

SS. John & Bernard Parish

600 Columbus Ave.
Benton Harbor, MI

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Benton Harbor, MI

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Blessing Our New Grotto

On Sunday,
September 17, our
new Marian Grotto
at the St. John's
Campus was blessed.

Thank you to all of
the hands that
worked to bring this
together.

We hope that it will
be a place of prayer
for not only our
parish but for the
whole neighborhood.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 25

5:30 pm †Karl Hummar,
by Tammy O'BrienSB

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 am †Camille Villalón,
by Gigi Sparke..... SJ

Wednesday, September 27

9:00 am †Wilma Appel ,
by KAPPA THETA CHI Sorority SB

Friday, September 29

8:00 am Mike Spans
by the Spans Family..... SJ

Saturday, September 30

8:00 am †Miguel Redondo &
†Bayani Redondo,
by Lee Pangilinan..... SJ
5:00 pm †Sharon Sharai
by Our Parish FamilySB

Sunday, October 1

9:00 am †*Kathy Piraino,
by Michael Piraino..... SJ
11:00 am †John Robert Russell
by the LoMedico, Russell &
Trude Families,SB
12:30 pm (Español) Por la Comunidad
ParoquialSB

† 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 24, 2023

Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - G

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;
Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

**Monday of the Twenty-Fifth Week
in Ordinary Time -G**

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs - R

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest - W

Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

**Memorial of Saint Wencelaus, Martyr and Saint
Lawrence Ruiz, and Companions, Martyrs - R**

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

**Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels - W**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab;

Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday

**Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and
Doctor of the Church - W**

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;
Lk 9:43b-45

DEACONS

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and
where I am, there will my servant be also. If
anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.*

John 12:26

Thank you!

Six year Diaconate Anniversary

Congratulations to Deacon Ed Nickel and Deacon Phil Sirk on your sixth Anniversary of your ordination. Thank you for all that you do for our parish family.



Anointing of the Sick a Sacrament of Healing

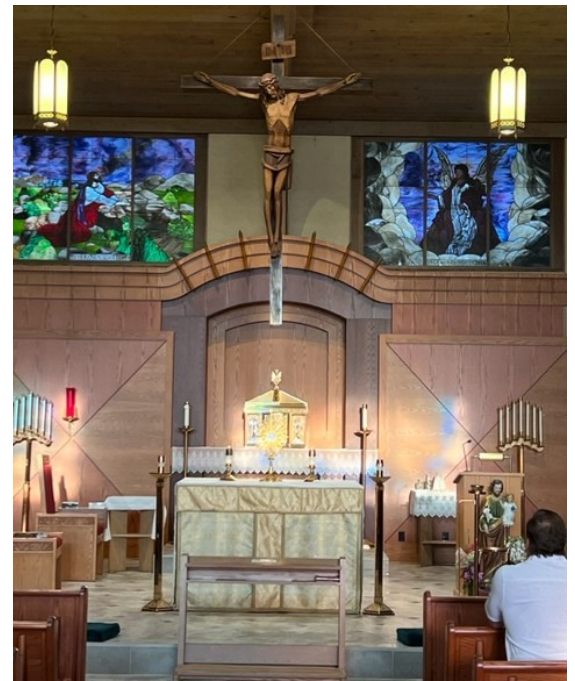
Do you have a family member who is transitioning to Hospice or is homebound and in need of Anointing or Confession? Please contact the Parish Office at 269-925-2425.

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**.

Banns of Marriage

September 30, 2023

Sandra Banda Tavarez &
José Ignacio Cerna Blanco



Lector Schedule

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

Saturday, September 30, 5:00pm Mass
Lectors..... Marcia Grover
Sunday, October 1, 9:00 am Mass
Lectors Steve Gaunder
Sunday, October 1, 11:00 am Mass
Lector Bill Klein
Sunday, October 1, 12:30 pm Mass
Lector Sandra Banda

Thank you

The Grotto at St. John's Church

Thank you for the vision, countless hours of hard labor and donations for such a beautiful Grotto. All of the materials and plants were donated. Our Mary statue was moved from the Rectory backyard and received a little freshening up with some paint.

Please join us as we welcome Mary to her new home. During the month of October, Tuesdays through Fridays, we will honor Mary with a Rosary at 5:00pm. The Rosary on Monday will be prayed in Adoration at St. Bernard's Church.



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Elementary School • (269) 429-0227

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.

Report of Physical, Sexual, or Emotional Misconduct

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: **1-844.324.3374**

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit **ReportBishopAbuse.org** or phone **1-800-276-1562**.

When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.



Religious Education has begun, however it is not too late to register. 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. 7th and 8th graders meet on Sunday evenings, at St. Bernard's to prepare for Confirmation. Registration forms may be found on the parish website, or in the vestibule of both churches. If you have any questions, please contact **Chad** at **4Churches YM@gmail.com**

Becoming Catholic

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Becoming Catholic: Join us this **Wednesday, September 27**, from **7:30–9:00 PM** in the lower level of Saint John's Church (600 Columbus Ave) for our Becoming Catholic program. **ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME** to come and learn more about the Catholic faith. One of the most well-known Bible verses is John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." What is the Gospel in a nutshell? This week we will explore the heart of the good news of salvation offered in Jesus Christ. Please email Donny Wallenfang at **ssjbfformation@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**

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**.

Dear Parishioners,

I've just completed two months as the administrator of the parish. There are a lot of things to learn. Within this short period, I've focused on some of the important concerns: reworked the financial budget, addressed the issues of the use of our parish buildings. Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, meeting with building and ground committee to focus on the things to be done, a couple of meetings with religious education program coordinators, hiring parish Maintenance person etc. I notice that there is a lot of positive energy in our parish community. Thank you for the welcome cake for me and for Bishop Bradley to our community. I could see and feel the happiness of the people who participated in the parish picnic. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to every one of you, for your continued support to our church community. Your generosity and commitment to our mission is truly inspiring.

I thank our church staff members. Wonderful and very hard-working people, generous enough to give their time and energy for the good of our parish.

Every parish must have a finance council. I'm in the process of strengthening our finance committee. I'll be adding a few members, let me know if anyone with a financial background is interested in being part of the finance council.

I'll be forming a new parish Pastoral Council. Canon Law 514§2. states the pastoral council is to be convoked at least once a year. Once our parish council is established, we will have a meeting every three months.

My focus is to establish different parish committees and get one member from each committee to represent the parish pastoral committee.

I want to establish for the good of our parish the following committees:

1. Liturgy and worship committee: Representatives from all the choir members, Sacristans, Ushers, Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion all come under the worship committee that looks into all liturgical celebrations in our church.
2. Faith formation Team: This team will focus on Faith Formation for the children and adults, ongoing formation, lent retreat, talks etc.
3. Building and Ground Committee: We already have an active building and ground committee. If anyone is interested in being part of the committee, contact the parish office.
4. Stewardship Committee (parish fund-raising): This team will explore various resources available in our community and also focus on parish fund-raising activities.

5. Parish Hospitality Committee: This committee will focus on funeral lunch, special events like feast days, parish picnic, anything that involves food and welcoming.

6. Hispanic Ministry: This group will focus on strengthening the Hispanic Ministry in our parish.

I hope these outlines will give you an idea in which direction I want our parish to move forward. I count on your support and cooperation. Please be generous to accept my invitation to be part of any of these committees. God wants us to share our three T's: Time, Talents and Treasures.

The parish Pastoral Council will have representatives from the above committees. Therefore, it will take time to form the parish pastoral council.

Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of so many people. I'll be happy if I don't need to talk too often about the financial needs of our parish. You all know what to do. Thank you for being such a vital part of our church community. Your support for me and for our church is more important than ever.

Blessings in Christ through Mary,
Fr. John Peter MSFS

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Stmt. of Activity (Income Statement) for 07/2022 thru 06/2023

	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Total Actuals	2023-2024 Budget
INCOME			
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$640,000	\$608,942	\$615,000
Bequests-Donations-Estates		\$113,698	\$105,000
Other Parish Income	\$93,350	\$120,509	\$119,000
Transfer from Investments	\$150,000	\$11,593	\$125,000
BAA Collections	\$100,000	\$73,204	\$114,000
Other Pass Through Income	\$8,950	\$11,624	\$10,000
TOTAL ALL INCOME	\$992,300	\$939,569	\$1,088,000
EXPENSES			
Wages & Benefits	\$335,157	\$325,050	\$362,291
Church Expenditures	\$65,074	\$123,267	\$143,125
Utilities	\$68,775	\$74,247	\$86,000
Janitorial, Maintenance	\$32,500	\$44,974	\$35,700
BAA Parishioner Payments	\$100,000	\$78,463	\$114,000
Other Pass Through missions	\$8,950	\$14,352	\$10,000
Capital Projects	\$150,000	\$164,442	\$100,000
LMC School Fund	\$218,884	\$182,400	\$218,884
Cemetery Expenses	\$6,500	\$12,465	\$18,000
TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	\$985,840	\$1,019,660	\$1,088,000
NET PROFIT/LOSS	\$6,460	-\$80,090	\$0

Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, September 24 • Domingo, 24 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 25 • Lunes, 25 Septiembre

- 7:00 am Adoration
Adoracion al Santisimo & Confesión Iglesia
St. Bernard's Church
- 2:00 pm Directory Photos
St. Bernard's Parish Center
- 4:30 pm Confession,
Confesiones, Iglesia de
St. Bernard's Church
- 5:15 pm Benediction
Bendicion, Iglesia
St. Bernard's Church
- 6:15 pm Walking With Moms in Need
Caminando con mamás necesitadas
St. Bernard's Social Hall
- 7:00 pm Millions of Monicas,
Millones de Mónica
St. Bernard's Church

Tuesday, September 26 • Martes, 26 Septiembre

- 2:00 pm Directory Photos
St. Bernard's Parish Center
- 5:30 pm Legion of Mary,
St. Bernard's Classroom
- 6:00 pm HS Youth Group
Grupo Juvenil de la HS
Rose Center,

Wednesday, September 27 • Miercoles, 27 Septiembre

- 2:00 pm Directory Photos
St. Bernard's Parish Center
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
St. John's Church
- 7:30 pm Becoming Catholic
St. John's Church Social Hall

Thursday, September 28 • Jueves, 28 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 29 • Viernes, 29 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 30 • Sabado, 30 Septiembre

- 3:30 pm Confession, St. Bernard's Church
Confesiones, Iglesia St. Bernard



En Honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: Más Al- lá de la Devoción

Popular

Querida comunidad Parroquial,

A unos meses de celebrar la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, la Emperatriz de América Latina y la Reina de los Mexicanos, es crucial prepararnos con el debido respeto y devoción. Como parte de este

acercamiento espiritual, muchos de nosotros participaremos en la tradición de rezar los 46 Rosarios en honor a las 46 estrellas que decoran el manto de la Virgen. Este peregrinaje espiritual nos llevará de casa en casa, Meditando en las virtudes de la Virgen y esforzándonos por imitar sus virtudes.

Es común escuchar: "Soy muy devoto de la Virgen", pero, si somos honestos, muchos de nosotros no rezamos el Santo Rosario con regularidad. Este conjunto de oraciones es especialmente significativo para la Virgen María, ya que las 50 Avemarías que se recitan son como 50 rosas que se le ofrecen.

Continuará...



Please join us on October 7, following the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Bernard's Church for the Feast of the Rosary. We will unite in prayer in any language you choose to pray. Please bring a food item of your choice, representing your language, to share following the Rosary. If you have any questions, please contact Darla Nickel at halfdimefamily@gmail.com

Únase a nosotros el 7, de octubre después de la Misa de las 5:00 pm en la Iglesia de San Bernardo para la Fiesta del Rosario. Nos uniremos en oración en cualquier idioma que elijas para orar. Por favor traiga un alimento de su elección, que represente su idioma, para compartir. siguiendo el Rosario. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Darla Nickel en halfdimefamily@gmail.com

Thank You!

Thank you to Millions of Monica's and the Petlick Family 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.

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

October 10 • 12:00 noon

American Red Cross Blood Drive

.....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

October 28 • 5:00 pm

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

Our Stewardship

For September 17, 2023

Collections \$7,871.00

Online \$2,560.00

Weekly Budget..... \$11,604.00

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!

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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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