



Whoever
humbles himself
will be exalted

Matthew 23:12

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 4

8:00 am †Clara Pangilinan,..... SJ
5:00 pm Our Parish Family,SB

Sunday, November 5

9:00 am †Dr. Allen Zencka,
by Judy Zencka SJ
11:00 am †Gordon Rochefort,
K of C Council 1120.....SB
12:30 pm (Español) †Phyllis Peters
Van & Wendy Maychszak.....SB

Monday, November 6

5:30 pm †Wilma Appel,
by the KAPPA THETA CHI
SororitySB

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory,
by Peg Pinkowski SJ

Wednesday, November 8

9:00 am †Gary McMahon
by the McMahon FamilySB

Friday, November 10

8:00 am †Aurelio Pangilinan SJ

Saturday, November 11

8:00 am †Margaret Healy,
by Eileen Healy SJ
5:00 pm †Isagani Redondo,SB

Sunday, November 12

9:00 am Our Parish Family, SJ
11:00 am Deceased Members of the
Reuter & Shumard Families,
By Ron & Lynn ReuterSB
12:30 pm (Español) †Al Sturcz, (birthday)
by the Sturcz FamilySB

† 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

Save the Date

Saturday, December 2nd

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the St. Nicholas Dinner on Saturday, December 2nd, following the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Bernard's Parish Center. More information to come.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 5, 2023

Sunday

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - G

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3;
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Monday

Monday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - G

Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Tuesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - G

Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Wednesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time - G

Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2,4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome - W

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday

Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church - W

Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop - W

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11;
Lk 16:9-15

Not My Problem

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul was not bragging when he talked about the toil and drudgery he endured while proclaiming the gospel. He makes a point of his working so as not to burden anyone. He worked to support himself, rather than asking the new Christians to support him—just the opposite of what the scribes and Pharisees were doing, according to the gospel. Jesus accused them of laying heavy burdens on people, without helping them to bear those burdens. So what kind of burdens did the Pharisees impose?

The Pharisees and scribes were very familiar with the laws of their Jewish religion. Almost every detail of daily life was covered by some law. Originally those laws and regulations were meant to set the Hebrews apart from other peoples, to be a sign of holiness. But over the years, rabbis added more and more details to the laws, until it was almost impossible to keep them all straight. But what if someone needed help on a Sabbath? If you broke a Sabbath rule, even for a good reason, you could not go to the Pharisees to get an exemption. They would say, "Not my problem."

Jesus, however, came to remind us that holiness is more important than scrupulosity. If we truly live the ideal of loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor, we will find that love is much easier to bear than the fear of doing something wrong. Jesus also gave us his Holy Spirit to help guide us in the path of holiness. And through his death on the cross, Jesus gave us forgiveness if we do commit a sin. So keeping the law of love is no problem.

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

Amanda Michaels
Hamilton
Bryan Hammond
Eileen Healy
Linda Heil
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
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
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 Friday Afternoons. To sign up, please call **269-925-2425**.

Altar Server Training

Monday, November 6th

Join us on **Monday, November 6th at 5:00 pm** at **St. Bernard Church** for Altar Server Training. This training is open to any boys or girls who have received their First Holy Communion. Server pictures for the parish directory will be taken immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



Lector Schedule

Saturday, November 4, ...5:00pm Mass
Lectors..... Peter Shaffer
Sunday, November 5, 9:00 am Mass
Lectors Sinie Bass
Sunday, November 5, .. 11:00 am Mass
Lector Bill Klein
Sunday, November 5, .. 12:30 pm Mass
Lector Ruben Pedroza

Saturday, November 11, .. 5:00pm Mass
Lectors..... Peg Pinkowski
Sunday, November 12 ... 9:00 am Mass
Lectors Lia Hartline
Sunday, November 12, 11:00 am Mass
Lector Lynn Brunner
Sunday, November 12, 12:30 pm Mass
Lector Sandra Banda

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

The third Sunday of every month at the **11:00 am Mass** at **St. Bernard's**, we will celebrate a Childrens Mass. We are looking for lectors, servers and ushers for **Sunday November 19**. Please contact the parish office at **269-925-2425** or **ssjbsecretary@gmail.com**, if you are interested in serving.



We Invite you to Discover Catholic Schools Week

Elementary School, Grades Preschool - 5th

Sherri Kirschner, Principal
269-429-0227
skirschner@ollakers.org

Middle/High School, Grades 6th - 12th

James White, Principal
269-983-2511
jwhite@ollakers.org

Enrollment Office

Larry Glendening
269-983-5520
lglenndening@ollakers.org

Business Office

269-985-5529



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a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools



Sunday, November 12th, 10:00am, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Downtown

Join our school Mass to kickoff Discover Catholic Schools Week. The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Pancake Breakfast right after Mass. Come join in the fun and **tour our Middle/High School**.

Monday, November 13th from 6-7pm

Discover **Little Laker Preschool**, serving 3 & 4 year-olds, and see what our certified teachers can offer your child. All new families can **register to win a Preschool Tuition Grant for the 2024-2025 school year**.

Location: 3165 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph MI 49085 | 269-429-0227

Wednesday, November 15th from 6:30-8:00pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Downtown

Fr. John Fleckenstein will present the **State of the School Address**. He will discuss the present and future state of our school.

Thursday, November 16th from 5-7pm

Join our **Fiesta**, prepared by Israel Vazquez and his family, to celebrate Discover Catholic Schools Week at the Elementary School

Location: 3165 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph MI 49085 | 269-429-0227

Friday, November 17th from 8:30-9:15am

Discover and **explore the Elementary School**, then join us for Mass at 9:30am in the gym.

Location: 3165 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph MI 49085 | 269-429-0227

Friday, November 17th from 11:15am - 1:00pm

Come **join our students for lunch**, then take a **tour of the Middle/High School** and visit our live classrooms. Reserve your spot by emailing Principal James White, jwhite@ollakers.org.

Location: 915 Pleasant St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 | 269-983-2511



"Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, rooted in Sacred Scripture and centered on the Eucharist, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School embraces the values of Education, Faith and Citizenship."



First Holy Communion Students

Our Parishes 2nd Year First Holy Communion Students, will meet on **Saturday, November 11** at **9:30 am** at **St. Bernard's Church** for a church tour. If you have any questions, please contact **Chad** at **4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**

Confirmation Students

All Students preparing for Confirmation are required to attend information meetings required by the Diocese of Kalamazoo. We will meet at **St. Bernard Parish Center** at **7:00 pm**, on;
Wednesday, November 8
Wednesday, December 13
 If you have any questions, please contact **Chad** at **4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**



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**

Keep Christ's Light in Your Christmas this Year

Knights of Columbus, Council 1120.

Begin preparing for Christmas by bringing your Advent candles to Mass on **December 2nd & 3rd** for a special blessing.

White Bag Project

Catholic Community Center

The Catholic Community Center will be participating in the White Bag Project to help our community. Please return the bags to the parish the weekends of **November 18 & 19** or **November 25 & 26**. On behalf of those we serve, we thank you and may you have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Your friends at the Catholic Community Center,
 Chris, Jamie, Kirk, Liz, Marilyn, Pam, Pat, Trish

To the Veterans of our Armed Forces



Thank You for Your Service

Pray For Our Military Soldiers

CPT Camila Avello, daughter of Miguel & Brooke Avello

SGT Gabriel Brunner, son of Jon & Lynn Brunner

SPC Douglas Cox, grandson of Dan & Carol Frosolone

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

Captain Rory McRae, Air Force,
 Grandson of Maureen McRae

PFC Chase Ott, Army Infantry,
 Grandson of Kathleen & Lyle Ott

SPC Gus Pinkowski, son of Bob & Peg Pinkowski,
 grandson of Bert Serocki

HM2 Tim Schwartz, USN;
 nephew of Peter & Raejene Shaffer

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

Becoming Catholic

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Join us this **Wednesday, November 8**, from **6:30–8:00 PM** in the fellowship 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. We read in the First Letter of Saint John that "Jesus was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin." But what is sin? This week we will talk about the nature of sin and all that we need to be rescued from in this life. Email **Donny Wallenfang** at **ssjbformation@gmail.com** or call **269-925-2425** for more details.

Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, November 5 • Domingo, 5 Noviembre

- 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 Catequesis Familiar
St. Bernard Parish Center
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class
St. Bernard's Social Hall

Monday, November 6 • Lunes, 6 Noviembre

- 7:00 am Adoration
Adoracion al Santisimo & Confesión Iglesia
St. Bernard's Church
- 2:00 pm Universal Directory Photos
St. Bernard's Parish Center
- 4:30 pm Confession,
Confesiones, Iglesia de
St. Bernard's Church
- 5:00 pm Altar Server Training,
St. Bernard 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, November 7 • Martes, 7 Noviembre

- 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
- 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, November 8 • Miercoles, 8 Noviembre

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, St. John's Church
- 6:30 pm Becoming Catholic, St. John's Church Social Hall
- 7:00 pm Confirmation DOK Night
St. Bernard Parish Center

Thursday, November 9 • Jueves, 9 Noviembre

- 3:00 pm Open Youth Room,
Sala Juvenil Abierta,
Rose Center, 301 Wayne Street St. Joseph
- 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, November 10 • Viernes, 10 Noviembre

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

Saturday, November 11 • Sabado, 11 Noviembre

- 9:30 am First Communion Meeting, St. Bernard's Church
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesiones, Iglesia de
St. Bernard's Church



Greetings from Fr. John Peter

This past week the Parish Pastoral Council met.

During the meeting the officers were chosen. The Chairperson is Gil Michelini

and the Vice Chair is Peggy Hanley who also represents Faith Formation. The other members are Pete Frosolone, representing the Cemetery Board, Mary Ann Hinz, representing Liturgy and Worship Committee. Van Maychszak and Sara Reinking represent the Building and Grounds Committee, and Deacon Ed Nickel for the Finance Council. The rest of the team is Steve Gaunder and Joe Peters. During the meeting each representative gave a report from their group. Building and Grounds mentioned that the grant for the Readiness Center is moving forward and we are waiting for the final decision. As we have been honoring Mary at the new Grotto, it was reiterated that **NO** money was spent by the parish. All of the labor and materials were donated.

There are many activities scheduled, including our annual St. Nicholas Dinner, decorating for Christmas, and an International Food Fair in February. Our next meeting will be January 16. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office or **Gil Michelini** at gilmichelini@gmail.com

During the month of November as we honor those who have passed we are also thankful for our many blessings. I am thankful for the ministries that are in our parish. I would like to show gratitude to the following ministries, some you might not be aware that our parish has.

Prayer Quilt

Karen Heyn
Rejeanne Shafer
Linda Korrel
Mary Zielke
Diane Petlick
Chris McNeil

St. John's Choir

Caroline Duncan
Mary Ann Hinz
Bonnie Kent
Jeff & Linda Mitchell
Pat O'Malley
Mary Seymour
Tom & Barb
Strzyzkowski
Rajesh William
Glenn Steed

Walking with Mom's in Need

Lynn Brunner
Jon Brunner
Carrie Husse
Gigi Sparkei
Mary Jo Crandall
Kris Collins
Darla Nickel
Megan Wallenfang
Becky Borglin



Knights of Columbus,
Council 1120
will host a
Pancake Breakfast
on
Sunday, November 12
after the **9:00 am**
Mass in
St. John's Social Hall

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

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

November 26 • 9:00 am

Corporate Communion St. John's Church

Our Stewardship

For October 29, 2023

Collections \$7,135.00

Online \$2,992.00

YTD Budget \$208,868.00

YTD Collections \$185,438.00

Shortfall..... \$23,430.00

Miscellaneous Donation Received the Week of
October 23 - 29 \$1,000.00

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 \$97,877.00

Number of Families.....235

Needed towards goal..... \$18,808.00

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

Parish Directory

St. John Parish

600 Columbus Ave.
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

St. Bernard Parish

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Parish Office Information

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Office (269) 925-2425

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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

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(269) 926-6424

Readiness Center • Martha

Thieneman

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