

CHRIST THE KING



CRISTO REY



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 22, 5:00 pm Mass

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

Sunday, November 23, 9:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, November 23, 11:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, November 23 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Nohemy Lopez, Ximena y Rosaura

Saturday, November 29, 5:00 pm Mass

Lector.....Peg Pinkowski
 EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Darla Nickel
 Ushers.....Joe Campbell,
Patrick Clark, James Visin

Sunday, November 30, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....James Stouffer
 EMHC.....Debra Dibble & Dan Frosolone
 Ushers.....Pete Frosolone, Mike Damico,
Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

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 Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,
Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, November 30 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Lilia, Daylin Y Cesar

Schedule Change

November 26-28

On Wednesday, November 26, Mass will be at 5:30 pm at St. Bernard Church. There will not be Daily Mass or Adoration on Friday, November 28. The Parish office will close at 11:30 am on Wednesday, November 26 and will reopen on Tuesday, December 2. For Sacramental Emergencies, please contact 269-985-7331

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 22.....
 5:00 pm †Steve & †Ruth Maychszak ,
 by the Maychszak FamilySB

Sunday, November 23
 9:00 am †Dr. Allen Zencka,
 by Judy ZenckaSJ

11:00 am Stephen O'Brien
 by Tammy O'BrienSB

12:30 pm (Español) Our Parish Family .SB

Monday, November 24**Mary Seymour**
 5:30 pm †Al Sturcz,
 by the Sturcz FamilySB

Tuesday, November 25 **Marcia Grover**
 8:00 am †Roly & Ruth Shuler,
 (Anniversary)
 by Ruth Shuler.....SJ

Wednesday, November 26 **Peter Shaffer**
 5:30 pm †Ann Leuschner,
 by Linda Zienty SB

Saturday, November 29.....
 5:00 pm Our Parish FamilySB

Sunday, November 30
 9:00 am Deceased Members of the
 Knights of Columbus,SJ

11:00 am †Dorothy Michelini
 by Gil & Fran Michelini.....SB

12:30 pm (Español) †Glenda Stuckey,
 by Judy ZenckaSB

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe - W
 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Monday Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and
 Companions, Martyrs - R
 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Tuesday of the Last Week in Ordinary Time - G
 Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Wednesday of the Last Week in Ordinary Time - G
 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
 Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Thursday of the Last Week in Ordinary Time - G
 Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28

Friday Friday of the Last Week in Ordinary Time - G
 Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Saturday of the Last Week in Ordinary Time - G
 Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Jesus, Remember Me

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The man who hung on the cross next to Jesus asks him to “remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Of all the people who took part in the crucifixion of Jesus, only this man sincerely acknowledges Jesus as King. Only he receives the promise of joining Jesus in paradise that very day. I wonder if he knew what Jesus’ kingdom meant?

The second reading gives us a better idea of the extent of that kingdom. Paul uses images of things visible and invisible, of dominions, principalities, and powers. Notice one short phrase that appears six times in that reading: “all things.” If Christ is King of all things, that includes our possessions. We might keep that in mind, not only when deciding how much we give to the poor or to the Church, but also how we use the things we own. The things we watch on TV, the foods we eat, the books we read—all are under Jesus’ kingship. I might even drive more carefully if I remember that my car belongs to the Lord.

Even our life is under his reign. That can remind us to trust Jesus more, as well as to ask for the guidance of his Spirit in our decisions. If we let the Lord guide our lives, we know that anything that happens to us is either God’s will or something that Jesus can lead us through, on our way to paradise.

Tom Schmidt



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**

Gather Together

We would like to cordially invite you to Advent by Candlelight on **Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm** at St. Bernard Parish Center. To host a table, please contact **Ruth Shuler 269-927-1826** or **Sinie Bass 269-470-6699**.

Would you like to attend Advent by Candlelight, but the thought of hosting a table stresses you out? There are tables that have openings, please contact **Ruth Shuler 269-927-1826** or **Sinie Bass 269-470-6699**.



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.



Christmas Flowers

A great way to honor your deceased loved ones or someone who has everything at Christmas is to donate to the **Christmas Flower Fund**. The flowers are used to beautify our worship space as we welcome the Christ Child. There are "Flower Envelopes" at the exits or you can donate online. **If you donate online, please note Flower Fund and the person the flowers are in memory of in honor of.**



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 Thank you for making a difference to those in need in our community!



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.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who welcomed Father Benzer to our parish family. Father told me he wanted to experience everything, and with your help he did. Meals with our parishioners, meeting Bishop Lohe. A wedding, Veterans Day program at Our Lady of the Lake. Walks around our beautiful lakefront with all of the Fall colors. Even the time change! I believe his best memory will be the SNOW! Thank you Father Benzer for visiting our sick, and celebrating our Masses. We hope God has our paths cross again. God bless you on your ministry.



Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, November 23 • Sabado, 23 Noviembre

- 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 24 • Lunes, 24 Noviembre

- 7:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. Bernard Church
- 4:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church
- 5:15 pm Benediction, Bendición, St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, November 25 • Martes, 25 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
- 6:30 pm Maria Música de Dios, ensayo de coro (Español), St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, November 26 • Miercoles, 26 Noviembre

Parish Office Closes Cierre de la oficina parroquial at 11:30 am

- 5:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Mass , Misa de víspera de Acción de Gracias, St. Bernard Church
- 6:30 pm St. John Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church

Thursday, November 27 • Jueves, 27 Noviembre

Happy Thanksgiving - Feliz día de acción de gracias —Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 28 • Viernes, 28 Noviembre

**No Daily Mass or Adoration
No hay misa ni adoración diarias.**

Saturday, November 29 • Sabado, 29 Noviembre

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

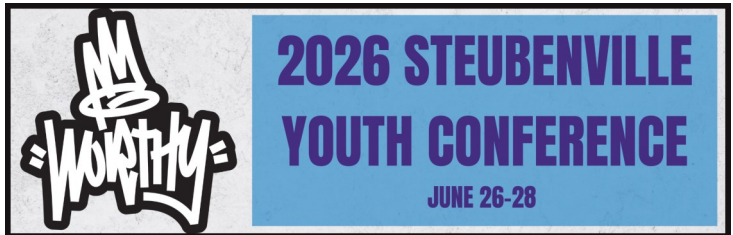
Becoming Catholic

Wednesdays, at 6:00 pm

We will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. I wish you all a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith, email Seth Collins at

ssjbfformation@gmail.com or call 269-925-2425 for more details.



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 or call the Parish Office.

Winter Weather Cancelation Policy

In the event that Our Lady of the Lake School closes due to weather, all events are canceled at the parish on the same day. It does include that the parish office, and all events (meetings, etc.) are canceled. If the "snow day" falls on a Monday or Friday, the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed. This does not include, of course, the Mass and confession schedule. If the weather is bad enough to warrant canceling daily Mass, this will be communicated via **Facebook, email** and **myparish app**.

Weekend Masses will never be canceled. Using this method is a simple way to keep everyone informed.

Christmas
55+ Lunch Bunch December 3, 2024

We are inviting all of our parishioners that are 55 and older to join us the First Wednesday of the month

For the month of December:
11:00 am Mass
12:00 noon Lunch and an activity.

(The parish will provide the main dish—please bring a dish to pass in a disposable container) For planning please RSVP with the parish office 269-925-2425 or ssjbssecretary@gmail.com

Program to be determined.

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

November 30 • 9:00 am

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

December 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 Room
8:00 pm Council Dinner,
St. Bernard Social Hall

December 16 • 11:00 am

American Red Cross Blood Drive
St. Bernard Social Hall

Our Stewardship

For November 16, 2025

Collections.....	\$7,064.00
Online.....	\$2,300.31
Weekly Budget.....	\$10,846.15
YTD Budget	\$216,923.08
YTD Collection	\$208,717.31
Shortfall.....	\$8,205.77

Total YTD paid to 2025 BAA
..... \$92,386.40

It's Easy To Give Online

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

580 Columbus Ave.
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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

Our Lady of the Lake

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