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OF OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*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**.*





## 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

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Christian Dornseif  
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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**.

## Serving our parish family

### *Second Sunday of the Month*

Our Youth Mass will be celebrated on second Sunday of the month on **Sunday February 11 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**.



## Lector Schedule

**Saturday, January 27, ..... 5:00pm Mass**  
Lector ..... Tom Hanley  
**Sunday, January 28, ..... 9:00 am Mass**  
Lector ..... Sinie Bass  
**Sunday, January 28, ..... 11:00 am Mass**  
Lector ..... Lynn Brunner  
**Sunday, January 28, ..... 12:30 pm Mass**  
Lectors ..... Yessica Velazquez  
..... Nora Ramirez

**Saturday, February 3, .... 5:00pm Mass**  
Lector ..... Peter Shaffer  
**Sunday, February 4, ..... 9:00 am Mass**  
Lector ..... Lia Hartine  
**Sunday, February 4, ..... 11:00 am Mass**  
Lector ..... Gil Michelini  
**Sunday, February 4, ..... 12:30 pm Mass**  
Lectors ..... Sandra Banda  
..... Teyna Gutierrez



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— OF —  
**KALAMAZOO**

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has a number of events happening this winter.

### Mens Cursillo Weekend

**February 22-25, 2024** Amigo Centre,  
26455 Banker St, Sturgis, MI 49091

For more information please contact, **Angela Martin** at [angelamartin0570@yahoo.com](mailto:angelamartin0570@yahoo.com) or call **269.208.5192**.

### The Kalamazoo Council of Catholic Women

**Saturday, March 2, 2024** at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo. The register please contact [KDCCW.REG@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KDCCW.REG@GMAIL.COM) or call **Ann Vrablic** at **517-812-3727**.

# Mass Intentions

- Saturday, January 27**  
5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus .....SB
- Sunday, January 28**  
9:00 am †Dr. Allen Zencka  
by Judy Zencka ..... SJ  
11:00 am †Victor Hughson (birthday)  
by Dave & Vicki Shoemaker .SB  
12:30 pm (Español) Our Parish Family .SB
- Monday, January 29**  
5:30 pm †Lorraine Brown,  
by the Alfred Vasta Family ..SB
- Tuesday, January 30**  
8:00 am †Phyllis Peters,  
by Matt & Sarah McGough... SJ
- Wednesday, January 31**  
9:00 am †Roly Shuler,  
by Ruth Shuler .....SB
- Friday, February 2**  
8:00 am †Howard Birkenfel (birthday)  
by Tammy O'Brien..... SJ
- Saturday, February 3**  
8:00 am †\*Rose Maria Birkenfeld  
(birthday),  
by Tammy O'Brien,..... SJ  
5:00 pm †Craig Campbell (birthday),  
by the Campbell Family .....SB
- Sunday, February 4**  
9:00 am †Dave Randolph,  
by The Legion of Mary ..... SJ  
11:00 am †Patrick McRae,  
by the Legion of Mary .....SB  
12:30 pm (Español) Our Parish Family .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

## Thank You!

### Sunday Donuts

Thank you to Stephen Ministry, Knights of Columbus & Youth Ministry, 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.

# Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 28, 2024

- Sunday** **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - G**  
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;  
Mk 1:21-28
- Monday** **Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - G**  
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;  
Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday** **Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - G**  
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday** **Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest - W**  
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday** **Thursday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - G**  
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd;  
Mk 6:7-13
- Friday** **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - W**  
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or  
Lk 2:22-32
- Saturday** **Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop, and Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr - R**  
1Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

# Thunderbolts and Lightning

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the most difficult duties of a disciple is to follow the command of Jesus to spread the gospel to all nations. (Lk 24:47, Mk 116:15, Mt 28:19) I think one reason may be that we don't feel we have the authority to tell someone else what to believe. Most of us don't think we know the gospel well enough to preach it. The gospel this Sunday mentions twice that Jesus taught with more authority than any of religious leaders of Israel. So how can we get such authority?

First, Jesus didn't threaten people with thunderbolts and lightning. He certainly didn't impress people by saying what they wanted to hear. He spoke the truth that he heard from his Father. His two main actions in his ministry were curing and forgiving people. Since the Jews thought sickness was a punishment for sins, by curing the sick and forgiving sins, Jesus showed that he got authority from his Father.

How do we get that authority?" We get it from the Holy Spirit, in Baptism and Confirmation. And like an athlete who has to work-out and practice to be any good, we still need to grow in that authority. One way is to read the scriptures and pray with them, so that we get to know God through his Word and begin to listen to him in our prayers. We can consciously decide to see God in other people, not just those we love, but everyone, even the ones who annoy us. And of course, the Eucharist and other sacraments strengthen God's life in us. You'll know you have that authority when you can talk about your faith with confidence instead of hesitation, because you will be speaking from experience, not secondhand knowledge.

Tom Schmidt



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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  
Admissions and Enrollment Management  
269-983-5520/Jwhite@Ollakers.org

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TO BE A LAKER**



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## 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.





## OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# 38<sup>th</sup> Annual **S.C.E.N.E.** Auction

Support the **38<sup>th</sup> Annual S.C.E.N.E. Auction** that will take place on **Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM** at the **Our Lady of the Lake Elementary School** (3165 Washington Ave, St. Joseph, MI). Proceeds from the auction directly support the OLL students. Your support will play a crucial role in the success of our auction and the continued excellence of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic.

For question please contact **Jen Scaccia, OLL Director of Development**, at **269-449-3400** or email [jscaccia@ollakers.org](mailto:jscaccia@ollakers.org).

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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- Logo or name printed on cocktail napkins
- Recognition on website and social media
- Ad in program booklet

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- Name/logo on commemorative frame for attendees to take home
- Recognition on website and social media
- Ad in program booklet

#### Silver Sponsor | \$2500

- Two event tickets
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Make checks payable to  
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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School  
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I would like to make a donation of another amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Kindly respond by April 10, 2024**

## Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

### Sunday, January 28 • Domingo, 28 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

### Monday, January 29 • Lunes, 29 Enero

- 7:00 am Adoration, Adoracion al Santisimo, St. Bernard's Church
- 4:30 pm Confession, 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 30 • Martes, 30 Enero

- 5:00 pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, Parish Office Conference Room
- 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 31 • Miercoles, 31 Enero

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

### Thursday, February 1 • Jueves, 1 Febrero

- 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, February 2 • Viernes, 2 Febrero

- 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, February 3 • Sabado, 3 Febrero

- 8:30 am Quilt Ministry, Ministerio de colchas,  
St. Bernard's Classroom
- 10:00 am First Penance, Primera penitencia,  
St. Bernard's Church
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesiones, Iglesia de  
St. Bernard's Church

## Winter Weather Cancelation Policy

In the event that Our Lady of the Lake closes due to weather, all events are canceled at the parish on the same day. This does not include, of course, the Mass and confession schedule. It does include that the parish office is closed, and all events (meetings, etc.) are canceled. If the "snow day" falls on a Monday or Friday, the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed. Using this method is a simple way to keep everyone informed.

## 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. Beverages 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.



**FROM MASS TO MISSION**  
Understanding the Mass and Its Significance for Our Christian Life

## From Mass to Mission

***Mondays during Lent***

Father John Peter will be facilitating a book study on Mondays during Lent after the 5:30 pm Mass. Watch the bulletin for more information.



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**

## Mardi Gras

***Steubenville Fundraiser***

To help our students defer the cost of the 2024 Steubenville Youth Conference, the Youth will be sponsoring a Mardi Gras Dinner for free will offering on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at St. Bernard Parish Center. More information will follow.

# 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 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

#### February 27 • 12:00 noon

American Red Cross Blood Drive  
..... St. Bernard's Parish Center

## Our Stewardship

### For January 14 & 21, 2024

Sunday, January 14 .....	\$5,823.00
Online.....	\$2,922.00
Sunday, January 21 .....	\$5,957.00
Online.....	\$2,210.00
YTD Budget .....	\$348,113.00
YTD Collections .....	\$331,641.00
Shortfall.....	\$16,472.00

### 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 .....	\$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

555 E. Delaware Ave.  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

### Parish Office Information

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
www.ssjohnandbernard.org

Office (269) 925-2425

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Tuesday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

(Closed for lunch

12:30 - 1:30 pm)

### Parish Staff

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### Parish

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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

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