

For this
purpose
have
I come



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
Philip Hild
Michelle Horton
Barbara Hosbein
Fr. Bill Jacobs
Nancy Johns
Lynne Jones
Thomas Jones
Theda Koshar
David Liddle
Cindy MacDonald
Betsy Marchi
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**.

Mass for Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th

Our Mass times for Ash Wednesday is as follows:
9:00 am at St. Bernard
5:30 pm at St. Bernard



Lector Schedule

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 Michelin
Sunday, February 4, 12:30 pm Mass
Lectors Sandra Banda
..... Teyna Gutierrez

Saturday, February 10,... 5:00pm Mass
Lector Peg Pinkowski
Sunday, February 11,9:00 am Mass
Lector Jim Stouffer
Sunday, February 11, ...11:00 am Mass
Lector Youth Mass
Sunday, February 11, ...12:30 pm Mass
Lectors Rosavra Tavares
..... Hermana Natalia

Fasting & Abstinence

Questions and answers

I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

I understand that all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but I'm not sure what is classified as meat. Does meat include chicken and dairy products?

Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3

8:00 am †*Rose Maria Birkenfeld
(birthday),
by Tammy O'Brien, SJ
5:00 pm †Craig Campbell (birthday),
by the Campbell FamilySB

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am †Dave Randolph,
by The Legion of Mary SJ
11:00 am †Patrick McRae,
by the Legion of MarySB
12:30 pm (Español) Our Parish Family ..SB

Monday, February 5

5:30 pm †Lorraine Brown,
by the Alfred Vasta Family ..SB

Tuesday, February 6

8:00 am The Intentions of Chad Roden,
by Matthew Warner SJ

Wednesday, February 7

9:00 am Edward & Diane Pinkowski,
by Bob & Peg PinkowskiSB

Friday, February 9

8:00 am †Charlie Deaner,
by Phil & Cindy Sirk SJ

Saturday, February 10

8:00 am †Linda Cummings,
by Phil & Cindy Sirk, SJ
5:00 pm Our Parish Family,SB

Sunday, February 11

9:00 am Our Parish Family,SJ
11:00 am Intentions of Leo Roden,
by Chad RodenSB
12:30 pm (Español) †Lorraine Brown,
by Eileen HealySB

† 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

Serving our parish family

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 Michelini at fmichelini@ollakers.org or the parish office at 269-925-2425.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 4, 2024

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| Sunday | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - G Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39 |
| Monday | Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr - R 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56 |
| Tuesday | Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs - R 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday | Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23 |
| Thursday | Memorial of Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest, and Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin - W 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30 |
| Friday | Friday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37 |
| Saturday | Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin - W 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10 |

What do you Want?

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus was starting to become very popular, at least with the ordinary people. They had seen how he had cured the sick and cast out demons. Jesus knew the people would not understand this and try to proclaim him as their king. Jesus had no intention of living as a worldly king, in comfort and riches. In fact, he came to free people from needing wealth and power.

Popularity and wealth do not interest St. Paul, either. When he preaches the gospel, the good news of Christ's resurrection, He specifically refuses to be paid for his preaching, to show that he will be rewarded by Christ.

So what do you hope for; what is your goal in life? Do you only feel secure when you have saved enough money and invested it wisely? Do you need other people to make you happy? Or at least a few hundred Facebook friends?

We can follow Paul's example of love for all people no matter who they are. Paul's love was not to make others like him. He genuinely wanted to bring the good news to them: by his love for them, Paul showed that God loves them even more. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with his love, so that we can help each other to hear the good news.

Tom Schmidt



Catholic Schools Week

January 28th - February 4th

Thank you to our parish family, Our Lady of the Lake Students who showed their school spirit by joining us at Mass wearing your school uniforms to kick off Catholic Schools Week.

save the date

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to
S.C.E.N.E Auction 38

CLICK YOUR HEELS THREE TIMES AND JOIN US!



April 26, 2024
Beer and Wine
Games
Silent Auction

April 27, 2024
Cocktails and Dinner
Games
Silent and Live Auction

3165 Washington Ave.
St. Joseph



Your Child, Their Future
Now is the time to be a Laker



**OUR LADY
OF THE LAKE**
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Join Us For Our Preschool-Kindergarten
Open House**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

- Meet the principal and teachers
- Speak with current parents and students
- Tour our campus and facilities
- Experience the classroom setting
- Ask questions

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School
South Campus
Grades PS - 5th Grade
3165 Washington Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Contact: James White M.Ed.
Admissions and Enrollment Management
jwhite@ollakers.org
269-983-5520



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

Be Created Anew Retreat

We invite you to consider joining us for this one of a kind trip, **Saturday July 6th - 13th**. Students currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend this week-long retreat with the Brothers and Sisters of Charity at Little Portion Hermitage Monastery. Throughout the retreat we will meet the monks, engage in service work, and have a ton of fun along the way. Registration forms are available at any youth ministry event,

**MARDI GRAS
FUNDRAISER DINNER**

Come support our young people and enjoy warm Mardi Gras dinner. **The best part is the cost is a free will offering.** Donate as much or as little as you want! Bring the whole family. All the funds go to help the parish's youth programs, events, and trips.

Dinner includes Gumbo, a salad, and dessert. A Mac and Cheese option is available for children.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
ST. BERNARD PARISH CENTER**

I've been waiting for
someone to do something.
And then it hit me.....
I'm someone.

Flowers at St. Bernard's Church - We are looking for a person or a group of people to help with the flowers in the church.

Funeral Luncheon Volunteers - We are always in need of a dish to pass and servers to help our Parish Family during the hardest time of their life, (the loss of a loved one).

Participating in Mass & Donuts - We are in need of weekend Mass Rosary leaders, lectors, and servers. Picking up and serving donuts. ****Please note the parish pays for the donuts.****

Office Volunteer - Helping with the parish office when special projects come up.

Many hands make light work.

If you have questions of what is involved, please contact the parish office
ssjbsecretary@gmail.com or 269-925-2425.

Becoming Catholic

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

Becoming Catholic: Join us this **Wednesday, February 7**, 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. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul says, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." This week we will reflect on the Sacrament of Confirmation as part of the fullness of Christian initiation into the Church. 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, February 4 • Domingo, 4 Febrero

- 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, February 5 • Lunes, 5 Febrero

- 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
- 6:00 pm Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training, St. Bernard's Church
- 6:30 pm Millions of Monica's Millones de Mónica
St. Bernard's Church

Tuesday, February 6 • Martes, 6 Febrero

- 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
- 7:00 pm Music & Liturgy Meeting, St. Bernard's Social Hall

Wednesday, February 7 • Miercoles, 7 Febrero

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

Thursday, February 8 • Jueves, 8 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 9 • Viernes, 9 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 10 • Sabado, 10 Febrero

- 11:30 am Choir Practice for the Youth Mass,
St. Bernard's Church
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesiones, Iglesia de
St. Bernard's Church
- 6:00 pm International Food Festival,
St. Bernard's Parish Center

Rest in Christ's Peace

Please pray for LaVona Thomas, Lionel Casnava Sr., and Louise Larzelere, 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.

Tickets on Sale Now



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PURCHASED TICKETS!

The International Food Festival Fundraiser is nearing sold-out. Just a few reminders for those of you who will be attending:


The door will open at 6:00 pm. You may enter through the Parish Center doors or through the hallway connected to the church, if you have attended the 5:00 pm Mass.

Tickets for beverages will be available and may be purchased as you are entering the rooms and getting settled at your table. After our prayer, the tables will be dismissed one by one so that everyone has a chance to sample from every country. Please note that we will have a 50/50 raffle drawing.

If you have any questions please email **Peg Hanley**.

If you are a table captain or would like to volunteer, please contact **Peg and Tom Hanley** tdhanley58@hotmail.com

We are looking forward to a fun evening!



FROM MASS TO MISSION

Understanding the Mass and Its Significance for Our Christian Life

From Mass to Mission

Mondays during Lent from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Join us for a book study on Mondays during Lent. We will have a light dinner after the 5:30 pm Mass at the Parish Center. Father John Peter will lead the study starting at 6:30 pm. For planning purposes please sign up by contacting the parish office ssjbsecretary@gmail.com or **269-925-2425**.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners

After Stations of the Cross of Fridays during Lent

Soup & Salad

February 16

March 1

March 15

Fish Fry

February 23

March 8

March 22

St. Bernard Parish Center from

6:00 - 7:30 pm

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

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

..... St. Bernard's Parish Center

February 25 • 9:00 am

Corporate Communion St. John's Church

February 27 • 12:00 noon

American Red Cross Blood Drive

..... St. Bernard's Parish Center

Our Stewardship

For January 28, 2024

Sunday, January 28 \$7,160.00

Online..... \$3,270.00

YTD Budget \$359,717.00

YTD Collections \$342,071.00

Shortfall..... \$17,646.00

Thank you to our generous donors who donated \$23,500.00 towards our parish funds.

We currently have \$1,200.00 donated 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

Parish Directory

St. John Parish

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

St. Bernard Parish

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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

Michigan

(269) 926-6424

Readiness Center • Martha

Thieneman

(269) 926-4084

Our Lady of the Lake

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