

Pray the Rosary

Joyful

Sorrowful

Glorious

Luminous



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 16

5:30 pm Diane Pinkowski (Birthday),
by the Pinkowski FamilySB

Tuesday, October 17

8:00 am †*Alice O'Brien,
by Tammy O'Brien..... SJ

Wednesday, October 18

9:00 am †Dr. Allen Zencka,
by Judy ZenckaSB

Friday, October 20

8:00 am †Frances & †Bud Piggott
(Wedding Anniversary)
by the Piggott Family..... SJ

Saturday, October 21

8:00 am †Rose Ellen McCourt (Birthday)
by Eileen Healy SJ
5:00 pm Intentions of Brady Warner..SB

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am †Dr. C. Bassett Brown
by Perla Tolentino SJ
11:00 am Our Parish FamilySB
12:30 pm (Español) †Al Sturcz,
by the Sturcz FamilySB

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

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Sunday, 9:00 am • St. John

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YouTube Channel: SS John and Bernard Parish

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.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 15, 2023

Sunday	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - G Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5- 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10
Monday	Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin - W Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr - R Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist - W 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday	Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs - R Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest - W Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5,11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Saturday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - G Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Come To The Feast

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free food and drink, music and dancing—what's not to like? By this time, Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the invitation to follow him. As we know, after the Resurrection the disciples began to spread the good news not only to other Jews, but to anyone who would listen.

One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was his association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls sinners to repent and be forgiven. Ordinary people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be baptized. As the parable says, they filled the banquet hall.

So what about the man in the parable who came in street clothes? The wedding garment was a symbol of the baptismal gown, the sign of new life in Christ. So this man symbolizes those who "come to the feast" without repenting of their sins.

We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church, arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices, lies, anger, and selfishness—with no intention of doing anything about them. We come with the attitude that says, "I'm here, aren't I? That should be good enough." But it's not. By dying for our sins, Jesus calls us to come back to God. So repentance is not just a change of clothing, it is a change of heart. It is our ticket to the banquet, our way of saying, "I know I don't deserve this, but thanks for letting me share the feast."

Tom Schmidt



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
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 adorers on Friday Afternoons. To sign up, please call **269-925-2425**.

Banns of Marriage

November 4, 2023

Elena Marie Douville & Stephen John Clark

Welcome our newly Baptized

October 6, 2023

Camila Rose Giancaspro Valera

Daughter of

Tony & Flor Giancaspro Valera Paula



Lector Schedule

Saturday, October 14,.....5:00pm Mass
Lectors..... Peg Pinkowski
Sunday, October 15, 9:00 am Mass
LectorsLia Hartline
Sunday, October 15, 11:00 am Mass
LectorPatricia Quattrin
Sunday, October 15, 12:30 pm Mass
LectorHermana Natalia

Saturday, October 21, 5:00pm Mass
Lectors..... Marcie Grover
Sunday, October 22,..... 9:00 am Mass
LectorsJim Stouffer
Sunday, October 22,.... 11:00 am Mass
Lector Lynn Brunner
Sunday, October 22,.... 12:30 pm Mass
LectorLilia Torrez

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 SS. John and Bernard Parish email address and is not being forwarded to Father Adams. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

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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

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 **4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**

2nd Year Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, October 21st

We are very excited to be taking the 8th grade Candidates for Confirmation to 5 Pines for the Confirmation Retreat. Below will be the schedule for the day. Please send a lunch/drink with your child. We also will have some snacks and water for whenever a child might need something.

8:00am Mass at the St. Joseph Downtown Church (220 Church Street St. Joe)
After Mass parents will take their child to 5 Pines (6597 Smith Rd Berrien Center)
and pick them up at the end of the day (5:00pm)

If you have any questions please contact **Chad** at **4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**
We are looking forward to a fun and faith filled day!



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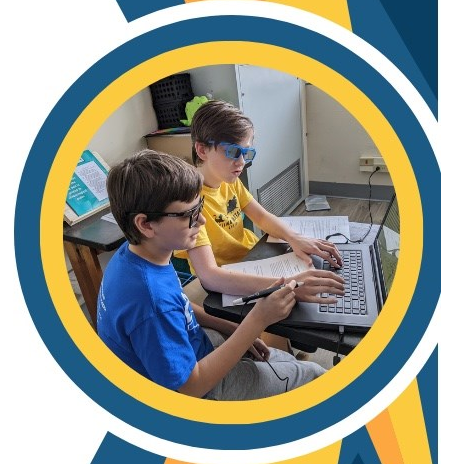
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Enrollment: Mr. Larry Glendening

lglenning@ollakers.org



Walking With Moms in Need

Monday October 23rd at 6:00 pm

Walking with Moms in Need, will meet the 4th Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm** in St. Bernard Social Hall. For more information please contact **Lynn Brunner** at lbrunner1097@gmail.com

Michigan March for Life bus deadline extended

March for Life, November 8th, in Lansing

The deadline to join one of the five buses heading from the Diocese of Kalamazoo to Lansing for the **Michigan March for Life** on **November 8** has been extended to **October 15**, for more information, please contact the **Diocese of Kalamazoo**, 269-349-8714.

Battle Creek Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry

Thursday, October 26th

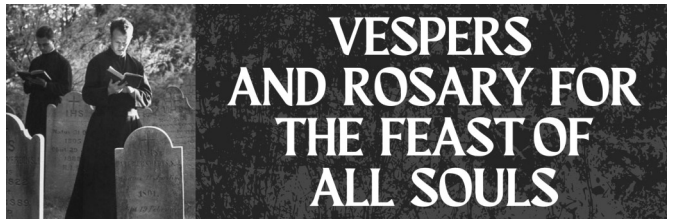
Battle Creek Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry is having our annual dinner on **October 26th**. **Dr. Ralph Martin** is our speaker. He is well known through his books and being on TV. **Reservations** need to be in by **October 19th** so this is time sensitive. For information or reservations, please contact, **Cathy Hirzel**, 269-968-4639

Becoming Catholic

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Join us this **Wednesday, October 18**, from **7:30–9:00 PM** in the **Social Hall 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 Second Letter to Saint Timothy, Saint Paul says that "all Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work." This week we will focus on the key role of Sacred Scripture within the life of Christian discipleship. Please email **Donny Wallenfang** at ssjbformation@gmail.com or call **269-925-2425** for more details.

4 Churches Youth Ministry



Each year, the Church gives us the month of November to remember all those people who have passed away. In particular our loved ones, and our parish families. This particular remembering starts with the celebration of All Hallows Eve, the Solemnity of All Saints, and the feast of All Souls. To celebrate, remember, and honor our beloved dead we will be hosting a prayer service at **Resurrection Cemetery in St. Joseph**. We will pray evening prayer (Vespers) for the dead and a rosary. The simple service will start at **6:00 pm** on **Thursday, November 2nd**. We hope that you are able to join us for this unique time of prayer.

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

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.

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 **269-985-2425** or ssjbsecretary@gmail.com, if you are interested in serving our parish.

Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, October 15 • Domingo, 15 Octubre

- 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
- 4:30 pm Confirmation Class
St. Bernard's Social Hall
- 5:30 pm Our Lady of the Lake Parish Family Meeting
St. Bernard's Parish Center

Monday, October 16 • Lunes, 16 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 17 • Martes, 17 Octubre

- 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
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry
St. Bernard's Parish Center

Wednesday, October 18 • Miercoles, 18 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 19 • Jueves, 19 Octubre

- 3:00 pm Open Youth Room,
Sala Juvenil Abierta,
Rose Center, 301 Wayne Street St. Joseph
- 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 20 • Viernes, 20 Octubre

- 8:30 am Adoration & Confession
Adoracion al Santisimo & Confesión Iglesia
- 4:20 pm Benediction,
Bendicion, Iglesia
St. John's Church
- 5:00 pm Rosary at the Grotto at St. John
- 7:00 pm ensayo de coro (Español),
St. Bernard's Church

Saturday, October 21 • Sabado, 21 Octubre

- 8:00 am 2nd Yr. Confirmation Retreat,
Mass at St. Joseph, Downtown
then Five Pines, Berrien Springs
- 3:30 pm Confession,
Confesiones, Iglesia de
St. Bernard's Church

All Saints' and All Souls' Day

November 1st & 2nd

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on **November 1**. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. **All Souls' Day**, which is observed on **November 2**, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Mass times for All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, October 31, Vigil Mass 5:30 pm - St. Bernard's Church

Wednesday, November 1, Mass 9:00 am - St. Bernard's Church

Mass times for All Souls Day

Thursday, November 2, Mass 5:30 pm - St. Bernard's Church.

On All Souls Day, the Mass will remember those from our Parish who have passed away in the past year. Please plan to bring a labeled picture of your loved ones as we remember those who have gone before us through the month of November.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry provides high quality, one to one (gender to gender), Christ centered care to persons experiencing a crisis or life difficulty. Parishioners who are hurting can request a trained care giver, who will provide confidential, emotional, and spiritual support. Care givers engage by listening to, praying with, and providing resources for each care receiver. In addition, Stephen Ministry is about sharing hope with those struggling, knowing of Jesus's love for every person.

Wendy Maychszak.....

Parish secretary: 925-2425

Stephen Leaders

Jim Stouffer - 269-208-4207

Deacon Ed Nickel - 269-214-4451



Start making you plans for Advent by Candlelight on, Tuesday, November 28th in St. Bernard Parish Center. For more information please contact **Ruth Shuler** at shulerr@sbcglobal.net

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 Grand Knight, Van Maychszak at 269-208-2195.**

Upcoming Events

October 23 • 6:00 pm

4th Degree Meeting...St. Bernard's Parish Center

October 28 • 5:00 pm

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

November 7 • 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

November 12 • 10:00 am

K of C Pancake Breakfast St. John's Social Hall

Our Stewardship

For October 8, 2023

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

Collections \$6,852.00

Online \$3,132.00

Shortfall..... \$1,620.00

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 \$97,427.00

Number of Families.....230

Needed towards goal..... \$19,258.00

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

Parish Directory

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(Closed for lunch

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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.

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Readiness Center • Martha

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(269) 926-4084

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