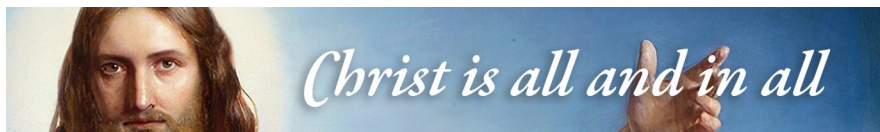


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AND WITHOUT END.





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
Richard Dibble
April Disterheft
Christian Dornseif
Sally Eberhard
Sarah Fairthorne
Sandy Fenderbosch
Erin Fitzsimmons
Carol Frosolone
Rose Fuller
Michael Gagliardo
Gabe Galligan
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



Second Scrutiny

Please keep Alex Allerton and John Frosolone as they journey towards the Easter Vigil.



Lector Schedule

Saturday, March 16..... 5:00pm Mass
Lector Peter Shaffer
Sunday, March 17, 9:00 am Mass
Lector Jim Stouffer
Sunday, March 17,11:00 am Mass
LectorLynn Brunner
Sunday, March 17, 12:30 pm Mass
LectorsNora Pedroza
..... Ruben Pedroza

Saturday, March 23 5:00pm Mass
LectorPeg Pinkowski
Sunday, March 24,9:00 am Mass
Lector Lia Hartline
Sunday, March 24,11:00 am Mass
Lector Gil Michelini
Sunday, March 24,12:30 pm Mass
Lectors Sandra Banda
..... Reyna Gutierrez



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 Intentions

Saturday, March 16	
8:00 am	†Craig Quattrin, by Dale & Patricia Quattrin... SJ
5:00 pm	†Mary Cecchi (birthday), by Gary Cecchi.....SB
Sunday, March 17	
9:00 am	†Dr. C. Bassett Brown, by Perla Tolentino..... SJ
11:00 am	Our Parish Family,SB
12:30 pm	(Español) The Intentions of Bernice Dadan
Monday, March 18	
5:30 pm	†Glenn Sheathelm (birthday), by the Kugler Family.....SB
Tuesday, March 19	
7:00 pm	Christopher Quattrin (birthday) by Dale & Patricia Quattrin.. SB
Wednesday, March 20	
9:00 am	†Dr. Allen Zencka, by Judy ZenckaSB
Friday, March 22	
8:00 am	†Margaret Healy (birthday), by Eileen Healy SJ
Saturday, March 23	
8:00 am	†Jack Lents, by Diane Lents.. SJ
5:00 pm	†Al Sturcz, by the Sturcz FamilySB
Sunday, March 24	
9:00 am	†Joan Kleinhenz, by Steve & Diane Petlick..... SJ
11:00 am	The Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus,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
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Serving our parish family

Our Youth Mass will be celebrated on the second Sunday of the month on **Sunday April 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 fmichelinei@ollakers.org or the parish office at **269-925-2425**.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 17, 2024

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent - V Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Monday	Monday of the Fifth Sunday of Lent - V Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Fifth Sunday of Lent - V Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Thursday of the Fifth Sunday of Lent - V Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Friday of the Fifth Sunday of Lent - V Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Saturday of the Fifth Sunday of Lent - V Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Father, Forgive Them

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The promise made by the Lord in the first reading is very bold. He says that all people shall know him, without having to be taught by others. The way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, he is speaking to the Israelites: When they broke a commandment or law, they were isolated from the community. So the promise that God would place his law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they want to, not because they were feared punishment or rejection.

Jesus says something similar in today's gospel. He tells the disciples that his crucifixion would draw everyone to him. Now, Jesus' death showed that he took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, he shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love.

Getting back to the first reading, we experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. We also help others to know God when we share or experience of being forgiven. The sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the other sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts.

Tom Schmidt

Becoming Catholic

Wednesdays, from 6:30 - 8:00, at St. John's Social Hall

Becoming Catholic: Join us this **Wednesday, March 20**, 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 Gospels, Jesus teaches that the greatest commandment is to "love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." He also teaches that the second greatest commandment is to "love your neighbor as yourself," and that "there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." This week we will contemplate together the deep and merciful love of God who is a Trinity of Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Email **Donny Wallenfang** at ssjbformation@gmail.com or call **269-925-2425** for more details.

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Games
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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.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are collecting individually wrapped candy to fill our easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. For your convenience, the candy can be dropped off at the exits in the churches.

On **Sunday, March 24th** the Knights of Columbus will hold their **Tootsie Roll Drive**. Donations are earmarked for people with disabilities.

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners are from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in St. Bernard Parish Center. (after the English Stations of the Cross and before the Spanish Stations of the Cross)

Fish Fry
March 22

Save the Date

Knights of Columbus Memorial Golf Outing

On **Saturday, June 8th**, at **Blossom Trails Golf Course**

Watch for more information!!!!

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7th, St. Joseph, St. Joseph



This year St. Joseph in St. Joseph will host the celebration. We will have Adoration, Scriptural Rosary and conclude with the Chaplet. All of the activities will be at the downtown Church. We will have Holy Cards and Novena pamphlets available on Palm Sunday. Please plan on joining us on April 7.



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 Father John Peters Lenten Talk, on the Mass 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**.

Easter Basket Blessing
&
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday March 30, 2024
10:00 am on
St. Bernard Church Grounds



Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus,
Council 1120



Holy Week Schedule

March 23 & 24	Palm Sunday
March 28	Holy Thursday
	7:00 pm Mass and Adoration St. John
March 29	Good Friday
	2:00 pm Service St. John
	7:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross
	St. Bernard
March 30	Blessing of the Easter Basket & the Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00 am St. Bernard
	Easter Vigil
	9:00 pm St. Bernard
March 31	Easter Sunday
	9:00 am Mass St. John
	11:00 am Mass St. Bernard
	12:30 pm Mass (Español) St. Bernard

Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, March 17 • Domingo, 17 Marzo

- 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
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class, St. Bernard's Social Hall

Monday, March 18 • Lunes, 18 Marzo

- 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
- 5:00 pm Set up for the St. Joseph Table
St. Bernard Parish Center
- 6:30 pm From Mass to Mission,
St. Bernard's Social Hall

Tuesday, March 19 • Martes, 19 Marzo

No Morning Mass

- 5:30 pm Legion of Mary, St. Bernard's Classroom
- 7:00 pm Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph,
Misa de la Solemnidad de San José,
St. Bernard Church
- 8:00 pm St. Joseph Table, Mesa San José,
St. Bernard Parish Center

Wednesday, March 20 • Miercoles, 20 Marzo

- 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, March 21 • Jueves, 21 Marzo

- 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 22 • Viernes, 22 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 Fish Fry,
Pescado frito de Caballeros de Colón,
St. Bernard Parish Center
- 7:00 pm Estaciones de la Cruz (Español),
St. Bernard's Church

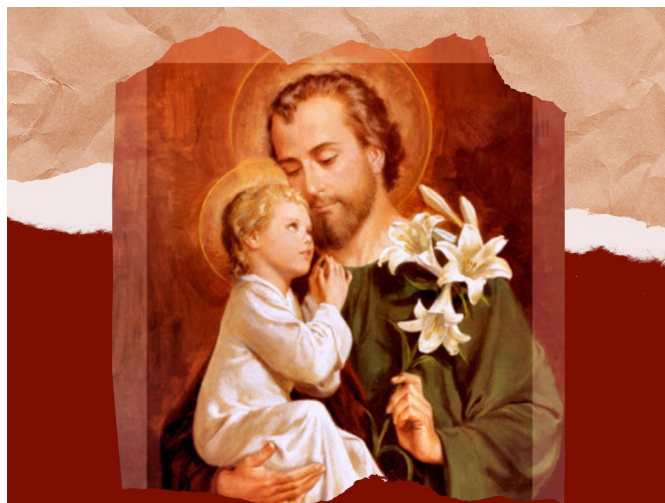
Saturday, March 23 • Sabado, 23 Marzo

- 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

Thank You!

Sunday Donuts

Thank you to Knights of Columbus & Stephen 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.



St. Joseph's Table

St. Joseph Table

Tuesday March 19th

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. We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration however we need your help;

We need donations of the food to be shared with our parish family, the symbolic food, flowers, and clean up help. If you are able to, please follow the following link or call the office to sign up to donate food or your time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD48AFAB2CA5FBC43-47989993-stjosephs>

St. Joseph Table - Photos of Loved Ones

Part of the St. Joseph's Day Celebration is asking for St. Joseph's intercession for our loved ones. One practical way we do this is by placing a picture on the St. Joseph's Table. So we are collecting photos from our Parish Family. If you would like your loved one's photo to be incorporated in the table, please bring a photo in a frame and place it in the basket in the vestibules of the Churches. The Photo and Frame should have a piece of tape on the back with your name, so they can be returned to you after the 19th. For more information or if you have questions, please email **Chad at 4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**.

St. Joseph Table - Donations For the Poor

The celebration of the St. Joseph Table has always been linked with providing for the needs of the poor. This year, we are collecting non-perishable food and hygiene products to be shared with the needy in our local community. We encourage you to bring something to donate as we celebrate on March 19th.



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
March 24

Tootsie Roll Drive

11:00 am

Corporate CommunionSt. Bernard's Church

April 2 • 6:00 pm

K of C Officers Meeting

..... Knights Room in St. Bernard

K of C RosarySt. Bernard's Church

K of C Monthly Meeting

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

Our Stewardship

For March 10, 2024

Sunday, March 10,\$6,978.00

Online\$3,271.00

YTD Budget\$429,340.00

YTD Collections\$403,076.00

Shortfall\$26,264.00

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(Closed for lunch

12:30 - 1:30 pm)

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