

“Therefore, if you want to
reach these hardened souls
and win them over to God,
preach my Psalter.”

Feast of the **HOLY
ROSARY**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 7

8:00 am †Sharon Sharai,
by Ron & Jeri Golba SJ
5:00 pm Our Parish FamilySB

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am †Al Sturcz,
by Diana Sturcz..... SJ
11:00 am †*Daniel O'Brien, Sr.,
by Tammy O'Brien.....SB
12:30 pm (Español) †John Culver,
by Our Parish FamilyS

Monday, October 9

5:30 pm †Irvin & †Bertha Stock,
by the Stock FamilySB

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 am The Souls in Purgatory,
by Erin Polega..... SJ

Wednesday, October 11

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

Friday, October 13

8:00 am †Sr. Sharon Wedig
by Gigi Sparke..... SJ

Saturday, October 14

8:00 am Intentions of the Erny Family,
by the Erny Family..... SJ
5:00 pm †Aurelio PangilinanSB

Sunday, October 15

9:00 am †Paul, †Frances, & †Philip
Herzog,
by the Herzog Family..... SJ
11:00 am †*Patricia Marceau,
by Our Parish FamilySB
12:30 pm (Español) Por la Comunidad
Paroquial.....SB

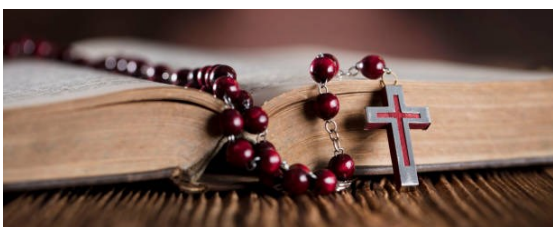
† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Attend Our Masses by Live Stream on the Web

Sunday, 9:00 am • St. John

Visit Our Facebook Page: SS. John & Bernard

YouTube Channel: SS John and Bernard Parish



Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 8, 2023

Sunday	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - G Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
Monday	Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, and Saint John Leonardi, Priest - R Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Tuesday of the Twenty - Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - G Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:28-42
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Twenty - Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - G Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Thursday of the Twenty - Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - G Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Friday of the Twenty - Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - G Jl 1:13-15. 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16; 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr - R Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Where Are the Grapes?

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' parable is a little different from the one in the first reading. Isaiah has the vineyard under good and faithful care, but still it produces wild grapes. In the Gospel, the vineyard presumably had a good harvest, but the workers refuse to give any of the grapes to the landowner. Where do I fit in?

Do I ignore all that God does to help me be a good disciple? Am I too busy to take time to pray or read the Bible? Do I hold onto grudges instead of forgiving and releasing them? Do I decline the invitations to go on a retreat? If any of these are true, I might be like the vineyard in the first reading, producing no fruit despite all the opportunities God has given me.

Or we may be the other side of the coin. We had our children baptized when they were babies. We gave them as good an example as we could, teaching them to love others and be generous with what they have. Yet they grew up and drifted away from the faith. Then we have to remember how patient God is with us, God's people who don't always produce the fruits of faith.

The tenants in the parable refer to those who would have Jesus crucified. God is patient with them. Look what happened to Saul, who persecuted many Christians before he became one himself. In our second reading he tells us to follow his example as he follows Christ. Then, he says, the peace of God will be with us, too (Philippians 4:6-9).



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
Grace deBest
Dale DeLong
Marietta DeMorrow
Richard Dibble
April Disterheft
Christian Dornseif
Sally Eberhard
Sarah Fairthorne
Sandy Fenderbosch
Erin Fitzsimmons
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
Dorthey 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 adorers on Friday Afternoons.
To sign up, please call **269-925-2425**.

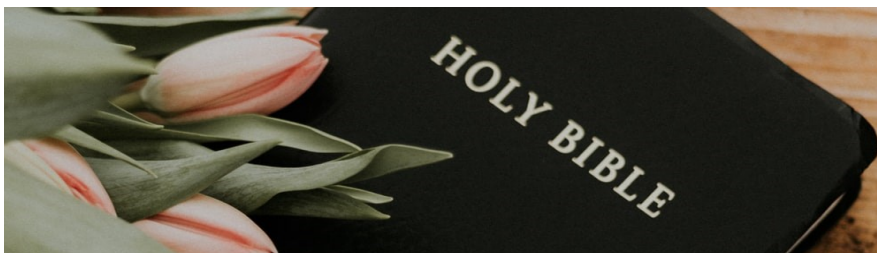
Welcome our newly Baptized

October 1, 2023

Mabel Leah Schuchardt

Daughter of

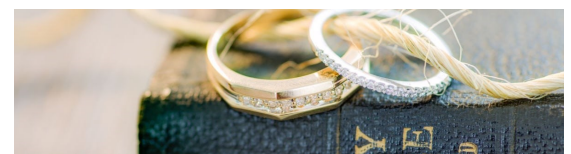
Daniel & Megan Schuchardt



Lector Schedule

Saturday, October 7,5:00pm Mass
Lectors..... Peg Pinkowski
Sunday, October 8, 9:00 am Mass
Lectors Sinie Bass
Sunday, October 8, 11:00 am Mass
Lector Gil Michelini
Sunday, October 8, 12:30 pm Mass
Lector Noemy

Saturday, October 14, 5:00pm Mass
Lectors..... Peg Pinkowski
Sunday, October 15, 9:00 am Mass
Lectors Lia Hartline
Sunday, October 15, 11:00 am Mass
Lector Patricia Quattrin
Sunday, October 15, 12:30 pm Mass
Lector Hermana Natalia



Congratulations

Sandra Banda Tavarez & Jose Ignacio Cerna Blanco, who were married on Saturday, September 30, 2023. May God bless their marriage.

Banns of Marriage

November 4, 2023

Elena Marie Douville & Stephen John Clark



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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skirschner@lmclakers.org

Middle/High School • (269) 983-2511

James White, Principal
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Business Office • (269) 983-5529

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St. Joseph, MI 49085

Our Lady of the Lake Families

Sunday, October 15th at 5:30 pm

Father John Peter would like to invite all of Our Lady of the Lake Families to a meeting on Sunday, October 15th at 5:30 pm, at St. Bernard Parish Center.

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.

Host Families Needed

International Students

Students are seeking a family to host them while they study at our parish school for the 2023-2024 school year. For information please contact **James White** at 269-983-2511.



Calling all 1st graders! Did you know that it is a Diocesan requirement to participate in two years of religious education before receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion? 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 7:30 pm

Becoming Catholic: Join us this **Wednesday, October 11**, 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. In his letter to the church in Rome, Saint Paul says of the Jewish people: "theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Messiah." This week we will explore the Jewish roots of Catholicism and the step-by-step revelation of God to humanity. 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**

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**.



Learn about the Legion of Mary!

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm in St. Bernard's Classroom

The Legion of Mary is an Association of Catholics who aim to glorify God through the holiness of its members, specifically by prayer and action directed toward the conversion, conservation, and consolation of God's people. The unit (praesidium) of the Legion of Mary holds a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with reports of assigned apostolic work and discussion.

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual.

Anyone (18 and older) interested in learning more about the Legion are invited to join our weekly meetings, held on Tuesdays, beginning promptly at 5:30 PM with the Rosary in the St. Bernard Classroom. Come see what the Legion is all about!

Serving our parish family

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1Peter 4:10

Please contact the parish office at **269-925-2425** or **ssjbsecretary@gmail.com**, if you are interested in serving our parish.



Knights of Columbus,
Council 1120
will host a
Pancake Breakfast
on
Sunday, October 8th
after the **9:00 am**
Mass in
St. John's Social Hall



**RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Tuesday, October 10th at
St. Bernard Parish Center**

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



Open Youth Room is back!

Thursdays at 3:00 pm

Come join us every **Thursday** in the Rose Center from **3:00 pm - 4:30 pm** for snacks, games, and much more. Open Youth Room is a time for all students **grades 6 -12** to come and hang out. We will have video games, snacks, board games, and so much more. Swing by and grab a snack, or stay for the whole time. We would love to see you!

We are also in need of adult volunteers to help this program continue to run. To sign up to volunteer for a Thursday contact **Chad at 4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**

Niles Scream Park

Saturday, October 14

Join us for another trip to the **Niles Scream Park** on **October 14th**. This trip is open to all students 13 years old and up. There is no cost to attend but students are expected to purchase their own tickets beforehand or bring cash to purchase tickets at the door. We will meet at the **Rose Center** and leave at **6:30 pm**.

For more information please contact **Chad** at **4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**.

High School Youth Group Dinner Help Needed

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

We are in need of help with continuing to provide dinner for our **High School Youth Group Nights (Tuesdays at 6:00 pm)**. "Dinners" are simply a main dish to pass as we have donations of soda and sides. If you are interested visit our website or contact **Chad at 4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**. If you have questions or need help navigating the website, please let us know.

Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, October 8 • Domingo, 8 Octubre

- 8:15 am Confession,
Confesiones, Iglesia de
St. John's Church
- 10:00 am K of C Pancake reakfast
St. John's Social Hall
- 11:00 am Family Catechism
Catequesis Familiar
St. Bernard Parish Center

Monday, October 9 • Lunes, 9 Octubre

- 7:00 am Adoration
Adoracion al Santisimo & Confesión Iglesia
St. Bernard's Church
- 4:30 pm Confession,
Confesiones, Iglesia de
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

Tuesday, October 10 • Martes, 10 Octubre

- 12:00 noon K of C American Red Cross Blood Drive
St. Bernard Parish Center
- 1:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting,
St. John's Conference Room
- 5:00 pm Rosary at the Grotto at St. John
- 5:30 pm Legion of Mary, St. Bernard's Classroom
- 6:00 pm HS Youth Group
Grupo Juvenil de la HS
Rose Center, 301 Wayne Street St. Joseph
Cemetery Board Meeting,
St. Bernard's Social Hall
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting
St. Bernard's Knights Room
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary,
St. Bernard's Church
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus District Meeting
Knights Room & St. Bernard's Parish Center

Wednesday, October 11 • Miercoles, 11 Octubre

- 5:00 pm Rosary at the Grotto at St. John
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, St. John's Church
- 7:30 pm Becoming Catholic, St. John's Church Social Hall

Thursday, October 12 • Jueves, 12 Octubre

- 3:00 pm Open Youth Room, Rose Center
Sala Juvenil Abierta, Rose Center
- 5:00 pm Rosary at the Grotto at St. John
- 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 Center
- 7:00 pm St. Cecilia Choir Practice, St. Bernard's Church

Friday, October 13 • Viernes, 13 Octubre

- 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
- 5:00 pm Rosary at the Grotto at St. John
- 7:00 pm ensayo de coro (Español), St. Bernard's Church

Saturday, October 14 • Sabado, 14 Octubre

- 3:30 pm Confessions, Iglesia St. Bernard



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

Un Mensaje de Unidad y Reconciliación

La Virgen de Guadalupe extendió un trato de nobleza al indígena Juan Diego, elevando así la condición de su pueblo. Este gesto divino mostró que "Dios derriba del trono a los poderosos y enaltece a

los humildes". La Virgen también trajo reconciliación entre nativos y conquistadores, demostrando que la fe cristiana es un don de amor para todos. Subrayando la importancia de la autoridad eclesiástica, instruyó a Juan Diego para que se presentara ante el obispo Fray Juan de Zumárraga.

La historia y las enseñanzas de la Virgen de Guadalupe continúan inspirando a millones, y mientras nos preparamos para su fiesta, es importante redescubrir el significado profundo de su mensaje Guadalupano.

Continuará...

October Rosary

The Grotto at St. John's Church

During the month of October, Tuesdays through Fridays, we will honor Mary with a Rosary at 5:00pm at the Grotto at St. John's Campus. The Rosary on Monday will be prayed in Adoration at St. Bernard's Church.

Thank You!

Sunday Donuts

Thank you to Knights of Columbus, for taking care of the coffee and donuts this week at 11:00 am Mass at St. Bernard's. If your ministry or family would like to help with this church activity, please contact the parish office.

Father Adams Contact Information

The new address for Father Adams is **St. Stanislaus Catholic Church 1871 136th Avenue, Dorr, MI 49323**, phone number, **269-793-7268**. The ssjbpastor@gmail.com email is a St. John and Bernard Parish email address and is not being forwarded to Father Adams. If you have any questions, 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 Grand Knight, Van Maychszak at 269-208-2195.**

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 October 1, 2023

Collections \$7,112.00

Online \$3,002.00

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 \$97,527.00

Number of Families.....231

Needed towards goal..... \$19,158.00

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

Parish Directory

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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

Our Lady of the Lake

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