



MARÍA

ESCOGIÓ LA MEJOR PARTE

MARY

HAS CHOSEN THE BETTER PART



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



Adoration

Mondays St. Bernard's
7:00 am - 4:30 pm
Fridays St. John's
8:00 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**.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 19, 5:00pm Mass

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

Sunday, July 20, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Janet Nahikian
EMHC.....Debra Dibble & Tracy Koshar
Ushers.....Perla Tolentino, Michael Damico,
.....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, July 20, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....Gil Michelini
EMHC.....Fran Michelini & Shurlie Rochefort
UshersJeff Chorny,
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, July 20, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Maria Yopez, Fulgencia & Yessica

Saturday, July 26, 5:00pm Mass

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

Sunday, July 27, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Steve Gaunder
EMHC.....Dan Frosolone & Tracy Koshar
Ushers.....Perla Tolentino, Pete Frosolone,
.....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, July 27, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....Bill Klein
EMHC.....Patricia Quattrin & Judy Steed
UshersJeff Chorny,
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, July 27, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Ximena, Azucena, y Nora

Adoration Schedule Change

Adoration time at St. John Church on Fridays has changed to 8:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Benediction will take place at 12:00 noon.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 19	Marica Grover
8:00 am	†Mike Blankenbaker, by Laurie Merchant.....SJ
5:00 pm	Jeff & Linda Mitchell by St. John ChoirSB
Sunday, July 20	
9:00 am	Our Parish Family.....SJ
11:00 am	†Fr. Mike Rejent, by Eileen Healy.....SB
12:30 pm	(Español) †Joel Ramirez, by Nora RamierzSB
Monday, July 21	Steve Gauner
5:30 pm	†*David Seymour by Mary Seymour.....SB
Tuesday, July 22	Peter Shaffer
8:00 am	†Michael Blankenbaker by Deacon Ed & Darla Nickel SJ
Wednesday, July 23	Mary Seymour
9:00 am	†Bert Serocki by Deacon Ed & Darla Nickel SB
Friday, July 25	Darla Nickel
8:00 am	†Phyllis Peters by Van & Wendy Maychszak.SJ
Saturday, July 26	Marica Grover
8:00 am	†Bertha & †Irwin Stock, by Byron & Nancy Stock.....SJ
5:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Knights of ColumbusSB
Sunday, July 27	
9:00 am	†Mike Hughson, by the Shoemaker FamilySJ
11:00 am	Our Parish Family,SB
12:30 pm	(Español) †Victor Hugo Torres, by the Torres FamilySB

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of July 20, 2025

Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - G Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Monday	Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - G Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene - W Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - G Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time - G Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Feast of Saint James, Apostle - R 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday	Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary - W Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Rest in Christ's Peace

Please pray for **John Schmuhl** that he may enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for his family and friends that they find peace in the promise of Christ.

Banns of Marriage

August 8, 2025

Samatha Garlach & Devin Barz

The Better Part

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He saw that Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ.

And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside, and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. As we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

Tom Schmidt

Our Lady of the Lake

Mark your calendars! **Our 33rd Annual Dr. John Proos Laker Athletic Golf Classic** is coming up on **August 15**. Sponsorships and team spots are still available-visit our website or contact the Development Office to get involved!

Contact:

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



33rd Annual Dr. John Proos Laker Athletic Golf Outing August 15th

For more information or to register call the school at **269-983-2511** or check their website for details at <https://one.bidpal.net/drproosgolfclassic2025/welcome>.





Current Student Re-Enrollment Is Now Open!

For inquiries, go to www.ollakers.org



**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!



- August 19th -

Our Annual MI Adventure Day will be **August 19th**! We hope that any students going into **grades 8 -12** can join us for this youth group tradition to close out the summer. We will leave at **9:00 AM** and return around **9:30 PM**. Students will need to pack a lunch and bring money for dinner. The cost per student is \$45. Registration forms are due to Chad by **Tuesday August 5th**. We are still in need of chaperones and drivers for this trip. If you are interested in helping, please let Chad know by email at **4ChurchesYM@gmail.com**

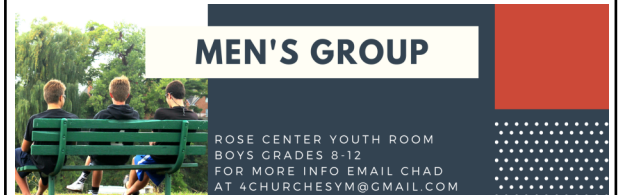
Emmaus Group

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**



The Berrien County Youth Fair is coming up soon! We encourage anyone interested to help us staff our Catholic table at the fair. It's a great experience and a wonderful way to spread your faith! The dates are **August 11th thru August 16th**. For more information please call **Jan at 630-890-9509** or **Darla at 269-921-0496** to sign up.

Saint of the Week

Saint Mary Magdalen—July 22

Though her transgressions may have been many, just as abundant was her love for her Lord. Perhaps one of the greatest conversion stories of the New Testament, Mary Magdalene was one from whom seven demons had been expelled, a woman plagued by turmoil. She lived her own type of hell on earth, that is, until Jesus crossed her path one day. She first appears in the Bible accompanying him as he journeyed from one town to the other "preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God".

Her gratitude led her to follow and serve her Lord tirelessly, all the way up to the foot of the cross. She did not abandon him in the face of difficulty, nor did she deny him despite the harsh cruelty all around her. She was one of the few to accompany him, gazing upon his beaten and torn countenance as he took his final breath. Jesus rewarded this loving devotion as she is known in Mark's account to be the first one to see him after the Resurrection (Mark 16:9). May we follow the example of Saint Mary Magdalene in our unwavering dedication to God, so that at the end of our days we may also declare, "I have seen the Lord!"

Tami Urcia



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO

Serve

IN DIACONAL MINISTRY?



*"Whoever serves me
must follow me;
and where I am
my servant also will be"*

- John 12:26



DIocese of Kalamazoo
OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE
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*APPLICATIONS DUE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Effective immediately, the Diocese of Kalamazoo will begin receiving applications for candidates to enroll in the inquiry phase of diaconal formation. Additional information including the timelines, standards, requirements and applications can be found on the diocesan website at www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation. Informational meetings will be scheduled in each Deanery during August, with applications due by **September 15**.

Job Opening

Our Parish is looking for a Part time Secretary. This would be a shared position and only 19 hours a week.

There is also an opening for a Part-time Bookkeeper. If you have questions please contact Father John Peter at ssjbpastor@gmail.com or call 269-925-2425.

Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, July 20 • Sabado, 20 Julio

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

Monday, July 21 • Lunes, 21 Julio

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 22 • Martes, 22 Julio

6:00 pm Legion of Mary, St. Bernard's Classroom
6:00 pm Maria Música de Dios, ensayo de coro (Español), St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, July 23 • Miercoles, 23 Julio

Thursday, July 24 • Jueves, 24 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 25 • Viernes, 25 Julio

8:30 am Adoration, Adoración, St. John Church
8:30 am Confession, Confesión, St. John Church
12:00 noon Benediction, Bendición, St. John Church
6:30pm Español Ensayo del coro infantil en,
St. Bernard Church

Saturday, July 26 • Sabado, 26 Julio

9:00 am Knights of Columbus District Meeting,
Reunión de Distrito de los Caballeros de Colón
St. Bernard Parish Center
3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church

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.

St. Joseph First Sunday Rosary

First Sunday of the month

Our next First Sunday Rosary will be **Sunday, August 3**. We will meet at **2:00 pm St. Joseph Downtown**. All are welcome!



Youth Group

July 19 - July 26

Please keep our youth and chaperones in your prayers as they travel to Arkansas. They will be spending the week at the Little Portion Hermitage Monastery in Berryville, Arkansas. Please pray for safe travels and an enriching experience.

ALL ARE WELCOME

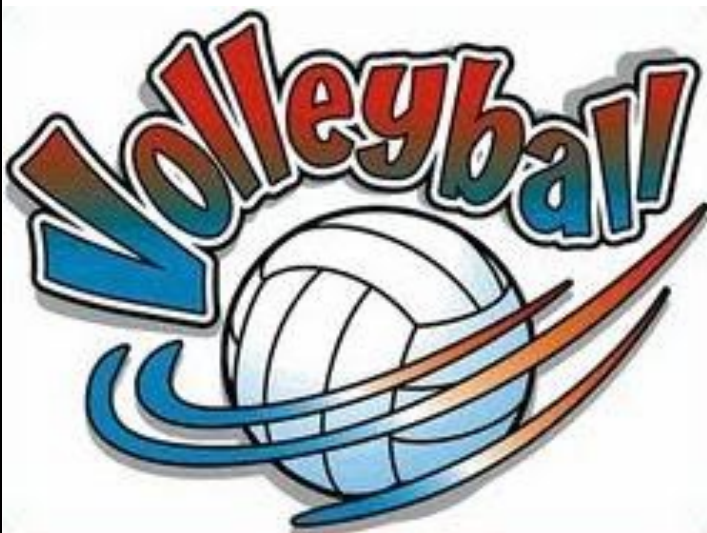
Sundays at St. Bernard at 1:45

(following the 12:30 Mass)

For

Lunch & Volleyball!

Bring a dish to pass & join the fun!



Knights of Columbus

Council 1120

Many thanks to the June Knight of the Month **Gil Michelini** for his steadfast support of council events.

Thank you to all who participated in the 2025 Memorial Golf Tournament. It was a great time and allowed the **Knights to donate approximately \$1700 to the Readiness Center.**

Interested in becoming a Knight? Contact Grand Knight Joe Peters for more information **269-338-3640, GK1120@mikofc.org.**

Upcoming Events

July 26 • 5:00 pm

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

August 12 • 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

8:00 pm Council Dinner,

..... St. Bernard Parish Center

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

**Administrator • Father John
Peter Ambrose**

ssjbpastor@gmail.com

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ednickel57@gmail.com

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Manager • Wendy Maychszak

ssjbbusmgr@gmail.com

Parish

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Director of Adult Evangelization

Donny Wallenfang

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and Caretaker • Chris Visin

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Council • Gil Michelini

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Youth Ministry • Chad Roden

4churchesym@gmail.com

(269) 983-1575

Director of Religious

Education • Peggy Hanley

SSJBRelEd@gmail.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

Catholic Schools

Middle/High School

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St. Joseph, MI 49085

(269) 983-2511

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areed@ollakers.org

Elementary School

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St. Joseph, MI 49085

(269) 429-0227

Sherri Kirschner, Principal

skirschner@ollakers.org

Business Office

220 Church Street

St. Joseph, MI 49085

(269) 983-5529

Our Stewardship

For July 13, 2025

Collections\$8,311.00

Online\$3,008.18

YTD Budget\$21,692.31

YTD Collection\$20,045.60

Shortfall\$1,646.71

Bishops Annual Appeal 2025

Pledged\$99,629.40

Goal\$100,496.00

Number of families that have

pledged **210**

It's Easy To Give Online

ssjohnandbernard.org

For more information contact
the Parish Office.

