



BAPTISM of the Lord

and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:22

BAUTISMO del Señor

el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él y se manifestó exteriormente en forma de paloma, y del cielo vino una voz:

"Tú eres mi Hijo, hoy te he dado a la vida."

Lucas 3, 22



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
Mike Hall
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
Don Smith Jr.
Mark Smith
Mary 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
9:00 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, January 10, 5:00 pm Mass

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

Sunday, January 11, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Lia Hartline
EMHC.....Debra Dibble & Janet Nahikian
Ushers..... Mike Damico,
.....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, January 11, 11:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, Enero 11, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Nora, Sandra, y Valeria

Saturday, January 17, 5:00 pm Mass

Lector.....Peg Pinkowski
EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Darla Nickel
Ushers.....Pat Clark, Gary Cecchi
..... Michael Bradley

Sunday, January 18, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Steve Gaunder
EMHC.....Dan Frosolone & John Heil
Ushers..... Mike Damico,
.....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, January 18, 11:00 am Mass

Lector.....Bill Klein
EMHC.....Shurlie Rochefort & Therese Wallis
Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,
.....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, Enero 18, 12:30 pm Mass

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

Adorers

Some of our regular Adorers are snowbirds and are looking for help covering their holy hour. Make that resolution to spend an hour with our Lord in Adoration, on Mondays or Fridays, please contact the parish office. **269-925-2425**.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 10

5:00 pm †Carmen Lopez
by Van & Wendy Maychszak SB

Sunday, January 11

9:00 am †Paul, †Frances, & †Philip Herzog
by the Herzog FamilySJ

11:00 am †Butch Mammina,
by Joan & Cynthia Mac Donald
.....SB

12:30 pm (Español) Our Parish FamilySSB

Monday, January 12Mary Seymour

5:30 pm †Fr. Mike Regent,
by Eileen Healy.....SB

Tuesday, January 13 Peter Shaffer

8:00 am †Linda Heil
by Pixie Nitz.....SJ

Wednesday, January 14..... Peg Pinkowski

9:00 am Jim & Felicia Healy,SB

Friday, January 15..... Marcia Grover

8:00 am †Bernard & †Rick Brunner,
by Jon & Lynn BrunnerSJ

Saturday, January 17

5:00 pm The intentions of Linda Korrell,
by Van & Wendy Maychszak SB

Sunday, January 18

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

11:00 am The Intentions of
Deacon Ed Nickel,
by Van & Wendy Maychszak SB

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

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 11, 2026

Sunday	The Baptism of the Lord - W Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17
Monday	Monday in the First Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	Tuesday in the First Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Wednesday in the First Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Thursday in the First Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Friday in the First Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Saturday in the First Week in Ordinary Time - G 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Well Pleased

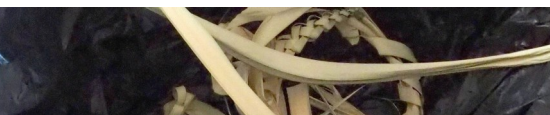
The Baptism of the Lord

The first reading from Isaiah begins by describing the servant “with whom I am well pleased” (Isaiah 42:1). These are the words of the voice from the heavens that was heard at Jesus’ baptism. Isaiah gives us more hints about who Jesus is.

The verses that say that he will not break the bruised reed or quench the smoldering wick (Isaiah 42:3) are descriptive of Jesus’ mercy toward sinners. The reed and the wick were disposed of because they were useless. But God, out of love for us, is always ready to forgive sinners and give them another chance. So God sent Jesus to forgive sinners, not reject them. We can ask God to help us see our sinfulness and bring it to God for healing.

Isaiah also says that the servant is a “covenant of the people.” A covenant was an agreement between unequal partners, in which the stronger one agrees to protect or defend the weaker one. God is offering a new covenant through Jesus, not just for the Jews, but for all peoples. In this covenant, God has forgiven our sins before we were even born, much less committed any sins. But we still have to live that covenant, by loving God and our neighbor. When we forgive each other, we are setting free prisoners of sin. When people see God’s love acted out in our lives, we are a light to the world. As we learn to do these things, we will find that God is well pleased with us.

Tom Schmidt



Blessed Palms

Ash Wednesday, February 18

The ashes for Ash Wednesday are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year’s Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection.

Please return your blessed palms to the baskets at the exits or the church.



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

First Penance Retreat

Saturday, January 17th

The First Penance Retreat and First Penance will take place at St. Bernard Social Hall and Church on Saturday, January 17th starting at 9:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Seth Collins at ssjbformation@gmail.com or call 269-925-2425.

Knights of Columbus Chili & Euchre Night

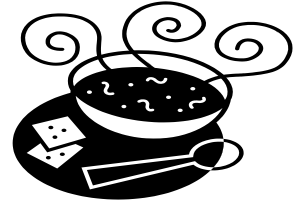
Saturday, January 24th

**Featuring 12 Different types of
homemade Chili!!**

Including Vegetarian!!

Are you a baker?

**Cookie Donations are
welcome!!**



Mark your calendar for a warm night of Chili and Euchre on

**Saturday, January 24th
after the 5:00 pm Mass at
SS. John & Bernard Parish Center.**

Becoming Catholic

Wednesdays

What do Shamrocks, the Sun, and an ice cube have in common? They are all bad ways of explaining the Trinity. Join us this **Wednesday, January 14**, from **6:00–7:30 PM** in the social hall of Saint Bernard's Church (555 E Delaware Ave) for our Becoming Catholic

program as we explore the Mystery of the God who is Three Persons, One God. **ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME** to come and learn more about the Catholic faith. Email **Seth Collins** at ssjbformation@gmail.com or call **269-925-2425** for more details.



Save The Date

Friday, April 24, 2026

**40th Annual
S.C.E.N.E. Auction**



SAVE THE DATE! MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER DINNER

Tuesday, February 17th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
St. Bernard Parish Center - Dinner for a donation!

Come support the youth of our parish as they fundraise for their summer trips!

A dinner so great we sold out last year.
Don't miss your chance to grab a bowl of gumbo!

Happy New Year
2026

Wishing you a year filled with
happiness, health, and
prosperity.

Fr. John Peter MSFS



**SS. John & Bernard Parish
For the 12 months ending
7-1-24 – 6-30-25**

	Revenues:	Budgeted:	
Sunday Collections	\$570,541	\$600,000	-4.91%
Donations	\$127,212	\$75,000	69.62%
Pass through income		\$12,694	
Reimbursements		\$8,470	
Other		\$49,335	
Cemetery		\$3,600	
Interest		<u>\$47,630</u>	
Total Revenue		\$819,482	
Parish Salaries & Benefits		\$257,781	
Parish expenses		\$66,297	
Plant Operations		\$140,744	
Pass through		\$12,694	
Youth Ministry		\$23,217	
Capital Outlay		\$61,246	
Transfer to Our Lady of the Lake		\$200,004	
Cemetery Expense		<u>\$83,112</u>	
Total Expense		\$845,095	
		-\$25,613	
Transfer from Reserves		\$0	
Shortfall		-\$25,613	

Greetings from Father John Peter

Financial Statement

Happy New Year! Below is the finance statement for the end of the 2024/2025 fiscal year (June—July). I apologize for the delay. There were staff changes, training, and time out of town. The bottom line for the 2024/2025 fiscal year shows the parish had a deficit of \$25,613 for the year. Here is a brief synopsis of the year:

Sunday Collections:

Our Sunday collections were down almost \$30,000 from what was budgeted, but outside donations to the parish were higher by \$52,200. The majority of the increase is from the \$35,000 donation from St. Joseph Parish for using St. John's church during their renovation.

Support of Our Catholic School:

A portion of our parish budget includes a subsidy to support Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School. This year, our subsidy was \$200,004 which is more than 1/3 of our Sunday collections with the remainder of collections used to support the parish operations.

Interest Earnings:

The earnings from the cash reserves held at the Diocese, totaled around \$47,300 helping to offset the deficit, but this is not a reliable long-term strategy for future years.

Parish Ministry and Ground Expenses:

The Readiness Center roof was completed, at the cost was \$43,885. The parish qualified for a Catholic Extension Grant and received \$30,000 to offset the cost. Also, several large expenses related to the cemetery were addressed; new water lines, replacing those from the 1940's at a cost of \$20,720. A new GIS mapping system was started and is almost complete at the cost of \$41,000. Monthly maintenance for the cemetery is \$1620 per month for a total cost of \$19,440 per year. The cemetery fund is reimbursing the general fund for the important improvements. The parish updated its entire phone and internet system for \$9,070 along with the installation of security cameras at the St. John campus for \$10,970. The parking lot of St Bernard's was resealed at a cost of \$17,932. With the help of the building and grounds committee, a master plan was formulated regarding the mechanicals of all our buildings, including roof, HVAC and boiler systems. All of our systems are old, and the committee is establishing baselines and projection timelines for possible replacement of systems.

Hispanic Ministry:

The Hispanic Ministry continues to grow. It is the 2nd largest Mass at our parish.

End of Year Balances:

At the year's end, the parish had a cash balance of \$237,000 in the general fund, restricted funds of \$112,400, and deposits with the Diocese of Kalamazoo of \$710,000. The only growth in Diocesan funds was interest and capital gains. Thank you for your continued support of the parish. We have been a beacon of hope to the Benton Harbor community for over 135 years. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office. Our Parish and Finance Council will be meeting on **February 2nd at 6:15 pm, following the 5:30 pm Mass, in St. Bernard Social Hall.** If you are interested in being part of either council, and work to build the future of our parish, please contact me at ssjbpastor@gmail.com or contact the parish office **269-925-2425.**

God bless you in this new year.

Fr. John Peter

Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, January 11 • Sabado, 11 Enero

- 10:00 am Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, St. Bernard Parish Center
- 10:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, St. John School
- 11:00 am Sacramental Preparation (Spanish)
Preparación Sacramental, St. Bernard School
- 2:00 pm Lunch and Games
SS. John & Bernard Parish Center

Monday, January 12 • Lunes, 12 Enero

- 9:00 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 Monicas, St. Bernard Church,
Enter door number 8

Tuesday, January 13 • Martes, 13 Enero

- 6:00 pm Youth Group, Grupo de jóvenes
The Rose Center
301 Wayne Street, St. Joseph
- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary, St. Bernard's Classroom
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting,
St. Bernard Knights Room
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Rosary, St. Bernard Church
- 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting,
St. Bernard Knights Room
- 8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Dinner, SS. John & Bernard
Parish Center
- 6:30 pm Maria Música de Dios, ensayo de coro (Español),
St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, January 14 • Miércoles, 14 Enero

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

Thursday, January 15 • Jueves, 15 Enero

- 4:00 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, January 16 • Viernes, 16 Enero

- 8:30 am Adoration, Adoración, St. John Church
- 8:30 am Confession, Confesión, St. John Church
- 12:00 noon Benediction, Bendición, St. John Church
- 6:30 pm Spanish Children's Choir Rehearsal,
St. Bernard Church,

Saturday, January 17 • Sabado, 17 Enero

- 9:00 am First Penance Retreat and Sacrament,
Retiro y Sacramento de la Primera Penitencia,
St. Bernard Social Hall & Church
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church



**Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 11,
After BOTH the
9:00 & 11:00 am
Masses at
St. Bernard
Parish Center**



International Food Festival Fundraiser

**SS. John & Bernard Parish Center, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
February 7, 2026**

Tickets on sale now! Adults \$20, Children 3-11 \$10, and under 3 free. Water and coffee included in ticket price; beer, wine, and soft drinks available for purchase. 50/50 Raffle as well as other raffle items. New this year: buy your tickets online at SS John & Bernard website ssjohnandbernard.org under "Parish News" on the homepage. Contact Peggy and Tom Hanley at pegyhanley2@gmail.com for more information or to donate an item for the raffle.



A note from Deacon Ed

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I want to thank everyone who has been praying for my recovery. Prayers are powerful and can be felt!

My surgery went well, however I am now having foot and ankle swelling issues, making it difficult to walk or even put shoes on! My knee is strong but am not strong enough to serve until I get the feet and ankle issues fixed. I am anxious to serve the Lord and my parish family again, but I guess it will be on God's timing!

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 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.

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

January 11 • following the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses

K of C Pancake Breakfast, SS. John & Bernard Parish Center

January 13 • 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,
SS. John & Bernard Parish Center

January 24 • 5:00 pm

Corporate Communion,
St. Bernard Church

January 24 • 6:00 pm

Chilie Euchre Night,
SS. John & Bernard Parish Center



Our Stewardship

For December 28, 2025

Collections\$7,106.00
Online\$2,203.85

For January 4, 2026

Collections\$7,681.05
Online\$4,582.60
Weekly Budget.....\$10,846.15
YTD Budget\$292,846.15
YTD Collection.....\$290,469.97
Shortfall\$2,376.18

**For December 25, 2025 . \$10,239.10

**For January 1, 2026\$1,936.00

**This amount is not included in our weekly budget.

It's Easy To Give Online
ssjohnandbernard.org

For more information contact the Parish Office.



Parish Directory

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St. Bernard Parish

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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)

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

Catholic Schools

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