



Señor, que mi vida  
**sea un templo para**  
tu Espíritu Santo

Lord, may my life  
**be a temple for**  
your Holy Spirit



## 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  
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  
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, November 8, 5:00 pm Mass

Lector.....Darla Nickel  
EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Darla Nickel  
Ushers.....Gary Cecchi  
.....Joe Campbell, Michael Bradley

### Sunday, November 9, 9:00 am Mass

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

### Sunday, November 9, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....SB Youth Mass  
EMHC.....Judy Steed & Patricia Quattrin  
Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,  
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

### Sunday, November 9 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Yessica, Nohemy Zarco & Azucena

### Saturday, November 15, 5:00 pm Mass

Lector.....Marcia Grover  
EMHC .....  
Ushers.....Patrick Clark  
.....Jim Visin, Robert Tibbits

### Sunday, November 16, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Lia Hartline  
EMHC.....Dan Frosolone & Debra Dibble  
Ushers.....Peter Frosolone, Mike Damico,  
.....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

### Sunday, November 16, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....Rajesh William  
EMHC.....Gil & Fran Michelini  
Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,  
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

### Sunday, November 16 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Nora, Sandra & Valeria

## Office Error

Last week, during the 5:00 pm Mass for All Souls, I mistakenly left one person off of the list of deceased. Margrit Breitenmoser passed away July 1, 2025. Margrit had been a parishioner for many years and served on the Parish Board. May she enjoy the great blessings of eternal life.

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 8**.....  
 5:00 pm Intentions of Theadora Kunitz,  
 by Chad Roden ..... SB

**Sunday, November 9**  
 9:00 am Our Parish Family ..... SJ  
 11:00 am †Robert Michelini,  
 by Gil & Fran Michelini..... SB  
 12:30 pm (Español) For the souls in  
 Purgatory  
 by Alonso Gutierrez ..... SB

**Monday, November 10** ..... **Judy Zencka**  
 5:30 pm †Linda Heil,  
 by Bill & Roberta Wagner .... SB

**Tuesday, November 11** ..... **Peter Shaffer**  
 8:00 am †Margaret Healy,  
 by Eileen Healy..... SJ

**Wednesday, November 12** ..... **Peg Pinkowski**  
 9:00 am †Eileen Healy,  
 by Robin & Carol Campbell .. SB

**Friday, November 14** ..... **Mary Seymour**  
 8:00 am †\*Steve Maychszak  
 by the Maychszak Family ..... SJ

**Saturday, November 15**.....  
 5:00 pm †Frances Piggot,  
 by the Piggot Family..... SB

**Sunday, November 16**  
 9:00 am Richard Shuler,  
 by Ruth Shuler..... SJ  
 11:00 am Our Parish Family ..... SB  
 12:30 pm (Español) †Stephen & †Thelma  
 Murphy  
 by Terry Wallis ..... SB

† Indicates Deceased • \* Indicates Death Anniversary



# Advent Wreath

The First Sunday of Advent is November 30. We will be looking for candle lighters at each weekend Mass, during Advent. Please contact the parish office, if you would like to make this a part of your Christmas tradition.

# Scripture Readings

*For the Week of November 9, 2025*

**Sunday**      **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome - W**  
 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Monday**      **Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church - W**  
 Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday**      **Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop - W**  
 Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday**      **Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr - R**  
 Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday**      **Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin - W**  
 Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175;  
 Lk 17:20-25

**Friday**      **Friday of the Thirty - Second Week in Ordinary Time - G**  
 Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday**      **Saturday of the Thirty - Second Week in Ordinary Time - G**  
 Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

# Why All the Fuss about Buildings?

*Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*

What's all the fuss about buildings? Doesn't the Bible tell us over and over again not to focus on material things but rather on the heart? Aren't we supposed to focus on the Church rather than a church?

Well, if the Church has proclaimed this day a feast, then it must have some great significance, so let's find it. The Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. His cathedra, his bishop's seat, is found at St. John Lateran. This basilica was built on terrain donated by Emperor Constantine himself and celebrated the freedom of worship granted by the Edict of Milan. Wow.

Ok, so maybe this isn't just any old church. It holds special significance, reminding Catholics of the courage of the early Christians who fought for freedom of religion and the unity of the universal Church with the Holy See.

This feast can serve as a reminder to us of the respect due our own parish church. Do we see it as a place of honor, reverence and community worship? Do we dress and act appropriately, considering we are in God's presence? Do we offer ourselves together with Christ in the Eucharistic sacrifice, uniting ourselves with Catholics throughout the world?

May we celebrate our universal Church today and may we thank God for all of the churches that have been built and dedicated to allow us a space to worship freely. Maybe we should make a fuss about these beautiful buildings after all. Tami Urcia



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

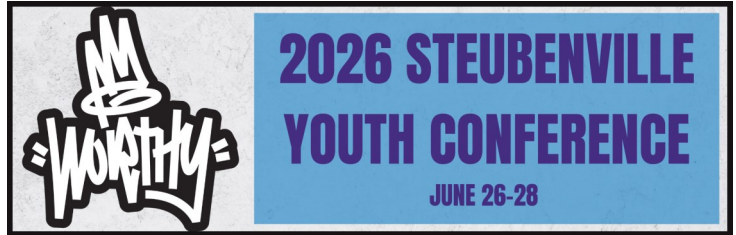
**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

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.

**Saturday, November 15, 9:00 am at St. Bernard Church**  
First Communion Church Tour.



It's time! Registration for this summer's Steubenville Youth Conference is open now! Be sure to grab a spot while they last. This year's theme is "Worthy". The conference this year will be held on **June 26th - 28th** on the campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville. The cost is \$400 per student with a \$75 non-refundable deposit needed at the time of registration. For more information please contact Chad at [4ChurchesYM@gmail.com](mailto:4ChurchesYM@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office.



**Truck or Treat**  
On Saturday, October 25, the Knights of Columbus, Council 1120 and Walking with Moms in Need , sponsored a Trunk or Treat at the Readiness Center. It was such a beautiful day and everyone left with a bag full of goodies!!





## 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.



## International Food Festival Fundraiser

**February 7, 2026**

Planning has begun for our 2026 International Food Festival Fundraiser. If you are interested in hosting a table or helping in any way, please contact **Peggy and Tom Hanley** at [tdhanley58@hotmail.com](mailto:tdhanley58@hotmail.com)



Catholic Charities

Diocese of Kalamazoo

Do you have clothes that are taking up space in your closet? Consider donating those items to the Catholic Community Center! We are accepting donations of used clothing (men's, women's, teens', children's, and babies') for those we serve in Benton Harbor. Donations can be dropped off at the Catholic Community Center (346 Catalpa Ave) **from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, or by appointment.** If you have any questions, please call us at **269-926-6424**.



## Our Lady of the Lake Elementary Veterans Day Program

**Tuesday, November 11**

All Veterans are invited to attend a Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 11, at 9:00 am at Our Lady of the Lake Elementary School Gym

### Pray For Our Military Soldiers

**CPT Camila Avello**, daughter of Miguel & Brooke Avello, Sister of Sebastian Avello

**SGT Gabriel Brunner**, son of Jon & Lynn Brunner

**STAFF SGT Jared Haberlin**, grandson-in-law of Dale & Patricia Quattrin

**Captain Noah M. Hanau**, son of Brett & Cathy Taylor, grandson of Dale & Patricia Quattrin

**Captain Rory McRae**, Air Force, Grandson of Maureen McRae

**SGT Gus Pinkowski**, son of Bob & Peg Pinkowski

**SP4 Jesse Schueneman, Army**, son of Tom & Martha Schueneman

**HM2 Tim Schwartz**, USN; nephew of Peter & Raejene Shaffer

**AFC Kaden Stock**, Grandson of Byron & Nancy Stock

**PFC Samantha Quattrin**, great niece of Dale & Patricia Quattrin & Erin Fitzsimmons

## White Bag Project

**Catholic Community Center**

The **White Bags** at Christmas provide a gift of personal care products for families and individuals who visit the Catholic Community Center for assistance. This tradition was started years ago by a prayer group in the parish, and parishioners have graciously embraced it ever since. The White Bag filled with personal care items has been a much-anticipated gift that families and individuals have been very grateful to receive. Bags are available at church entrances. Items requested are: shampoo, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash/bar soap, dish soap, and \$10 Meijer gift cards. Please return the bags to the parish the weekends of **Dec. 13/14** and **20/21**. If you decorate the bags, it will be an extra gift for the person who receives it! Thank you for your generosity! Your friends at the Catholic Community Center Please contact Jamie Griffin at the Center (269) 926-6424 if you have any questions.

# Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

## Sunday, November 9 • Sabado, 9 Noviembre

- 10:00 am Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast  
Caballeros de Colón, Desayuno de panqueques  
St. Bernard Parish Center
- 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, November 10 • Lunes, 10 Noviembre

- 7:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. Bernard Church
- 11:00 am Cemetery Board Meeting, St. Bernard Social
- 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, November 11 • Martes, 11 Noviembre

- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary, St. Bernard's Classroom
- 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 Maria Música de Dios, ensayo de coro (Español),  
St. Bernard Church
- 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, November 12 • Miercoles, 12 Noviembre

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

## Thursday, November 13 • Jueves, 13 Noviembre

- 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, November 14 • Viernes, 14 Noviembre

- 8:30 am Adoration, Adoración, St. John Church
- 8:30 am Confession, Confesión, St. John Church
- 12:00 noon Benediction, Bendición, St. John Church

## Saturday, November 15 • Sabado, 15 Noviembre

- 9:00 am First Communion Church Tour,  
Recorrido por la iglesia de la Primera Comunión,  
St. Bernard Church
- 9:00 am High School Retreat, Retiro de estudiantes  
de secundaria, St. Bernard Parish Center
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church

## Father Away

Until November 20

Father John Peter is away on vacation until **November 20**. Fr. Merry Benzer George, is covering for Father during his absence. 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).



# HEATING ASSISTANCE

## Diocese Home Heating Assistance Program

Cold Winters Need Warm Hearts! - This winter is sure to be a time of increased suffering for many people in Southwestern Michigan. Why is providing Energy Assistance so Important? Over 583,000 Michigan households were more than 30 days past due on utility bills last December. 40% of these are low-income or senior households. High energy burdens form many to choose between heat, food, medicine and rent. The Home Heating Assistance Program provides emergency heating assistance, to anyone in the nine counties of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Last season the program aided 261 households, keeping them warm through the cold winter. Please consider making a donation directly anytime at [www.ccdok.org/donate](http://www.ccdok.org/donate). Thank you for making a difference to those in need in our community!

**LOCATED AT THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTER: 346 CATALPA AVENUE**

**TUESDAYS FROM 3PM - 5PM  
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

## INTRODUCING YOUTH DROP-IN HOURS

### WITH THE ARK

- meet with case managers
- receive material assistance
- learn about local resources

OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 10-24  
BEGINNING ON NOVEMBER 4

# 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

### November 9 • Following the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses

Knights of Columbus Sponsored Pancake Breakfast

St. Bernard Parish Center

### November 11 • 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 Room

8:00 pm Council Dinner,  
St. Bernard Parish Center

### November 30 • 9:00 am

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

## St. John Lateran Basilica

The Official Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome



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

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