



*Have you found  
the Messiah?*



# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 13**  
5:00 pm Our Parish Family .....SB

**Sunday, January 14**  
9:00 am †Paul, †Frances & †Philip Herzog  
by the Herzog Family ..... SJ  
11:00 am †Eileen Rouner  
by Sinie Bass .....SB  
12:30 pm (Español) †\*Daniel Saucedo Torres  
by Our Parish Family .....SB

**Saturday, January 20**  
5:00 pm †Vivica Chelepis, †Millie Hesch & †Charlotte Howard  
by Eileen Healy .....SB

**Sunday, January 21**  
9:00 am Our Parish Family ..... SJ  
11:00 am †Rex Nower  
by Marylou & Tom Miller .....SB  
12:30 pm (Español) †Connie Deaner  
by Cindy Sirk .....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

## Rest in Christ's Peace

Please pray for Laura Hagenbarth & Larry Miller, that they may enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for their families and friends that they find peace in the promise of Christ.

**Thank You!**  
**Sunday Donuts**  
Thank you to Legion of Mary, 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  
Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, January 14  
After the  
9:00 am Mass  
At St. John's  
Social Hall**

# Scripture Readings

*For the Week of January 14, 2024*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - G</b> 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - G</b> 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - G1</b> Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot - W</b> 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - G1</b> Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - G</b> 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Sebastian, Martyr - R</b> 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

## Hello, God

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Just before our first reading it says that “the word of the Lord was rare; (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel’s time. Let’s look at the reading to see what Samuel’s experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God’s way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the Lord was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can help. He or she will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. I bet we have all had times where we didn’t know if we are doing God’s will because we didn’t take time to pray. But don’t do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn’t stopped talking; we just stopped listening.

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 adorers 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 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 Torre

**Saturday, January 20, .... 5:00pm Mass**  
Lector ..... Marica Grover  
**Sunday, January 21, .....9:00 am Mass**  
Lector ..... Jim Stouffer  
**Sunday, January 21, .....11:00 am Mass**  
Lector ..... Patricia Quattrin  
**Sunday, January 21, .....12:30 pm Mass**  
Lectors ..... Yessica Velazquez



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**



## Greetings from Father John Peter

I would like to thank you for helping make my first Christmas at SS. John and Bernard's a joyous one. The outpouring of gifts that came in for our children was amazing. The children really enjoyed choosing a gift from our parish family. I also received gifts from our parish family, THANK YOU for your generosity.

I am in India with my family for two weeks. I am thankful to Monsignor Michael Hazard, who will be celebrating our weekend Masses with you.

I will remember you in my prayers. Please keep me in yours.

## Collaborative Weekday Mass, Adoration, & Confession Times

### Weekday Mass Times

#### Monday

8:00 am—Downtown  
9:00 am—Watervliet

#### Tuesday

8:00 am—Downtown  
9:00 am—Watervliet

#### Wednesday

8:00 am—Downtown  
9:00 am—Watervliet

### Weekday Mass Times

#### Thursday

8:00 am—Downtown

#### Friday

8:00 am—Downtown  
5:15 pm—Watervliet  
12:15 pm—Downtown

#### Saturday

8:00 am—St. John  
8:00 am—Downtown  
9:00 am—Watervliet

### Adoration Chapel

#### Downtown

Tues. 8:00 am—Weds. 6:00 pm  
24 Hours, 7 Days—Hopefully soon!  
We need more adorers  
to make it happen.

#### Adoration Monday

7:00 am—4:30 pm  
St. Bernard

### Friday

8:30 am—4:30 pm

#### St. John

6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Watervliet

### Confession Times

#### Friday

11:00 am—Noon

Downtown

6:00—7:00 pm

Watervliet



## OUR LADY SCHOLARSHIP

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NEW FAMILIES  
K-12  
2024

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In the **Makerspace**, OLL third graders took part in Michigan Mystery Connect- a fun program that helps students learn about the state of Michigan by connecting virtually with another class in a "mystery" location in Michigan. Using maps and their skills of deduction, students interview each other to obtain clues as to where in Michigan their fellow participants live.



Contact: Mr. James White M. Ed., Director of  
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269-983-5520/Jwhite@Ollakers.org

## NOW IS THE TIME TO BE A LAKER



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## 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](mailto: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 Micheline at [fmicheline@ollakers.org](mailto:fmicheline@ollakers.org) or the parish office at **269-925-2425**.

## Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

### Sunday, January 14 • Domingo, 14 Enero

- 8:15 am Confession, Confesiones, Iglesia de, St. John's Church
- 10:15 am Knights of Columbus, Pancake Breakfast  
St. John's Social Hall
- 11:00 am Catequesis Familiar, St. Bernard Parish Center

### Monday, January 15 • Lunes, 15 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 16 • Martes, 16 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
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting  
St. Bernard Parish Center

### Wednesday, January 17 • Miercoles, 17 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 18 • Jueves, 18 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
- 7:00 pm MI Catholic Bible School  
St. Bernard Parish Center

### Friday, January 19 • Viernes, 19 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 20 • Sabado, 20 Enero

#### No 8:00 am Mass

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

## Hearts on Fire

### First & Third Tuesday, from 9:00 - 10:30 am

Please join us as we seek to deepen our relationship with God, under the guidance of St. Teresa of Avila and her book, "The Interior Castle." We will meet the **first and third Tuesday** of each month, from **9:00-10:30 am** at the **Rose Center**. We will spend the first portion of our time in the Rose Center discussing what St. Teresa tells us of the center within each of us, "where the most secret things pass between God and the soul." The last portion of time will be spent in the Adoration Chapel, reflecting on our reading and resting with the Lord in silence. The cost of this program is \$7 to cover the cost of your book. We will begin meeting Tuesday, February 6 and continue through May 21, 2024. Please call **Angela Martin at 269-208-5192** to register or for questions. We hope you will join us.

## 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 17, 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 her brother, Lazarus, died, Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" This week we will explore the truth about death and resurrection, heaven and hell, purgatory and judgment. Email **Donny Wallenfang** at [ssjbformation@gmail.com](mailto:ssjbformation@gmail.com) or call **269-925-2425** for more details.

## Knights of Columbus Chili and Euchre Night

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**



Mark your calendar for a warm night of Chili and Euchre on **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** 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 Communion .....St. 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 Rosary .....St. Bernard's Church  
K of C Monthly Meeting .....  
..... St. Bernard's Parish Center

## Our Stewardship

### For December 31, 2023 & January 1 & 7 2024

Sunday, December 31 ..... \$8,097.00  
Online ..... \$4,570.00  
Solemnity of Mary, January 1... \$103.00  
Sunday, January 7..... \$6,894.00  
Online ..... \$3,475.00  
YTD Budget ..... \$324,906.00  
YTD Collections..... \$314,730.00  
Shortfall ..... \$10,176.00

Thank you for a one time donation of  
\$1,200.00 towards, the sign at St. Bernard

### 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..... \$98,987.00  
Number of Families ..... 236  
Needed towards goal ..... \$17,698.00

**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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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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Tuesday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

(Closed for lunch

12:30 - 1:30 pm)

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