retreat to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, on Friday, October 13 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Watervliet. Form more information call

Ann Vrablic at 517-812-3727 or email, kdccw.reg@gmail.com

50th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, November 19, at 2:00 pm, St. Augustine Cathedral

The Diocese of Kalamazoo will honor all couples married 50 years with on Mass at the cathedral for more information, contact the DOK at 269-349-8714

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. For more information **contact Membership Director, Paul LaFlamme at 651-380-7183.**

Upcoming Events

September 24 • 11:00 am

Corporate Communion.....St. Bernard's Church

October 10 • 12:00 noon

American Red Cross...St. Bernard's Parish Center

October 10 • 6:00 pm

K of C Officers Meeting

.....Knights Room in St. Bernard

K of C Rosary.....St. Bernard's Church

K of C Monthly Meeting.....

.....St. Bernard's Parish Center

Our Stewardship

For September 3, 2023

Collections \$8,187.00

Online \$3,132.00

For September 10, 2023

Collections \$6,688.00

Online \$4,152.00

Weekly Budget..... \$11,710.00

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.

Bishops Annual Appeal 2023

Goal..... \$116,685.00

Pledged \$97,227.00

Number of Families.....230

Needed towards goal..... \$19,458.00

A heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who made a pledge or contribution!

Parish Directory

St. John Parish

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

St. Bernard Parish

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Parish Office Information

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www.ssjohnandbernard.org

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Fax (269) 925-4678

Tuesday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

(Closed for lunch

12:30 - 1:30 pm)

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Sacramental Emergency Only

Call (269) 985-7331 and follow the instructions carefully. Please leave a message on the emergency line only, if no one answers as it is always monitored.

Catholic Community Center

Catholic Charities of Southwest

Michigan

(269) 926-6424

Readiness Center • Martha

Thieneman

(269) 926-4084

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