

# MONTH OF THE Rosary

*The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the devil to flight and to keep oneself in peace in any situation. It is a powerful weapon to keep oneself in peace in any situation. It is a powerful weapon to keep oneself in peace in any situation.*

*scars and labors. — Pope Pius IX*



OCTOBER



## 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 11, 5:00 pm 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

### Saturday, October 18, 5:00 pm Mass

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

### Sunday, October 19, 9:00 am Mass

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

### Sunday, October 19, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....Gil Michelini  
EMHC.....Terry Wallis & Shurlie Rochefort  
Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,  
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

### Sunday, October 19, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Nora, Azucena & Nohemy Zarco

## 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 11** ..... **Marcia Grover**  
 8:00 am Nancy Gorman .....  
 by Linda Zienty .....SJ  
 5:00 pm †Valerie Bartalone (birthday),  
 by Gary & Loretta Bailey .....SB

**Sunday, October 12**  
 9:00 am Our Parish Family .....SJ  
 11:00 am †David Daroto,  
 by Carol Reigle .....SB  
 12:30 pm (Español) †Joel Ramirez &  
 Roberto Pedroza  
 by Nora Ramirez .....SB

**Monday, October 13** ..... **Judy Zencka**  
 5:30 pm †Roger Meier  
 by Judy Zencka .....SB

**Tuesday, October 14** ..... **Peter Shaffer**  
 8:00 am Christopher Nickel (Birthday),  
 by Deacon Ed & Darla Nickel SJ

**Wednesday, October 15** ..... **Peg Pinkowski**  
 9:00 am †\*Ching Mendoza,  
 by the Mendoza Family .....SB

**Friday, October 17** ..... **Mary Seymour**  
 8:00 am †\*Alice O'Brien.  
 by Tammy O'Brien .....SJ

**Saturday, October 18** ..... **Marcia Grover**  
 8:00 am †Teresa Del Rosario .....  
 by Gina Vanasco .....SJ  
 5:00 pm †Tom Damico,  
 by the Perrino Family .....SB

**Sunday, October 19**  
 9:00 am †Paul, †Frances &  
 †Philip Herzog  
 by the Herzpg Family .....SJ  
 11:00 am Our Parish Family, .....SB  
 12:30 pm (Español) †Tomas Barrera  
 Alva  
 by Idalia Gabriel .....SB

† Indicates Deceased • \* Indicates Death Anniversary

# Scripture Readings

*For the Week of October 12, 2025*

**Sunday**      **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - G**  
 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

**Monday**      **Monday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - G**  
 Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday**      **Tuesday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - G**  
 Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday**      **Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - W**  
 Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday**      **Thursday of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - G**  
 Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Lk 11:47-54

**Friday**      **Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr - R**  
 Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday**      **Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist - R**  
 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

# Miracles of Faith

*Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Besides being cured, what do Nathan (first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Nathan proclaims Israel's God to be the only God. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me wonder, what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith?

For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on ways to solve those problems by not asking for help. If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer.

We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be just a theory. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed.

Tom Schmidt

# 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**.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Our Religious Education Program for ages birth—6th grade is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. 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. We will meet Sundays at 10:30 am at St. John School, 580 Columbus Ave. BH), Classes started on September 28, however it is not too late to signup.

### Sacraments of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **Seth Collins** at [ssjbformation@gmail.com](mailto:ssjbformation@gmail.com) for more information.



## Becoming Catholic

**Wednesdays, at 6:00 pm**

Join us this **Wednesday, October 15**, from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Social Hall of St. Bernard (555 E Delaware, Door 7) for our Becoming Catholic program. ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME to come and learn more about the Catholic faith. John 3:16 states – “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” This week we will explore the heart of the good news of salvation offered in Jesus Christ. Please email **Seth Collins** at [ssjbformation@gmail.com](mailto:ssjbformation@gmail.com) or call **269-925-2425** for more details.



## Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot

**Thursday, November 27**

St. Joseph Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K is just around the corner! This family-friendly tradition supports Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School and St. Vincent de Paul. Join us Thanksgiving morning for a scenic run or walk through downtown St. Joseph and along the lakefront. Sponsorship opportunities are available now. If you or your business would like to be part of this community event, please contact the Development Office at [jickes@ollakers.org](mailto:jickes@ollakers.org) or **269-588-3108**.

### Help Us Bring Back Lunch!

During COVID, the High School cafeteria was shut down by both the Fire Marshal and the Health Department. Since then, we’ve been unable to operate a lunch program. Without an updated kitchen, our students can’t receive hot meals or benefit from the free and reduced lunch program. This has also impacted our parish life. The Knights of Columbus can no longer host their beloved fish fries and pancake breakfasts, which bring fellowship and support to our school.

#### Critical Repairs Needed

- Roof Repair
- Walk-in Freezer Repair
- Fire Suppression System Update
- Oven/Stove Replacement Estimated

**Total Cost: \$80,000**

We need your help to make this possible. Every gift matters. Together, we can restore the heart of our school and once again serve our students and community.

Scan QR Code to donate online or Please return with your check to: High School Office 915 Pleasant Street St. Joseph, MI 49085 Questions? Contact **Jennifer Ickes** at **269-588-3108**



Scan To Register

## 2025 High School Retreat

November 15th, 2025

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

St. Bernard Church

Cost: \$10  
Per Student



# Father Away

October 27 - November 20

Father John Peter will be away on vacation from **October 27 - November 20**. Fr. Merry Benzer George, will be covering for Father in his absence. The Daily and Weekend Masses will be covered. Fr. George will not be able to drive while he is here. We will be looking for people to take him to and from the churches and possibly provide him with meals either at your home or you can plan to take him out to dinner. If you are able to help and welcome our visiting priest, you can use the QR code to sign up for a day or email [ssjbsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ssjbsecretary@gmail.com).



## Birthright Fundraiser

Trivia Night, Friday, October 24



Join us **Friday, October 24th, 2025** at the **Rose Center**  
**301 Wayne Street,**  
**St. Joseph, MI 49085**

This will be a fun-filled evening and test your knowledge of trivia!! Admission is **\$20 per person**, payable by cash or check at the door. Doors open at **6:00pm** - **Questions start at 7:00pm**. Cash Bar for Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks and Water - no outside alcohol Bring your own Snacks, Appetizers and/or Desserts to share with your team!!

For further information contact us at [BirthrightTrivia@gmail.com](mailto:BirthrightTrivia@gmail.com)

## Report of Physical, Sexual, or Emotional Misconduct

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: **1-844.324.3374**

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone **1-800-276-1562**.

When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

## Did You Know?

### Soup Kitchen Ministry

Did you know that we have two separate groups that serve over 200 lunches to those in need for the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen? Our Parish supplies the food and these, "Food Angels" do the rest. At this time the Soup Kitchen is under renovation. Our volunteers have been bagging lunches in our Social Hall. They transport them to the Salvation Army. Anyone in need of a meal is welcome to have one.

If you would like more information about donating your time, talent or treasure, please contact the Parish Office.



# Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

## Sunday, October 12 • Sabado, 12 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
- 2:00 pm Lunch & Games, Almuerzo y juegos, St. Bernard Parish Center

## Monday, October 13 • Lunes, 13 Octubre

- 7:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. Bernard Church
- 4:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church
- 5:15 pm Benediction, Bendición, St. Bernard Church
- 6:30 pm Millions of Monica's, Millones de Mónicas. St. Bernard Church, Enter Door Number 8

## Tuesday, October 14 • Martes, 14 Octubre

- 6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting, St. Bernard Social Hall
- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary, St. Bernard's Classroom
- 6:30 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
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting, St. Bernard Knights Room
- 6:30 pm K of C Rosary, St. Bernard Church
- 7:00 pm K of C Council Meeting, St. Bernard Knights Room
- 8:00 pm K of C Dinner, St. Bernard Parish Center

## Wednesday, October 15 • Miércoles, 15 Octubre

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

## Thursday, October 16 • Jueves, 16 Octubre

- 6:00 pm Catholic Bible School, 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 17 • Viernes, 17 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 18 • Sabado, 18 Octubre

- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church



## Knights of Columbus

**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, October 26,**  
**After BOTH the**  
**9:00 & 11:00 am**  
**Masses at**  
**St. Bernard**  
**Parish Center**



## 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.

**Knights of Columbus**  
**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, October 21,**  
**Starting at 11:00 am at St. Bernard Parish Center**

*Be the change.*  
**Help change a life. Give blood.**



# Knights of Columbus

Interested in becoming a Knight? Contact Grand Knight Joe Peters for more information 269-338-3640, [GK1120@mikofc.org](mailto: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

# 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.

## It's Easy To Give Online

[ssjohnandbernard.org](http://ssjohnandbernard.org)

For more information contact the Parish Office.



# 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

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
[www.ssjohnandbernard.org](http://www.ssjohnandbernard.org)

Office (269) 925-2425

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Tuesday - Friday

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

(Closed for lunch

12:30 - 1:30 pm)

## Parish Staff

**Administrator • Father John**

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## Parish Pastoral

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## Building Attendant

**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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