

Pray the Rosary

Joyful

Sorrowful

Glorious

Luminous





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
 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

Ministry Schedule



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

Saturday, October 25, 5:00 pm Mass

Lector.....Tom Hanley
 EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Darla Nickel
 Ushers.....Patrick Clark
Joseph Campbell, Michael Bradley

Sunday, October 26, 9:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, October 26, 11:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, October 26 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Valeria, Ximena & Cesar

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**.



Rest in Christ's Peace

Please pray for **Linda Heil** and **Eileen Healy**, that they may enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for their families and friends that they find peace in the promise of Christ.

Mass Intentions

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 FamilySJ
11:00 am Our Parish Family,SB
12:30 pm (Español) †Tomas Barrera
Alva
by Idalia GabrielSB

Monday, October 20.....**Judy Zencka**

5:30 pm †Bud & †Frances Piggott
(anniversary)
by the Piggot Family.....SB

Tuesday, October 21 **Peter Shaffer**

8:00 am †Roger & Theresa Meier
by Judy ZenckaSJ

Wednesday, October 22 **Peg Pinkowski**

9:00 am †Dr. Allen Zencka,
by Judy ZenckaSB

Friday, October 24 **Mary Seymour**

8:00 am †Lee & †Phyllis Peters
by St. Dismas ParishSJ

Saturday, October 25..... **Marcia Grover**

8:00 am †Teresa Del Rosario
by Gina Vanasco.....SJ
5:00 pm Deceased Members of the
Knights of Columbus,SB

Sunday, October 26

9:00 am †Scott Hughson
by the Shoemaker & Hughson
FamiliesSJ
11:00 am †Madelyn Salvano,
By Ron & Lynn ReuterSB
12:30 pm (Español) Our Parish Family .SB

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of October 19, 2025

Sunday **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - R**
Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2;
Lk 18:1-8

Monday **Monday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - R**
Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday **Tuesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - R**
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17;
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday **Wednesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - R**
Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday **Thursday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - R**
Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday **Friday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - R**
Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday **Saturday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time - R**
Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Perseverance

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a clever example of why we are to persevere in praying, even if we think the prayer is not being heard. The crooked judge just wanted to get that widow off his back. So we can pray to God with even more confidence, because we know that God loves us and will answer our prayers.

St. Paul carries that theme of perseverance even further. He is not just talking about prayer here; he encourages Timothy to persevere in proclaiming God's word as well. That command we may find more challenging than prayer. He tells Timothy (and us!) to "convince, reprimand and encourage through all patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). How can we do that?

"Convince" reminds me that our faith should be reasonable. Jesus' command to love one another, for instance, can be taught much more convincingly by giving examples of love. A mother who hugs her child when he is hurt and encourages him when he feels lost is teaching that command in a way that will be remembered much longer than just telling him to love people.

Paul also talks about reprimanding each other. Most people find it difficult to reprimand someone they are in charge of, much less one who is equal in status. That's where patience comes in. A reprimand can be made patiently and gently, as a sign of concern rather than authority.

Paul lastly mentions teaching. Parents can do their part by teaching the stories from the Bible, helping children to see God in creation, teaching them to pray, and being good examples of God's love for them. If you send your children to religion classes or the parish school, do what you can to support the teachers so that what the children learn at school is practiced at home.

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 1st Penance and 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 **Seth Collins** at ssjbformation@gmail.com for more information.

Becoming Catholic

Wednesdays, at 6:00 pm

Join us this Wednesday, October 22, from 6:00–7:30 PM in the classroom of Saint Bernard’s Church (555 E Delaware Ave, Door #7) for our Becoming Catholic program. ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME to come and learn more about the Catholic faith. We read in the Letter to the Hebrews that “faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen.” And Saint Augustine wrote that “unless you believe, you will not understand.” This week we will explore the meaning and necessity of the virtue of faith.

Email Seth Collins at 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 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



Banns of Marriage

November 7, 2025

Moira Collins & Patrick Pereira



Scan To Register

2025 High School Retreat

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

Cost: \$10
Per Student



DAYBREAK

Our Parish Pilgrimage was very spiritual. So many blessings and wonderful experiences.



Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, October 19 • Sabado, 19 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 20 • Lunes, 20 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 21 • Martes, 21 Octubre

- 11:00 am American Red Cross Blood Drive, Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 1120, St. Bernard Parish Center
- 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
- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, St. Bernard Parish Center

Wednesday, October 22 • Miercoles, 15 Octubre

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

Thursday, October 23 • Jueves, 23 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 24 • Viernes, 24 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 25 • Sabado, 25 Octubre

- 12:00 noon Trunk or Treat, Tronco o golosina, St. John Church Back Parking Lot
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church

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.



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



All Hallows' Eve Trunk or 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

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 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

For September 14, 2025

Collections\$6,267.00
Online\$3,004.69

For September 21, 2025

Collections\$6,507.25
Online\$2,263.85

For September 28, 2025

Collections\$6,254.01
Online\$3,150.78

For October 5, 2025

Collections\$6,103.00
Online\$4,773.40

For October 12, 2025

Collections\$12,504.22
Online\$2,797.83
Weekly Budget\$10,846.15
YTD Budget\$162,692.31
YTD Collection\$157,053.95
Shortfall\$5,638.36

St. Francis de Sales Mission Collection
.....\$2,913.00

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ssjohnandbernard.org

For more information contact the Parish Office.

Parish Directory

St. John Parish
600 Columbus Ave.
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

St. Bernard Parish
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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Parish Office Information
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www.ssjohnandbernard.org

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Tuesday - Friday
8:30 am - 3:30 pm
(Closed for lunch
12:30 - 1:30 pm)

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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.

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Catholic Charities of Southwest Michigan
(269) 926-6424

Readiness Center • Martha Thieneman
(269) 926-4084

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