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## 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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Elizabeth Bean  
Lee Boardman  
Sharon Calahan  
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Dale DeLong  
Marietta DeMorrow  
Richard Dibble  
April Disterheft  
Christian Dornseif  
Sally Eberhard  
Sarah Fairthorne  
Sandy Fenderbosch  
Erin Fitzsimmons  
Carol Frosolone  
Rose Fuller  
Michael Gagliardo  
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Mike Gaunder  
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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**.

## Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners

*After Stations of the Cross of Fridays during Lent*

### Soup & Salad

**March 1**  
**March 15**

### Fish Fry

**March 8**  
**March 22**

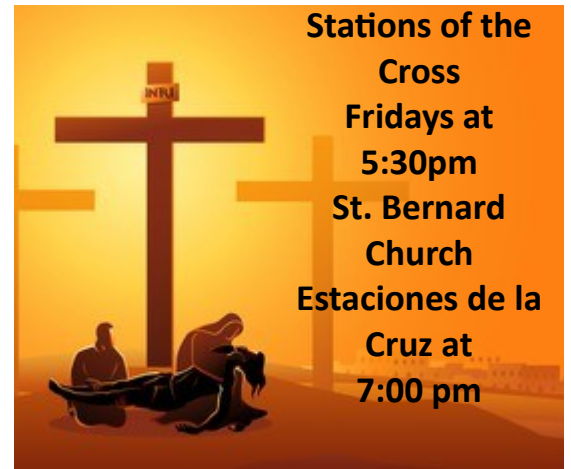
**St. Bernard Parish Center from  
6:00 - 7:30 pm**



## Lector Schedule

**Saturday, February 24, ... 5:00pm Mass**  
Lector ..... Peter Shaffer  
**Sunday, February 25, .... 9:00 am Mass**  
Lector ..... Jim Stouffer  
**Sunday, February 25, ...11:00 am Mass**  
Lector ..... Lynn Brunner  
**Sunday, February 25, .. 12:30 pm Mass**  
Lectors ..... Rosavra Tavares  
..... Hermana Natalia

**Saturday, March 2, ..... 5:00pm Mass**  
Lector ..... Peg Pinkowski  
**Sunday, March 3, ..... 9:00 am Mass**  
Lector ..... Lia Hartline  
**Sunday, March 3, ..... 11:00 am Mass**  
Lector ..... Gil Michelini  
**Sunday, March 3, ..... 12:30 pm Mass**  
Lectors ..... Lilia Torrez  
..... Daylin Torrez



# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 24**  
8:00 am †Andy Darato,  
by Sara & Matt McGough ..... SJ  
5:00 pm †Shirley Conlin Smith,  
by Sarah & Matt McGough...SB

**Sunday, February 25**  
9:00 am Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus,..... SJ  
11:00 am †Lorraine Brown,  
by the Alfred Vasta Family ...SB  
12:30 pm (Español) nuestra familia  
parroquial.....SB

**Monday, February 26**  
5:30 pm †Msgr. Daniel Trapp, .....SB

**Tuesday, February 27**  
8:00 am †Judith Timmer (birthday),  
by Joe & Anne Campbell ..... SJ

**Wednesday, February 28**  
9:00 am †Wednesday Breakfast Group,  
by Eileen Healy .....SB

**Friday, March 1**  
8:00 am The intensions of the  
Maychszak Family ..... SJ

**Saturday, March 2**  
8:00 am †Paul Heppert Sr.,  
by Van & Wendy Maychszak SJ  
5:00 pm Our Parish Family, .....SB

**Sunday, March 3**  
9:00 am Carlo Averion,  
by Chad Roden,..... SJ  
11:00 am †Phillip Dell Nadeau,  
by Steve & Marie Fedewa ....SB  
12:30 pm (Español) SantinoAverion,  
By Chad Roden .....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 & The Knights of Columbus, 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 February 25 2024

Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent - V Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
Monday	Monday of the Second Week of Lent - V Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent - V Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent - V Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Thursday of the Second Week of Lent - V Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Friday of the Second Week of Lent - V Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Saturday of the Second Week of Lent - V Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:43-48

# This is a Test

## Second Sunday of Lent

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? He doesn't. But he is still testing us.

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives every-one free will and some people choose to do wrong. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. As long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested.

Tom Schmidt



## St. Joseph Table

**Tuesday March 19th**

Save the date and plan to attend our St. Joseph Table on Tuesday, **March 19**. Mass will be at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard Church and the St. Joseph Table will follow at St. Bernard Parish Center. To help with the planning, please contact **Chad** at [4churchesym@gmail.com](mailto:4churchesym@gmail.com)

## Serving our parish family

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1Peter 4:10*

Our Youth Mass will be celebrated on second Sunday of the month on **Sunday March 10** 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](mailto:fmichelini@ollakers.org) or the parish office at **269-925-2425**.

# save the date

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## Becoming Catholic

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

Join us this **Wednesday, February 28, 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 Letter of Saint James we read, "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." This week we will explore the two "Sacraments of Healing," Anointing of the Sick and Penance. Email **Donny Wallenfang** at [ssjbformation@gmail.com](mailto:ssjbformation@gmail.com) or call **269-925-2425** for more details.

## Walking With Mom's Need

**Fourth Monday of the Month**

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 Social Hall. Our next meeting will be **Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:00PM.**

## The Kalamazoo Council of Catholic Women

**Saturday, March 2nd**

Join us on **Saturday, March 2, 2024** at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo. The register please contact **KDCCW.REG@GMAIL.COM** or call **Ann Vrablic at 517-812-3727.**

## Communal Penance Service

**Monday, March 4th**

According to Canon law, it is recommended that you go to confession at least once a year. However, if you prefer to go more often, you can attend confession on a regular basis. Our Collaborative will host a Communal Penance Service at **St. Joseph Church in St. Joseph on Monday March 4th starting at 6:00 pm.**

## God's Gift of Forgiveness

**A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year. The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a

joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!" We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1457-1458.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_spe\\_20120309\\_penitenzieria-apostolica\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html)

## Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

### Sunday, February 25 • Domingo, 25 Febrero

- 10:15 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, St. John's School
- 11:00 am Catequesis Familiar, St. Bernard Parish Center
- 1:30 pm Rehearsal for Living Stations of the Cross, Ensayo para el Vía Crucis viviente, St. Bernard's Social Hall

### Monday, February 26 • Lunes, 26 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 Walking With Mom's in Need
- 6:30 pm From Mass to Mission, St. Bernard's Parish Center
- 6:30 pm 4th Degree Meeting, St. Bernard Social Hall

### Tuesday, February 27 • Martes, 27 Febrero

- 12:00 noon American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. Bernard Parish Center
- 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 Cemetery Board Meeting, St. Bernard's Social Hall

### Wednesday, February 28 • Miercoles, 28 Febrero

- 10:00 am Millions of Monicas, Millones de Mónicas, St. Bernard's Church
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church
- 6:30 pm Becoming Catholic, St. John's Church Social Hall
- 7:00 pm Misa a la mision Española, St. Bernard's Parish Center

### Thursday, February 29 • Jueves, 29 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's Social Hall

### Friday, March 1 • Viernes, 1 Marzo

- 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. Bernard'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

### Saturday, March 2 • Sabado, 2 Marzo

- 8:30 am Quilt Ministry, St. Bernard's Classroom
- 12:00 noon Confirmation Retreat St. Bernard Campus
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesiones, Iglesia de St. Bernard's Church
- 7:00 pm Maria Música de Dios, ensayo de coro (Español), St. Bernard's Church



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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.



## Living Stations of the Cross

***Good Friday at 7:00pm at St. Bernard Church***

Would you like to walk with Christ to Calvary? This year we are going to act out the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00pm at St. Bernard Church. As the crowd with Jesus to Golgotha, we would like to invite you to journey with Him. We will be rehearsing on Sundays from 1:30 - 2:30pm at St. Bernard Social Hall. **This is open to our entire parish.** For more information, contact the parish office.



**American Red Cross  
BLOOD DRIVE**

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**Knights of Columbus Sponsored  
American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, February 27,**

**12:00 - 5:00 pm**

**St. Bernard 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**

### **Fridays During Lent • 6:00 pm**

Lenten Dinners..... St. Bernard Parish Center

### **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

### **March 17 • 11:00 am**

Corporate Communion ..... St. Bernard's Church

## Our Stewardship

### **For February 18, 2024**

Sunday, February 18 .....\$6,383.00

Online .....\$2,102.00

Ash Wednesday .....\$957.00

YTD Budget .....\$394,528.00

YTD Collections .....\$371,540.00

Shortfall .....\$22,988.00

### **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.

Thank you to all who supported the International Food Festival. The total brought in was \$8,072.00. Thank you again for your generosity.

## Parish Directory

### **St. John Parish**

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

### **St. Bernard Parish**

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### **Parish Office Information**

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(Closed for lunch

12:30 - 1:30 pm)

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