



You are the *way*
You are *the truth*
You *are the life!*

Tú eres el *cámino*
Tú eres *la verdad*
Tú *eres la vida!*



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.

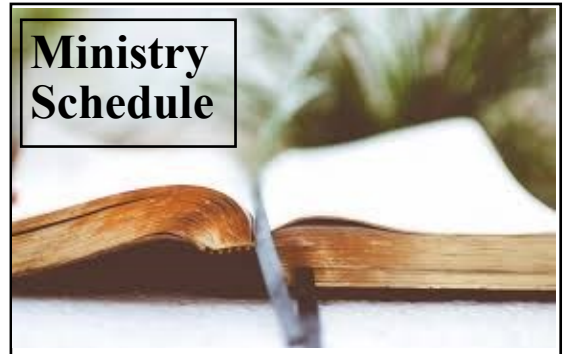
Please Pray For Our Sick

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
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, August 23, 5:00pm Mass

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

Sunday, August 24, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Janet Nahikian
EMHC.....Dan Frosolone & Tracy Koshar
Ushers.....Perla Tolentino, Mike Damico,
.....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, August 24, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....William Rajesh
EMHC.....Judith Steed & Patricia Quattrin
Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, Agosto 24, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Nora, Asuzena, & Valeria

Saturday, August 30, 5:00pm Mass

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

Sunday, August 31, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Jim Stouffer
EMHC.....Debbie Dibble & Tracy Koshar
Ushers.....Perla Tolentino, Mike Damico,
.....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, August 31, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....Bill Klein
EMHC.....Terry Wallis & Patricia Quattrin
Ushers.....Jeff Chorny,
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, Agosto 31, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector....Nohemi Lopez, Rosaura, & Maria Yepes

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**.



Schedule Change

Saturday, August 30

Father will be celebrating a Quinceanera on Saturday, August, 30 at 11:00 am at St. Bernard Church. There will not be an 8:00 am Daily Mass at St. John Church on that day.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23

5:00 pm Robin & Carol Campbell,
By Joe & Anne Campbell SB

Sunday, August 24

9:00 am †Tom Damico,
by the Perrino Family SJ

11:00 am Our Parish Family, SB
12:30 pm (Español) †Roger & †Becky
Hackney,
by Tom & Peggy Hanley SB

Monday, August 25 Judy Zencka

5:30 pm †Madelyn Salvano
by the Salvano Family SB

Tuesday, August 26 Peter Shaffer

8:00 am Eileen Healy,
by Dolores Pepperl SJ

Wednesday, August 27 Mary Seymour

9:00 am †Bert Serocki
by Van & Wendy Maychszak SB

Friday, August 29 Marcia Grover

8:00 am Karen Brunner, (birthday)
by Jon & Lynn Brunner SJ

Saturday, August 30

5:00 pm John Paul & Abbie Nickel
(Wedding Anniversary),
Deacon Ed & Darla Nickel SB

Sunday, August 31

9:00 am Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus, SJ
11:00 am †*Bre Mam,
by the William Family, SB
12:30 pm (Español) Our Parish Family SB

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - G Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Monday	Monday of the Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	Tuesday of the Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Monica - W 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	Thursday of the Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist - R 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	Saturday of the Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Looking Good

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we follow our consciences or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

Tom Schmidt

Alarm Code Change

The Parish will be changing the alarm procedures and codes. If you have a key to the buildings, I will be contacting you to update these changes and give you your own personal code.

Thank you for all you do.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open House

August 24, 10:00 am– 12:00 noon

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd **Open House Sunday, August 24, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** at St. John's School. Come and see what our religious education program looks like, meet our catechists, and receive registration information for classes starting **Sept. 21st**. We have a unique program that offers hands-on, Montessori experiences centered on Scripture and the Liturgy that will foster your child's personal relationship with God. This form of catechesis is available for children from birth to 6th grade.

Attention parents!

Sacraments of 1st Penance/1st Holy Communion and for the sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation for the sacraments of 1st Penance/1st Holy Communion and for the sacrament of Confirmation are both two year programs. First Communion preparation starts in 1st grade and Confirmation preparation starts in 7th grade. Please see our parish website for the sacramental enrollment forms, or contact **Peggy Hanley** at ssjbreled@gmail.com for more information.

How Can You Serve Our Parish Family?

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, meet new people and connect with our parish family. We have had a number of our longtime volunteers develop health issues. Are you being called to take your turn?

Our Parish Picnic will be on September 14th following the 11:30 am bilingual Mass. We are always in need of set up and clean-up crews.

Our next Parish Council Meeting is **September 16**. We are looking for new Council Members, please contact the office.

Funeral Luncheon Volunteers - There is always a need for a dish to pass and servers to help our Parish Family during the hardest time of their life, (the loss of a loved one).

Office Volunteer - Helping with the parish office when special projects come up.

Liturgical Ministries - Lectors, Altar Servers, Choir, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers & gift bearers.

Many hands make light work.

If you have questions of what is involved, please contact the **parish office** ssjbbusmgr@gmail.com or **269-925-2425**.



WE'RE HIRING


HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO LET GOD'S LOVE SHINE!

Our Lady of the Lake Elementary School is looking to fill the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Part-time counselor/social worker
- Cafeteria Kitchen Assistant — 10-15 hours a week., Tentatively 10-12 or 12:30 M-F
- Playground Monitor 11:00 am to Noon M-F
- Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Instructor —Must be certified one or two hours a week—Volunteer

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT SHERRI KIRSCHNER AT SKIRSCHNER@OLLAKERS.ORG OR CALL 269-429-0227 EXT 301

www.ollakers.org



Save the Date
Rosary Rally 2025

Date: September 7
Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Location: University of Notre Dame

This free family event invites people of all ages to pray the rosary, listen to inspiring speakers, and join in fellowship.

Sponsored by

HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES NOTRE DAME CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS

Thank you to all who helped, Make a Difference!

On August 16 & 17 our parish family, came together to, raise money to help our fellow parishioners. So many people ate and enjoyed each others company. The families were truly humbled by the out pour of love and fellowship. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Council 1120 for organizing this fundraiser and bringing our parish family closer together.



Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, August 24 • Sabado, 24 Agosto
 10:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open House
 Casa Abierta de la Catequesis del Buen Pastor
 St. John School
 11:00 am Spanish Religious Education, St. Bernard
 2:00 pm Lunch & Games, Almuerzo y juegos,
 St. Bernard Parish Center

Monday, August 25 • Lunes, 25 Agosto
 7:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. Bernard Church
 4:30 pm Confession Confesión, St. Bernard Church
 5:15 pm Benediction, Bendición, St. Bernard Church
 6:00 pm Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting,
 St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, August 26 • Martes, 26 Agosto
 11:00 am American Red Cross Blood Drive,
 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
 Campaña de donación de sangre de la Cruz Roja
 Americana, patrocinada por los Caballeros de
 Colón, St. Bernard Parish Center
 6:00 pm Legion of Mary, St. Bernard's Classroom
 6:00 pm Maria Música de Dios, ensayo de coro (Español),
 St. Bernard Church
 6:00 pm High School Youth Group,
 Grupo de jóvenes de secundaria,
 The Rose Center
 301 Wayne Street, St. Joseph
 St. John Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church

Wednesday, August 27 • Miercoles, 20 Agosto

Thursday, August 28 • Jueves, 28 Agosto
 4:30 pm Beach Fun with Father John,
 Diversión en la playa con el padre John
 Dune's Pavilion at Silver Beach
 5:15 pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting,
 St. Bernard Social Hall
 6:30 pm St. Cecilia Music Rehearsal, St. Bernard Church
 7:00 pm Legion of Mary, legion de maria, Spanish,
 St. Bernard Classroom

Friday, August 29 • Viernes, 29 Agosto
 8:30 am Adoration, Adoración, St. John Church
 12:00 noon Benediction, Bendición, St. John Church
 6:30pm Español Ensayo del coro infantil en,
 St. Bernard Church

Saturday, August 30 • Sabado, 30 Agosto
No 8:00 am Daily Mass at St. John Church due to a Quinceanera
 11:00 am Quinceanera, St. Bernard Church
 3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church



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!



Parish Picnic




Sunday, September 14th, 12:30 pm

We are planning the parish picnic for **September 14**, following the 11:30 am bilingual Mass at St. Bernard Parish Center. For more information, please contact the Parish Office, **269-925-2425**.


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



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 EMAIL: DEACONFORMATION@DIOKZOO.ORG
 *APPLICATIONS DUE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Knights of Columbus

Council 1120



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

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.

Upcoming Events

August 26 • 11:00 am

American Red Cross Blood Drive
.....St. Bernard Parish Center

August 31 • 9:00 am

Corporate Communion,.....St. John Church

September 9 • 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

September 14 • 12:30 pm

Parish Picnic St. Bernard Church Grounds

Our Stewardship

For August 17, 2025 & The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary	\$1,371.00
Collections	\$6,274.00
Online	\$3,225.01
Weekly Budget	\$10,846.15
YTD Budget	\$75,923.08
YTD Collection	\$73,309.98
Shortfall	\$2,613.10

It's Easy To Give Online

ssjohnandbernard.org
For more information contact
the Parish Office.



Parish Directory

St. John Parish

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St. Bernard Parish

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Parish Office Information

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www.ssjohnandbernard.org

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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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Peter Ambrose**

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and Caretaker • Chris Visin

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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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