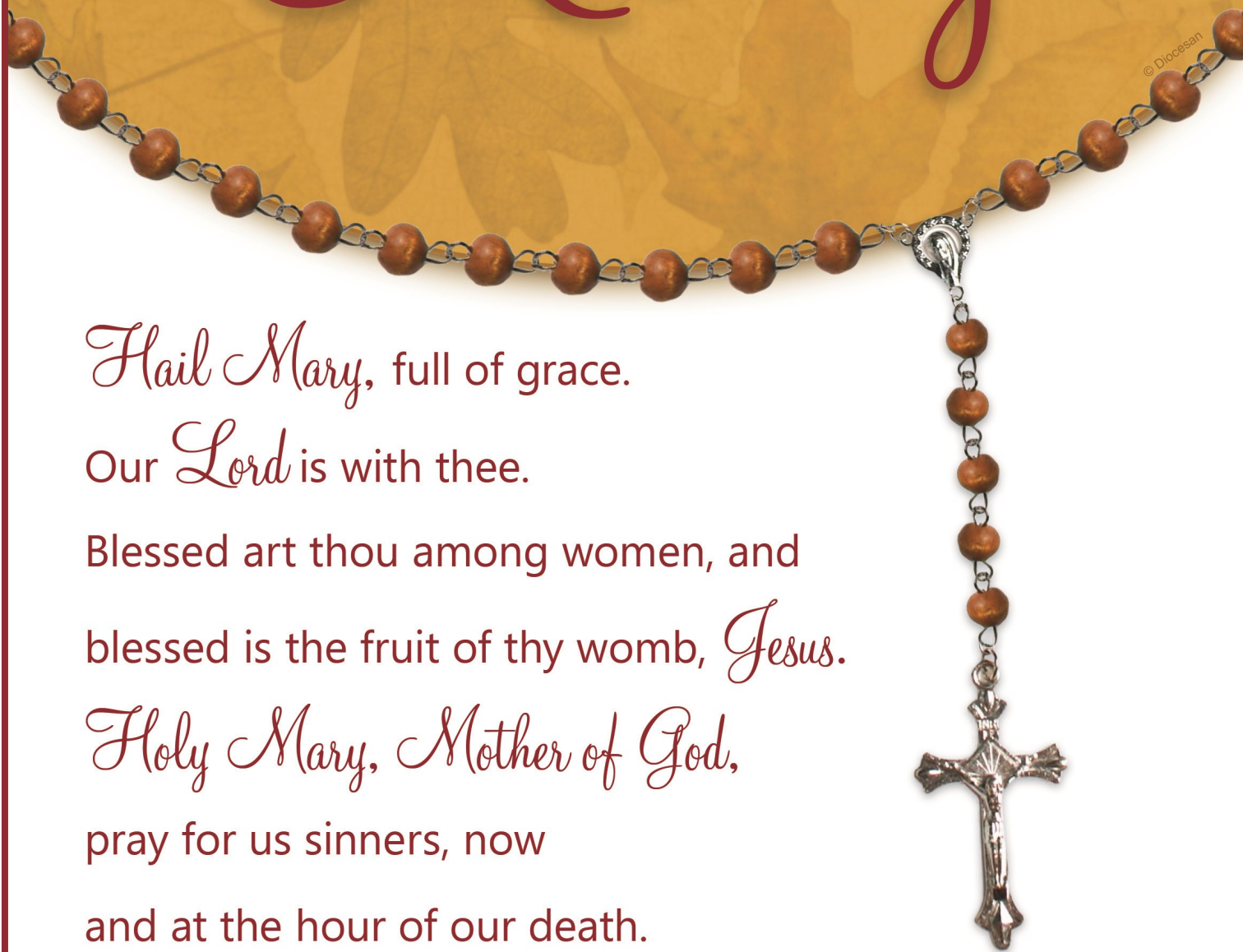


October

Month of the
Rosary



Hail Mary, full of grace.

Our *Lord* is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, *Jesus*.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death.

Amen



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
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
David Hines
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



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, October 4, 5:00pm Mass

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

Sunday, October 5, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Youth Mass
EMHC.....Dan Frosolone & Janet Nahikian
Ushers.....Pete Frosolone, Mike Damico,
.....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, October 5, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....Bill Klein
EMHC.....Terry Wallis & Marie Fedewa
Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, October 5, 12:30 pm Mass

LectorNohemi Lopez Lilia & Daylin

Saturday, October 11, 5:00pm Mass

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

Sunday, October 12, 9:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, October 12, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....Youth Mass
EMHC.....Judy Steed & Shurlie Rochefort
Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, October 12, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Karina, Maria Yopez & Yessica

Save the Date

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Advent by Candlelight will be on Tuesday, December 2. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 4

5:00 pm Our Parish Family,SB

Sunday, October 5

9:00 am †Dr. C. Bassett Brown
by Perla TolentinoSJ

11:00 am †Nora S. Healy,
by Eileen Healy.....SB

12:30 pm (Español) †Hera Cristóbal
Cucue,
By Marisela Cucue.....SB

Friday, October 10 Marcia Grover

8:00 am †Daniel O'Brien, Sr.
by Tammy O'BrienSJ

Saturday, October 11 Marcia Grover

8:00 am Nancy Gorman
by Linda Zienty.....SJ

5:00 pm †Valerie Bartalone (birthday),
by Gary & Loretta BaileySB

Sunday, October 12

9:00 am Our Parish FamilySJ

11:00 am †David Daroto,
by Carol ReigleSB

12:30 pm (Español) †Joel Ramirez &
Roberto Pedroza
by Nora RamirezSB

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 5, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - G Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10
Monday	Monday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - G Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary - W Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - G Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Thursday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - G Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Friday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - G Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Saturday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - G Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28

Parish Pilgrimage

September 26 - October 8

Some of our parishioners are on a pilgrimage to Rome. We will be returning on October 7. Please keep us in your Prayers, as you will all be in ours.

While we are away, there will still be weekend Masses and Adoration however there will not be Daily Masses and weekday confessions. The Parish Office will have limited hours. Please contact St. Joseph Parish for any emergency sacramental needs 269-983-1575.

Mass Times St. Joseph Downtown

Monday—Saturday 8:00 am
Friday - 12:15 pm

Confession Time St. Joseph Downtown

Friday - 11:00 am—12:00 noon

Taking Care of Business

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we were kids, my brothers and sisters and I thought that you were not supposed to say the blessing before meals in a restaurant. We were probably afraid of being embarrassed if non-believers saw us praying. I think of that when I hear St. Paul telling Timothy, “God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7). Our readings mention the difficulties that people of faith will encounter, and each reading has its own way of facing those hardships.

Jesus gives the practical advice: Look at the difficulties of being a disciple as just part of your job. So if the Lord says I must forgive those who hurt me, or be patient with customers, or share what I have with the poor—no problem; it’s part of the job of a disciple. Too tired to go to church after work on a holy day? Just taking care of business.

Paul reminds us in the second reading to stir the gifts of the Spirit into flame. If you take time to pray every day, if you look for God in other people, if you see difficulties as your share of the cross—you will begin to experience those gifts.

We can trust that this is more than just wishful thinking by going to the first reading. When the prophet cries out for help with the misery and violence in the world, he hears God’s promise that the vision (of hope for deliverance) will be fulfilled even if it seems to be delayed. We too hear that promise when we start to get discouraged, for God’s promise “will not disappoint” (Habakkuk 2:3).

Tom Schmidt



3. From a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his par-ents weren't especially devout. Antonia Salzano, his mom, said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her first Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding. But as a young child, Carlo loved to pray the rosary. After he made his first Communion, he went to Mass as often as possible at the parish across from his elementary school. Carlo's love for the Eucharist also inspired a deep conversion for his mother. According to the postulator promoting his cause for sainthood, he "managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily." Salzano spoke to "EWTN News Nightly" in October 2023 about her son's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She said: "He used to say, 'There are queues in front of a concert, in front of a football match, but I don't see these queues in front of the Blessed Sacrament' ... So, for him the Eucharist was the center of his life."

Who is Saint Carlo Acutis ?

1. Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy.

2. Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying: "I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven."

4. Carlo's witness of faith as a child led adults to convert and be baptized. Rajesh Mohur, who worked for the Acutis family as an au pair when Carlo was young, converted from Hinduism to Catholicism because of Carlo's witness. Carlo taught Mohur how to pray the rosary and told him about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Mohur said that one of the things that most impressed him as a non-Christian was the witness



of Carlo's love and concern for the poor — how he interacted with the homeless man who would sit at the entrance of the church and would bring Tupperware dishes filled with food out to people living on the streets.

5. Carlo wasn't afraid to defend Church teaching, even in situations when his classmates disagreed with him. Many of Carlo's high school classmates remember Carlo giving a passionate defense for the protection of life from the moment of conception when there was a classroom discussion about abortion.

6. Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, especially kids with disabilities. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis' family life. With his friends, he spoke about the importance of going to Mass and confession, human dignity, and chastity.

7. Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and taught himself some of the basic coding languages, including C and C++. He used his computer skills and internet savvy to help his family put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that has gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents. His spiritual director has attested that Carlo was personally convinced that the scientific evidence from Eucharistic miracles would help people to realize that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass.

8. Carlo loved playing video games. His mother recalls that he liked Nintendo Game Boy and GameCube as well as PlayStation and Xbox. He had conversations with his gaming buddies about the importance of going to Mass and confession and limited his video game playing to no more than two hours per week. Carlo also liked Spider-Man and Pokémon.

9. Carlo died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi. Initially, there were reports that Carlo's body was found to be incorrupt, but the bishop of Assisi clarified before his beatification that his body was not incorrupt. His body lies in repose in a glass tomb in Assisi where he can be seen in jeans and a pair of Nike sneakers. Thousands came to pray at his tomb at the time of his beatification in October 2020.

10. Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to Carlo's intercession in a decree on May 23, 2024. The miracle involved the healing of a 21-year old girl from Costa Rica named Valeria Valverde, who was near death after seriously injuring her head in a bicycle accident while studying in Florence in 2022. The first miracle that led to his beatification involved the healing of a 3-year-old boy in Brazil in 2013 who had been diagnosed with a malformation of his pancreas since birth.

Prayer to Saint Carlo Acutis

O God, You have given us in St. Carlo Acutis a model of virtue and holiness for our digital age. We thank you for making him an inspiration to young people through his devotion to the Eucharist, his love for the poor, and his ability to use modern means to spread the Gospel.

St. Carlo Acutis, friend of God and servant of the poor, intercede for us before the throne of grace. Help us to recognize Christ's presence in the Eucharist, to use our talents in service of others, and to navigate the digital world with wisdom and charity.

Like you, may each of us proclaim that "the Eucharist is my highway to heaven" and strive to live in constant communion with Our Lord. Guide us to use technology as a tool for evangelization and to bring others closer to Christ through our witness. Through your intercession, we ask for...

[make your request here].

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, October 5 • Sabado, 5 Octubre

- 10:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Catequesis del Buen Pastor, St. John School
- 11:00 am Sacramental Preparation (Spanish) Preparación Sacramental, St. Bernard Classroom

Kermes (Mexican Food) Sale after 11:00 am and 12:30 pm Masses at St. Bernard Parish Center.

Monday, October 6 • Lunes, 6 Octubre

No Daily Mass or Confession

- 7:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. Bernard Church
- 4:15 pm Benediction, Bendición, St. Bernard Church
- 6:30 pm Millions of Monica's, Millones de Mónicas. St. Bernard Church, Enter Door Number 8

Tuesday, October 7 • Martes, 7 Octubre

No Daily Mass

- 6:00 pm International Rosary & Potluck in St. Bernard Church and Social Hall.
- 6:30 pm Maria Música de Dios, ensayo de coro (Español), St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, October 8 • Miercoles, 8 Octubre

No Daily Mass

- 6:00 pm Becoming Catholic, St. Bernard Classroom
- 6:30 pm St. John Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church

Thursday, October 9 • Jueves, 9 Octubre

- 6:00 pm Catholic Bible Study, 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, October 10 • Viernes, 10 Octubre

- 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 Ensayo de danza española, St. Bernard Parish Center

Saturday, October 11 • Sabado, 11 Octubre

- 2nd Year Confirmation Retreat at Five Pines Ministries**
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church



International Rosary

October 7th at 6:00 pm St. Bernard Church

Please join us on at **6:00 pm October 7**, at St. Bernard's Church for the Feast of the Rosary. We will unite in prayer in any language you choose to pray. Please bring a food item of your choice, representing your language, to share following the Rosary. If you have any questions, please contact Darla Nickel at halfdimefamily@gmail.com

Únase a nosotros el 7, de octubre at 6:00 pm en la Iglesia de San Bernardo para la Fiesta del Rosario. Nos uniremos en oración en cualquier idioma que elijas para orar. Por favor traiga un alimento de su elección, que represente su idioma, para compartir. siguiendo el Rosario. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Darla Nickel en halfdimefamily@gmail.com



All Hallows' Eve Trunk of Treat

Saturday, October 25

Please join us on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at St. John's Church back parking lot, connected with the Readiness Center. (347 Catalpa Ave. Benton Harbor from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. For safety, cars arrive by 11:00 am and are decorated by 11:30 am. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1120 and the Lakeshore Deanery of Walking with Moms in Need.

Please decorate for the season and Catholic tradition. Plan to distribute candy and have a lot of fun!! For more information, contact Lynn 269-325-1097 or Jon 269-921-6989.



2025 High School Retreat

November 15th, 2025
9:00 am - 9:00 pm
St. Bernard Church

Cost: \$10
Per Student

Scan To Register



Knights of Columbus

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.



Upcoming Events

October 14 • 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

October 21 • 11:00 am

Knights of Columbus Sponsored
American Red Cross Blood Drive
St. Bernard Parish Center

October 25 • 5:00 pm

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

BCYF Thank you Luncheon

Sunday, November 2, 1:30 pm

Legion of Mary will be hosting a "Thank you Volunteers Luncheon" on **Sunday November 2**, at St. Bernard Parish Center at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact **Jan at 630-899-9509**.

Our Stewardship

I will update this information when we return from our Parish Pilgrimage. Please keep us in your prayers as you are in ours.

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For more information contact the Parish Office.



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