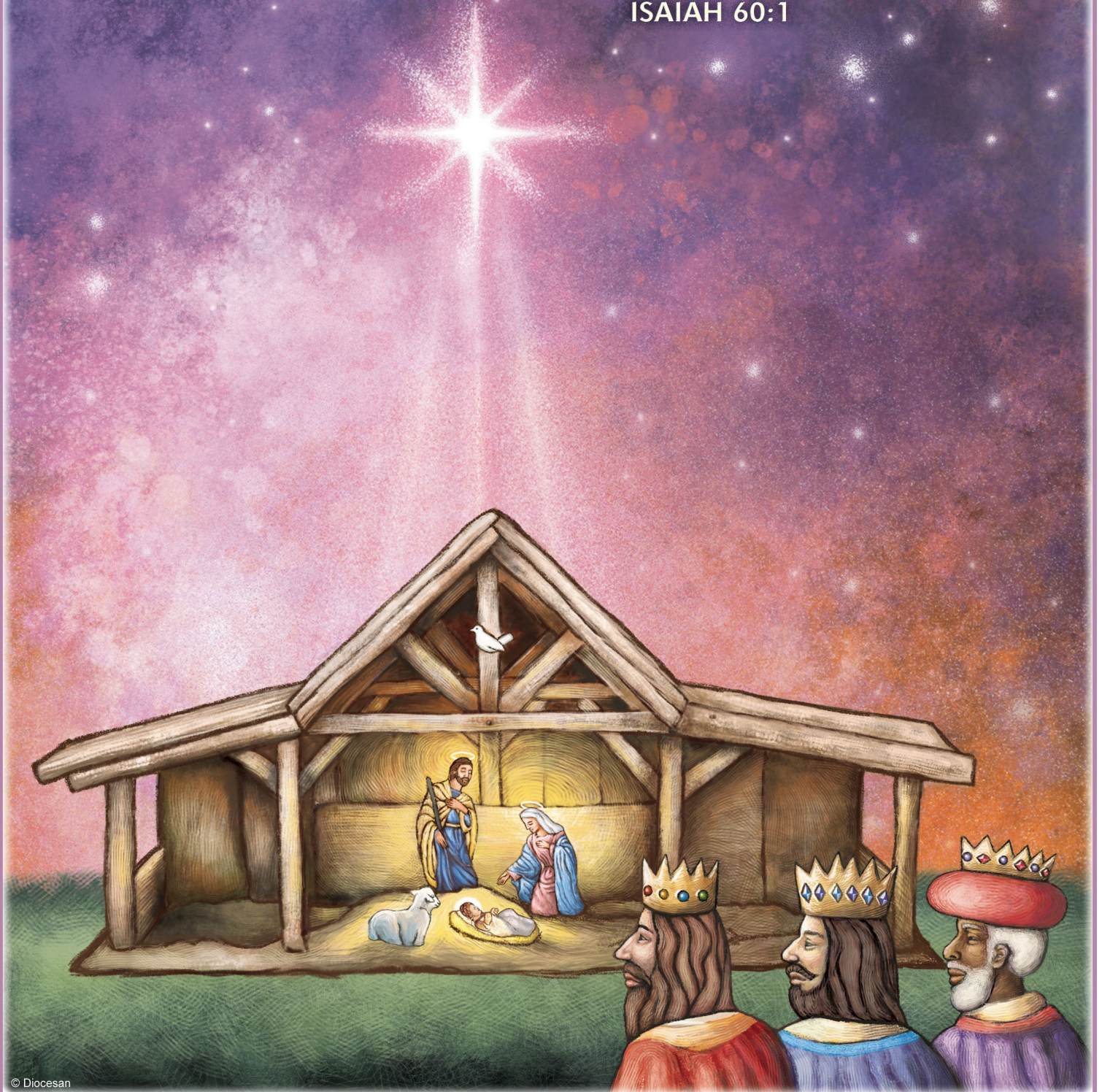


Epiphany of the Lord

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of
the Lord shines upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6

8:00 am Alison Jones,
by the Nickel Family SJ
5:00 pm Our Beloved Dead in
Calvary CemeterySB

Sunday, January 7

9:00 am †Dr. C. Bassett Brown,
by Perla Tolentino SJ
11:00 am †Ed Conrad
by Joe & Donna Wasserman SB
12:30 pm (Español) Por la Comunidad
ParoquialSB

Saturday, January 13

5:00 pm Our Parish FamilySB

Sunday, January 14

9:00 am †Paul, †Frances & †Philip
Herzog
by the Herzog Family SJ
11:00 am †Eileen Rouner
by Sinie BassSB
12:30 pm (Español) †*Daniel Saucedo
Torres
by Our Parish 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

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.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord - W Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Baptism of the Lord - W Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday	Tuesday of the First Week of Ordinary Time - G 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Wednesday of the First Week of Ordinary Time - G 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Thursday of the First Week of Ordinary Time - G 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Friday of the First Week of Ordinary Time - G 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - G 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Little Drummer Boy

The Epiphany of the Lord

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. So these gifts remind us of Jesus’ kingship, divinity, and his dying for us.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus’ divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day.

The song “Little Drummer Boy” reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

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

Bryan Hammond
Eileen Healy
Linda Heil
Amanda Michaels
Hamilton
Philip Hild
Michelle Horton
Barbara Hosbein
Fr. Bill Jacobs
Nancy Johns
Lynne Jones
Thomas Jones
Theda Koshar
David Liddle
Cindy MacDonald
Robert Martin
Janine McDonough
Mic McDonough
Linda Mitchell
Jackie Miller
Dorthea 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
Noah Snowden
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**.

Youth Group

at The Rose Center

High School

High School Youth Group meets **Tuesdays from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Rose Center Youth Room.**

Open Youth Room

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!



Lector Schedule

Saturday, January 6,..... 5:00pm Mass
Lector Peter Shaffer
Sunday, January 7, 9:00 am Mass
Lector Sinie Bass
Sunday, January 7,11:00 am Mass
Lector Bill Klein
Sunday, January 7, 12:30 pm Mass
Lectors Noemi Lopez and
Erica Torrez

Saturday, January 13, 5:00pm Mass
Lector Peg Pinkowski
Sunday, January 14,9:00 am Mass
Lector Lia Hartline
Sunday, January 14,11:00 am Mass
Lector Youth Mass
Sunday, January 14,12:30 pm Mass
Lectors Lilia Torres and
Daylin Torrez



Registration is now open for the 2024 Steubenville Youth Conference! The conference is open to all students currently in grades 8 -12. This year we will be attending Main Campus 2, **June 28th - 30th**. For more information, please contact **Chad** at **4churchesYM@gmail.com**

Father John Peter Away

January 8 - 27

Father John Peter will be away from January 8th through January 27th. Father will return for confession and Mass at 5:00 pm on January 27. There will still be Adoration on Mondays and Fridays and Confession and Masses on the weekend.. There will not be Daily Masses or weekday confessions.
Please keep Father in your prayers for safe travels.

Collaborative Weekday Mass, Adoration, & Confession Times

<u>Weekday Mass Times</u> <u>Monday</u> 8:00 am—Downtown 9:00 am—Watervliet <u>Tuesday</u> 8:00 am—Downtown 9:00 am—Watervliet <u>Wednesday</u> 8:00 am—Downtown 9:00 am—Watervliet	<u>Weekday Mass Times</u> <u>Thursday</u> 8:00 am—Downtown <u>Friday</u> 8:00 am—Downtown 5:15 pm—Watervliet 12:15 pm—Downtown <u>Saturday</u> 8:00 am—St. John 8:00 am—Downtown 9:00 am—Watervliet	<u>Adoration Chapel</u> <u>Downtown</u> Tues. 8:00 am—Weds. 6:00 pm 24 Hours, 7 Days—Hopefully soon! We need more adorers to make it happen. <u>Adoration Monday</u> 7:00 am—4:30 pm St. Bernard	<u>Friday</u> 8:30 am—4:30 pm St. John 6:00 pm—7:00 pm Watervliet <u>Confession Times</u> <u>Friday</u> 11:00 am—Noon Downtown 6:00—7:00 pm Watervliet
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**NOW IS THE TIME
TO BE A LAKER**



In collaboration with Berrien RESA, our 4th and 5th graders had the opportunity to code and fly drones! Practicing flips, block coding, and target practice were all on the docket for this lesson!



Blessed Palms

Ash Wednesday, February 14

The ashes for Ash Wednesday are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

Please return your blessed palms to the baskets at the exits or the church.

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.

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!



Walking With Mom's Need

Fourth Monday of the Month

If a woman with an unexpected or challenging pregnancy turned to you, would you know what help is available? Through Walking with Moms in Need, Catholics can help vulnerable women find support in welcoming and caring for their children.

This is our goal and we invite you to join us every month on the 4th Monday after 5:30 mass at St Bernard's Parish. For January we will meet **Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:00PM.**

In every child
which is born and
in every person who
lives or dies we see the
image of God's *glory*.

The Gospel of Life, 84

En cada niño que nace
y en cada hombre que
vive y que muere
reconocemos la imagen
de la *gloria de Dios*.

El Evangelio de la Vida, 84



SS. John & Bernard Parish offers faith formation

children ages 3-12

Dear Parents and Caretakers,

The youngest children are filled with questions! Have you experienced your child asking, "What's that?" or "Why?" So often these simple questions are looking for deep answers. This desire for understanding the most profound realities reveals that children are already in relationship with God.

SS. John & Bernard Parish recognizes this special and unique relationship that children have with God and provides a beautiful environment, guided by a Montessori faith formation approach called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, to nurture this relationship.

Your children, and all children you know, ages 3-12 are welcome and invited to participate in the weekly sessions!

The catechists who serve in the atriums at SS. John & Bernard Parish are always happy to offer tours to anyone, and welcome questions about the ministry!

You can reach Peggy Hanley, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator, by emailing her at tdhanley58@hotmail.com or call the Parish Office at **(269) 925-2425**.

Serving our parish family

Second Sunday of the Month

Our Youth Mass will be celebrated on second Sunday of the month on, **Sunday, January 14, at 11:00 am at St. Bernard's.**

We are looking for lectors, servers and ushers for our celebration. If you are interested in serving, please contact Fran Michellini at fmichellini@ollakers.org or the parish office at **269-925-2425**.

Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, January 7 • Domingo, 7 Enero

- 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 Parish Center

Monday, January 8 • Lunes, 8 Enero

No Daily Mass or Confession

- 7:00 am Adoration, Adoracion al Santisimo, St. Bernard's Church
- 5:15 pm Benediction, Bendicion, Iglesia, St. Bernard's Church
- 6:30 pm Millions of Monica's Millones de Mónica
St. Bernard's Church

Tuesday, January 9 • Martes, 9 Enero

No Daily Mass

- 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

Wednesday, January 10 • Miercoles, 10 Enero

No Daily Mass

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church
- 6:30 pm Becoming Catholic, St. John's Church Social Hall

Thursday, January 11 • Jueves, 11 Enero

- 3:00 pm Open Youth Room, Sala Juvenil Abierta,
Rose Center, 301 Wayne Street St. Joseph
- 7:00 pm legion de maria,
St. Bernard's Classroom
- 7:00 pm St. Cecilia Choir Practice, St. Bernard's Church

Friday, January 12 • Viernes, 12 Enero

No Daily Mass or Confession

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

Saturday, January 13 • Sabado, 13 Enero

No 8:00 am Mass

- 9:00 am First Penance Retreat, Primer retiro de penitencia
St. John School
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesiones, Iglesia de
St. Bernard's Church



**Knights of
Columbus
Pancake Breakfast**
Sunday, January 14
After the
9:00 am Mass
At St. John's
Social Hall

Tickets on Sale Now



Plan to join us for an **International Food Festival**

Fundraiser, February 10 at 6:00 pm in St. Bernard's Parish

Center. Tickets are \$20 for adults 12 and up, \$10 for children ages 3 to 11 years, and free for those under 3.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be obtained at the parish office or after Mass starting in January. Beer and wine will be available for purchase and a 50/50 raffle will be held. Be sure to mark your calendars—you don't want to miss this! Anyone interested in helping with this event or hosting a table should contact Tom or Peggy Hanley or the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

St. John's Social Hall, Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join us this **Wednesday, January 10**, 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. When Saint Peter confesses his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus says to him, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the nether-world shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." This week we will consider the teaching office of the magisterium within the life of the Church. Email Donny Wallenfang at ssjbformation@gmail.com or call **269-925-2425** for more details.

Knights of Columbus Chili and Euchre Night

Saturday, January 27th

Mark your calendar for a warm night of Chili and Euchre on **Saturday, January 27th** after the **5:00 pm Mass** at **St. Bernard's Parish Center.**

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

January 14 • After the 9:00 am Mass

Pancake Breakfast..... St. John's Social Hall

January 27 • 5:00 pm

Corporate CommunionSt. Bernard's Church
Chili Euchre Night..... St. Bernard's Parish Center

February 6 • 6:00 pm

K of C Officers Meeting
..... Knights Room in St. Bernard
K of C RosarySt. Bernard's Church
K of C Monthly Meeting
..... St. Bernard's Parish Center

Our Stewardship

For December 24 & 25, 2023

Sunday, December 24.....\$5,278.00
Online\$2,456.00
Christmas Collection12,123.00
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YTD Collections\$291,341.00
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Thank you for a one time donation of \$2,000.00 from one of our parish families.

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Goal\$116,685.00
Pledged\$98,987.00
Number of Families236
Needed towards goal\$17,698.00

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

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