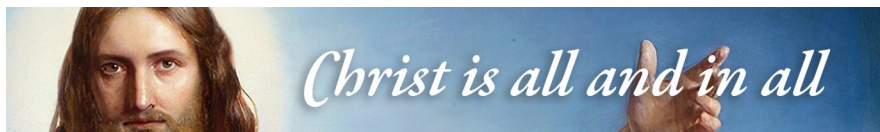


An abstract painting with a dark, moody atmosphere. The upper half features swirling, textured brushstrokes in shades of grey, white, and yellow, suggesting a cloudy or ethereal sky. The lower half is dominated by dark, horizontal, wavy brushstrokes in deep green, black, and brown, representing a turbulent sea or a dark landscape. The overall texture is thick and expressive, with visible paint application.

Christ, the Son
OF THE LIVING GOD

Christo, el Hijo
DE DIOS VIVO



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
Path Appleton
Andrew Bain
Elizabeth Bean
The Benson Family
Pam Blakeman
Lee Boardman
Sharon Calahan
James Carpentier
Cole Childress
Grace deBest
April Dornseif
Christian Dornseif
Sally Eberhard
Stephanie Endsley
Sarah Fairthorne
Sandy Fenderbosch
Carol Frosolone
Rose Fuller
Gabe Galligan
Steve Gaunder
Donna Gregg
Eileen Healy

Linda Heil
Anita Hicks
Philip Hild
Michelle Horton
Barbara Hosbein
Martha Hudson
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
Ted Mills
Dorthey Myrick
Larry Olson
Sam Pantelleria
Anna Post
Mary Ann Puchinsky

Kim Puleo
Mario Reich
Jolene Richards
Kristy Schmitt
Michael Sears
Ann Shembarger
Martha Shuler
Deanna Signor
Dave Simaz
Arlene Sisson
Mark Smith
Noah Snowden
Joseph Stainer
Ruth Still
The Tezich Family
James Thomas, Jr.
Shirley Thomas
Terry Wallis
Connie Weaver
Brian Wilder
Julie Wilder
Ruth Ann York
Mary Zielke
Lottie Zmyslo
Special Intentions

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 28, 5:00pm Mass

Lector.....Peter Shaffer
EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Darla Nickel
Ushers.....Jim Visin,
.....Joe Campbell, Patrick Clark

Sunday, June 29, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Jim Stouffer
EMHC.....Dan Frosolone & Janet Nahikian
Ushers.....Perla Tolentino, Pete Frosolone,
.....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, June 29, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....Rajesh William
EMHC.....Terri Wallis & Judy Steed
UshersJeff Chorny,
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, June 29, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Nora, Valeria, & Rosaura

Saturday, July 5, 5:00pm Mass

Lector.....Darla Nickel
EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Darla Nickel
Ushers.....Jim Visin,
.....Joe Campbell, Gary Cecchi

Sunday, July 6, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Steve Gaunder
EMHC.....Debbie Dibble & John Heil
Ushers.....Perla Tolentino, Mike Damico,
.....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, July 6, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....Rajesh William
EMHC.....Terri Wallis & Judy Steed
UshersJeff Chorny,
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, July 6, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Nohemi, Estrella, & Herman Natalia

Adoration

Mondays St. Bernard's
7:00 am - 4:30 pm

Fridays St. John's
8:30 am - 12:00 noon

First Friday of the month

St. Bernard Church (enter door #8)
8:00 pm—12:00 midnight

Our goal is to have two people for each hour. Is God asking you to come and be with Him? To sign up, please call 269-925-2425.

Adoration Schedule Change

Beginning **Friday, July 11**, the Adoration time at St. John Church will be changed to 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. **Benediction will take place at 12:00 noon.**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 28 **Marica Grover**

8:00 am †Mike Blankenbaker,
by Jerry & Laura SarnoSJ
5:00 pm †Sandra Holmes
by Sandra & Norm FunkeSB

Sunday, June 29

9:00 am †Tom Damico
by the Perrino FamilySJ
11:00 am Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus,SB
12:30 pm (Español) Our Parish Family .SB

Monday, June 30**Steve Gauder**

5:30 pm †Fr. Mike Rejent
by Jim StoufferSB

Tuesday, July 1 **Peter Shaffer**

8:00 am †Jean Gentry & †Judy Rice
by Eileen Healy.....SJ

Wednesday, July 2**Mary Seymour**

9:00 am Jim & Deb Visin,
by Bert SerockiSB

Friday, July 4 **No Daily Mass**

Saturday, July 5 **Marica Grover**

8:00 am †Mike Blankenbaker,
by Bob & Kathy LandeckSJ
5:00 pm Jeff & Linda Mitchell
by St. John ChoirSB

Sunday, July 6

9:00 am Our Parish FamilySJ
11:00 am †Emil Michelini
By Gil & Fran Michelini.....SB
12:30 pm (Español) †Angel Joel Diaz &
†Lidio Analco
by Norma AnalcoSB

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of June 29, 2025

Sunday

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles - R

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20;
Jn 21:15-19

Mass during the Day: Acts 12:1-11;
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Monday

**Memorial of the First Martyrs of the
Church of Rome - R**

Gen 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 8:18-22;

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest - W

Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26: 2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8: 23-27

Wednesday

**Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week
in Ordinary Time - G**

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8: 28-34

Thursday

Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle - R

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 20: 24-29

Friday

Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time - G

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5;
Mt 9: 9-13

Saturday

**Memorial Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest and
Saint Elizabeth of Portugal - W**

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17

Schedule Change

July 4

There will not be the 55+ Lunch Bunch on
Wednesday, July 2. Daily Mass will be at 9:00
am at St. Bernard.

Due to the holiday on **Friday, July 4,** There will
not be Mass, Confession or Adoration at St. John
Church. First Friday evening Adoration will take
place on **Friday, July 11** at St. Bernard Church.

Key to the City

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Sometimes a mayor presents the key to the city to a citizen who has given outstanding service to the community. When Jesus gives Simon the keys to the kingdom of heaven, it is more than just a symbolic honor bestowed by a mayor. Jesus is actually giving both a blessing and a responsibility.

The blessing is that Peter recognized Jesus as the Son of God. Even today, people are blessed with this kind of faith. An atheist who has heard of Jesus but regards him as just another holy man may receive the faith to see that Jesus is the Son of God. A sick person may see that Jesus is with her in her suffering and begin to have hope. The faith that sees Jesus in others is the rock on which Jesus builds his church.

The responsibility comes in the binding and loosing. One meaning of this is the power that Jesus gives his church to forgive sins. So those who follow Jesus have that same obligation to forgive others. If we forgive those who hurt us, they may come to see God's love in us and know that God forgives them, too. So why pass up an opportunity to show God's love by forgiving someone? All Christians pray in the Lord's Prayer that we may be forgiven as we forgive others. Let us use the keys of the kingdom to open the doors of God's love.

Tom Schmidt



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The weather was very hot but our Catechists were working hard to prepare for fall.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is our Religious Education Program that meets weekly at St. John School. The program is for ages birth through 6th grade. If you have any questions about our program, please email ssjbreled@gmail.com or call 269-925-2425.



High School Youth Group

TUESDAYS
6:00-8:00

Come join us for this social night in the community. We will have dinner provided. We will meet on **Tuesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 pm** in the **Rose Center Youth Room**. See you then! Be sure to wear clothes that you can move in!

Emmaus Group

Mass, Prayer, and Coffee

Students 8 - 12 Grades
Thursdays - 8:00 AM Mass
St. Joseph Downtown Church

This summer, we want to bring you another opportunity to gather and pray together. We will be meeting once a week for Morning Mass, Morning Prayer, and a walk to grab coffee or breakfast after. Come for part or all of it! We will meet on **Thursdays**. For more information about the group or with questions please email **Chad at 4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**



MEN'S GROUP

ROSE CENTER YOUTH ROOM
BOYS GRADES 8-12
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL CHAD
AT 4CHURCHESYM@GMAIL.COM

Our High School Men's Group is up and running. We are starting with the book *Pray, Decide, and Don't Worry*. The group is open to any boys currently in grades 8-12. If you would like to attend, please let us know by emailing **Chad at 4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**

Our Lady of the Lake

Summer is a time for growth-not just in our gardens, but in our school community. Thank you to everyone who supported Our Lady of the Lake this year. Your generosity is planting seeds that will bloom in the lives of our students for years to come.

Contact:

Jennifer Ickes
Development Office
269-588-3108 (office)
269-449-3400 (cell)
Jickes@ollakers.org



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry provides high quality, one to one (gender to gender), Christ centered care to persons experiencing a crisis or life difficulty. Parishioners who are hurting can request a trained care giver, who will provide confidential, emotional, and spiritual support. Care givers engage by listening to, praying with, and providing resources for each care receiver. In addition, Stephen Ministry is about sharing hope with those struggling, knowing of Jesus's love for every person.

Wendy Maychszak.

Parish secretary: 925-2425

Stephen Leaders

Jim Stouffer - 269-208-4207

Deacon Ed Nickel - 269-214-4451



What Is the Legion of Mary?

Legion of Mary is an apostolic organization of Catholic lay people with over three million active members internationally. It has operated since 1931 with the blessing of the Church. "The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members, developed by prayer and active co-operation under ecclesial [Church] guidance" (Manual, p. 11).

How Does the Legion of Mary Work?

It makes its members better Catholics, first, through a balanced program of prayer and service under the direction of local priests and bishops. In this way we serve our parishes' existing needs as well as draw those on the outskirts into the Faith through evangelization and works of mercy.

Who Can Belong?

Men and women of any age or walk of life! There is an easing-in period so you can see how work or family obligations blend with the tried and proven system of the Legion. All that is required is a desire to serve Christ through Mary.

How Do I Start?

Come be our guest at any of the Legion of Mary meetings in our parish collaborative! No RSVP required! There are currently three local meetings:

Tuesdays 6-7:30 pm Adult Legion, St. Bernard Classroom, Benton Harbor

Tuesdays 6-7:30 pm Adult Legion, St. Joseph Church, Watervliet MI,

Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm Spanish Legion, legion de maria, St. Bernard Classroom

Sundays 9:45-10:45 am Junior Legion (ages 8-17), St. Joseph Church, Watervliet

If you have questions please call or text **Joe DeJong 269-277-0660**.



Mass Intentions

Catholics have Mass intentions to unite their personal prayers and petitions with the sacrifice of Christ in the Eucharist. The Mass is the most powerful form of prayer, and offering it for specific intentions, whether for the living or the deceased, to seek God's grace and blessings for those intentions through the sacrifice of the Mass.

Mass intentions can be offered for a variety of reasons, including:

- For the Living: To seek God's grace and blessings for a living person who is sick, celebrating a special occasion, or for any other personal intention.
- For the deceased: To offer prayers for the repose of the soul of a deceased person, especially those in purgatory. The Mass can assist them in their purification.
- In thanksgiving: To express gratitude to God for blessings received, such as anniversary's.
- In petition: To ask for specific graces or blessings.

Our Mass intention book is open for 2026 however there are still Daily Masses available for 2025. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.

The important part to remember is that you are **NOT** paying for the graces from God (which are of infinite value and can not be paid for), but for the material things that are involved with celebrating that particular Mass.

Rest in Christ's Peace

Please pray for **Madelyn Salvano** that she may enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends that they find peace in the promise of Christ.



Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, June 29 • Sabado, 29 Junio

11:00 am Spanish Religious Education, St. Bernard
1:30 pm Lunch & Volleyball, St. Bernard

Monday, June 30 • Lunes, 30 Junio

7:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. Bernards Church
4:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church
5:15 pm Benediction, Bendición, St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, July 1 • Martes, 1 Julio

6:00 pm Legion of Mary, St. Bernard's Classroom
6:00 pm High School Youth Group,
Grupo de jóvenes de secundaria,
The Rose Center
301 Wayne Street, St. Joseph
6:00 pm Maria Música de Dios, ensayo de coro (Español),
St. Bernard Church
6:30 pm St. John Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church

Wednesday, July 2 • Miercoles, 2 Julio

Thursday, July 3 • Jueves, 3 Julio

8:00 am Youth Ministry - Emmaus, Mass & Breakfast
Ministerio de Jóvenes - Emaús, Misa y Desayuno,
St. Joseph Catholic Church,
220 Church St, St Joseph, MI
6:30 pm St. Cecilia Music Rehearsal, St. Bernard Church
7:00 pm Legion of Mary, legion de maria, Spanish,
St. Bernard Classroom

Friday, July 4 • Viernes, 4 Julio

Parish Office Closed

No Daily Mass, Confession or Adoration

Saturday, July 5 • Sabado, 5 Julio

8:30 am Quilt Ministry, Ministerio de colchas,
St. Bernard Classroom
3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church



Pray For Our Military Soldiers

CPT Camila Avello, daughter of Miguel & Brooke Avello,
Sister of Sebastian Avello

SGT Gabriel Brunner, son of Jon & Lynn Brunner

STAFF SGT Jared Haberlin,
grandson-in-law of Dale & Patricia Quattrin

Captain Noah M. Hanau, son of Brett & Cathy Taylor,
grandson of Dale & Patricia Quattrin

Captain Rory McRae, Air Force, Grandson of Maureen McRae

PFC Chase Ott, Army Infantry, Grandson of Kathleen & Lyle Ott

SGT Gus Pinkowski, son of Bob & Peg Pinkowski

SP4 Jesse Schueneman, Army, son of Tom & Martha Schueneman

HM2 Tim Schwartz, USN; nephew of Peter & Raejene Shaffer

AFC Kaden Stock, Grandson of Byron & Nancy Stock

PFC Samantha Quattrin, great niece of Dale & Patricia Quattrin &
Erin Fitzsimmons



Our Youth Ministry will be driving home from Steubenville Ohio on **Sunday, June 29**. Please keep 20 Youth and 4 chaperones in prayer for safe travels and guidance by the Holy Spirit for a fruitful experience.

ALL ARE WELCOME

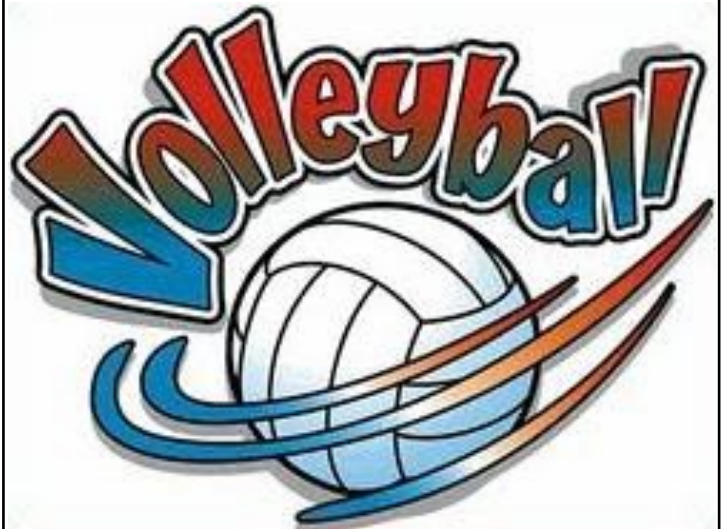
Sundays at St. Bernard at 1:45

(following the 12:30 Mass)

For

Lunch & Volleyball!

Bring a dish to pass & join the fun!



Knights of Columbus

Council 1120

Won't you consider joining the Knights and help build our Parish community? No time commitment is too small. Insurance; only members are welcome.

To all the members of K of C Council 1120, please consider choosing 1 or 2 events with which you can help throughout the year. Many hands make light the work. Contact Grand Knight Joe Peters for more information **269-338-3640**, **GK1120@mikofc.org**.

Upcoming Events

June 29 • 11:00 am

Corporate Communion,.....St. Bernard Church

July 8 • 6:00 pm

K of C Officers Meeting,..... Knights Room

6:30 pm K of C Rosary,..... St. Bernard Church

7:00 pm K of C Monthly Meeting,

..... Knight's Chamber

Our Stewardship

For June 22, 2025

Collections\$6,157.85

Online\$2,982.00

YTD Budget\$588,461.54

YTD Collection.....\$550,757.58

Shortfall\$37,703.96

Bishops Annual Appeal 2025

Pledged\$88,037.40

Goal\$100,496.00

Number of families that have

pledged192

It's Easy To Give Online

Our online giving platform is quick and easy, scan the QR code or on our parish website, **ssjohnandbernard.org**

For more information contact the Parish Office.



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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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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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

Catholic Schools

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