



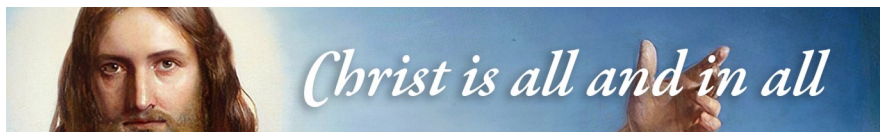
WHEN YOU GIVE  
**ALMS**

WHEN YOU  
**PRAY**

WHEN YOU  
**FAST**

YOUR FATHER WHO SEES  
WILL REPAY YOU





## 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  
**Carol Frosolone**  
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  
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  
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**.



## 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—Bilingual**



## Lector Schedule

**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

**Saturday, February 17, ... 5:00pm Mass**

Lector ..... Marcia Grover

**Sunday, February 18, .....9:00 am Mass**

Lector ..... Sinie Bass

**Sunday, February 18, ...11:00 am Mass**

Lector ..... Bill Klien

**Sunday, February 18, ...12:30 pm Mass**

Lectors ..... Rosavra Tavares

..... Hermana Natalia

## Welcome to our Newly Registered Family

The Blazo Family

# Mass Intentions

## 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 Roden .....SB  
12:30 pm (Español) †Lorraine Brown,  
by Eileen Healy .....SB

## Monday, February 12

5:30 pm †Chuck Sirk,  
by Phil & Cindy Sirk .....SB

## Tuesday, February 13

8:00 am †Dr. Allen Zencka ,  
by Judy Zencka ..... SJ

## Wednesday, February 14

9:00 am Deceased Members of the  
Casey Family,  
by Eileen Healy .....SB  
5:30 pm †Scott Hughson  
the Shoemaker Family .....SB

## Friday, February 16

8:00 am †Randall Baldwin (birthday),  
by Mary Baldwin ..... SJ

## Saturday, February 17

8:00 am †Lorraine Brown,  
by Eileen Healy ..... SJ  
5:00 pm †Al Sturcz,  
the Sturcz Family, .....SB

## Sunday, February 18

9:00 am †Dr. C. Bassett Brown,  
By Perla Tolentino .....SJ  
11:00 am Our Parish Family, .....SB  
12:30 pm (Español) †Rebecca Hackney,  
by Hanley Family .....SB

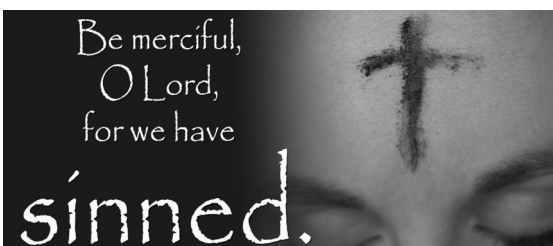
† Indicates Deceased • \* Indicates Death Anniversary

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



# Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 11, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - G</b> Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - G</b> Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time - G</b> Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday - V</b> Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday - V</b> Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b> Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious - V</b> Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

## Paul the People Pleaser?

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last week we heard St. Paul saying that he was all things to all people. This week, we hear that he tried to please everyone. To modern ears, that sounds more like a people-pleaser. But that wasn't what Paul meant. The key to Paul's way of life is the last line of the second reading: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Cor 11:1)

When Jesus spoke to Paul in his conversion, he asked why he was persecuting Jesus. Paul later began to understand that all Christians make up the body of Christ. As members of that body, we can show others what Jesus is like, by our example. That seems to be a two-part process.

First, to show Christ, we must know Christ. We can do that by reading the scriptures and praying with them. We can receive the sacraments regularly, especially Reconciliation, where we experience his forgiveness and love, and the Eucharist, where Jesus unites himself with us, so that we can become more like him.

The second part is acting like Jesus. Forgive people who hurt us, care for the sick, the dying, the poor. Don't be afraid to tell people what God has done for you; encourage others to be grateful for what God has done for them.

Paul obviously didn't please everyone, or he wouldn't have ended his life in prison. He was more interested in imitating Christ. If we can imitate Paul in that way, we can't go wrong.

Tom Schmidt





**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](mailto:jwhite@ollakers.org)  
269-983-5520

## Thank You!

### *Sunday Donuts*

Thank you to Church Women United and the Rejesh William Family, 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.

## 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.

**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

## Rite of Acceptance

### *The order of Catechumens*

Please keep Alex Allerton and John Frosolone in your prayers as they journey through this Lenten Season to become Baptized at our Easter Vigil. May God bless you on your journey.



## Becoming Catholic

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

Join us this **Wednesday, February 14**, 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 the Gospel of Saint John, Jesus says, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." This week we will dive into the mystery of the third Sacrament of Christian Initiation, the Eucharist. Email **Donny Wallenfang** at [ssjbformation@gmail.com](mailto:ssjbformation@gmail.com) or call **269-925-2425** for more details.

## 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.

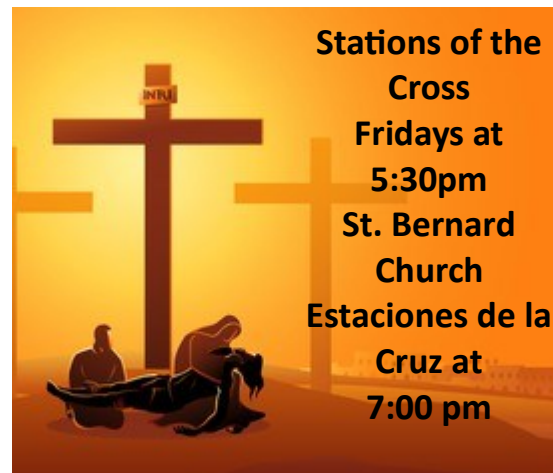
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**  
ST. BERNARD PARISH CENTER

### Stations of the Cross

**Fridays at  
5:30pm**

**St. Bernard  
Church**

**Estaciones de la  
Cruz at  
7:00 pm**





## Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

### Sunday, February 11 • Domingo, 11 Febrero

- 8:15 am Confession, Confesiones, Iglesia de, St. John's Church
- 11:00 am Catequesis Familiar, St. Bernard Parish Center

### Monday, February 12 • Lunes, 12 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
- 6:30 pm Millions of Monica's Millones de Mónica St. Bernard's Church

### Tuesday, February 13 • Martes, 13 Febrero

- 5:30 pm Legion of Mary, St. Bernard's Classroom
- 6:00 pm Mardi Gras Dinner St. Bernard Parish Center
- 7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting St. Bernard's Social Hall

### Wednesday, February 14 • Miercoles, 14 Febrero

- 9:00 am Mass St. Bernard's Church
- 5:30 pm Bilingual Mass St. Bernard's Church
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church
- 6:30 pm Becoming Catholic, St. John's Church Social Hall

### Thursday, February 15 • Jueves, 15 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

### Friday, February 16 • Viernes, 16 Febrero

- 8:30 am Adoration, Adoracion al Santisimo St. John's Church
- 4:20 pm Benediction, Bendicion, Iglesia, St. John's Church
- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Brnard's Church
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Soup & Salad, Sopa y ensalada de Caballeros de Colón St. Bernard Parish Center
- 7:00 pm Estaciones de la Cruz (Español), St. Bernard's Church
- 7:30 pm Maria Música de Dios, ensayo de coro (Español), St. Bernard's Church

### Saturday, February 17 • Sabado, 17 Febrero

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

## 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**



## 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](mailto:ssjbsecretary@gmail.com) or 269-925-2425.

## 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.

## The Diocese of Kalamazoo has a number of events happening this Lent and beyond

### **Mens Cursillo Weekend February 22-25, 2024**

Amigo Centre,  
26455 Banker St, Sturgis, MI 49091

**March 17, 2024** - March Ultreya. 4 pm,  
Immaculate Conception parish Three Rivers.  
Our witness speaker is Mitch Martin.

**October 17-20, 2024** - Women's #78 Cursillo weekend,  
Amigo Center Sturgis

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.



## 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**

#### **Fridays During Lent • 6:00 pm**

Lenten Dinners..... St. Bernard 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

#### **March 5 • 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 February 4, 2024**

Sunday, February 4 .....\$7,280.00

Online .....\$2,780.00

YTD Budget .....\$371,321.00

YTD Collections .....\$352,131.00

Shortfall .....\$19,190.00

### **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.

## 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**

580 Columbus Ave.  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
www.ssjohnandbernard.org

Office (269) 925-2425

Fax (269) 925-4678

Tuesday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

(Closed for lunch

12:30 - 1:30 pm)

### **Parish Staff**

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ednickel57@gmail.com

**Deacon • Deacon Philip Sirk**

psirk64@gmail.com

**Bookkeeper • Diane Petlick**

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**Director of Adult Evangelization**

**Donny Wallenfang**

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**and Caretaker • Chris Visin**

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ssjbfacilities@gmail.com

**Youth Ministry • Chad Roden**

4churchesym@gmail.com

(269) 983-1575

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

**Coordinator • Peg Hanley**

tdhanley58@hotmail.com

### **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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St. Joseph, MI 49085

(269) 983-2511

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jwhite@lmclakers.org

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St. Joseph, MI 49085

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