

BEHOLD
THE LAMB OF GOD

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EL CORDERO DE DIÓS

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2^º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO





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
Philippe Lloren
 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 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

Saturday, January 24, 5:00 pm Mass

Lector.....Tom Hanley
 EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Darla Nickel
 Ushers.....Michael Bradley,
Joe Campbell, & James Visin

Sunday, January 25, 9:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, January 25, 11:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, Enero 25, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Lilia, Daylin y Cesar

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 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

Monday, January 19**Mary Seymour**
 5:30 pm Intention of Linda Harrington,
 by Van & Wendy Maychszak SB

Tuesday, January 20 **Peter Shaffer**
 8:00 am †Linda Heil,
 by Matt & Sarah McGough ...SJ

Wednesday, January 21..... **Peg Pinkowski**
 9:00 am †Butch Mammina,
 by Dale & Patricia Quattrin ..SB

Friday, January 23..... **Marcia Grover**
 8:00 am Intentions of Sinie Bass,
 by Van & Wendy Maychszak.SJ

Saturday, January 24
 5:00 pm Deceased Members of the
 Knights of Columbus,SB

Sunday, January 25
 9:00 am †Al Sturcz
 by Diana SturczSJ

11:00 am †Madelyn Salvano,
 by the Brunner Family.....SB

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

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 18, 2026

Sunday **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - G**
 Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
 Jn 1:29-34

Monday **Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - G**
 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;
 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday **Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - G**
 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday **Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr - R**
 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
 Unborn Children - V**
 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13;
 Mk 3:7-12

Friday **Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time - G**
 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday **Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and
 Doctor of the Church - W**
 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-31

Behold the Lamb of God

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

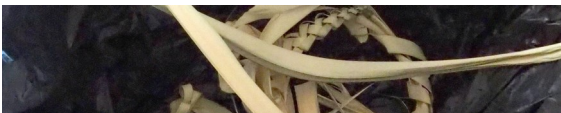
I wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer already acting like a disciple before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

First, John trusts God with things he does not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus. We too may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with a serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God's work meant that God was working through him. Originally, John baptized others as a sign of repentance, but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus "known to Israel" (John 1:31). When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and who decides what the result will be.

John's third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his or her faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. Even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it, and even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing. You may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others.

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.

How Can I Serve My Parish Family?

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, meet new people and connect with our parish family.

Our next Parish & Finance Council Meeting is **Monday, February 2, at St. Bernard Social Hall**. We are looking for new Council Members, please contact the office.

Funeral Luncheon Volunteers - There is always a need for a dish to pass and servers to help our Parish Family during the hardest time of their life, (the loss of a loved one).

Participating in Mass & Donuts - We are in need of weekend Mass Rosary leaders. Picking up and serving donuts. **Please note the parish pays for the donuts.**

Office Volunteer - Helping with the parish office when special projects come up.

Liturgical Ministries - Lectors, Altar Servers, Choir, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, both during Mass and Homebound, ushers & gift bearers, altar linens laundering.

Many hands make light work. If you have questions of what is involved, please contact the **parish office ssjbsecretary@gmail.com or 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.



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!

Five Ways to be Successful in Adoration

Have you ever gone to adoration? Have you tried, but felt defeated like I first did, and occasionally still do? Here's a list of 5 ways to be successful in adoration:

1. BE PATIENT

Some people feel a frustration during Adoration, as if time is standing still, 5 minutes seem eternal. Have you ever been out of shape and tried to go for a one mile run. Suddenly, 5 minutes into the run, you're huffing and puffing and you realize you've only gone one block. Rather than focusing on the success — you just ran for the first time in months!! — we tend to focus on the defeat. Adoration can be a bit of a work out... for your soul. So set yourself up for success. If it's been awhile, or your first time, 5 minutes of sitting with Jesus is a good goal. Slowly increase your time—you'll be amazed at how God increases your capacity to be with Him!

2. BRING SCRIPTURE

Reading scripture is always a good thing, but is especially helpful and meditative during adoration. There are many prayer books and apps that contain daily scripture readings. Particularly Psalms and reflecting on a verse that speaks to us on that given day. As you are reading the scriptures, ask yourself: How is this scripture speaking to my heart? What changes is God asking me to take? How will I go about making those changes? You could make this part of your prayer.

Look for more ideas next week.

Adult Volunteers Needed



With the new year, we are looking to build up our volunteer base for our various events. From helping to run a game at youth group, chaperones for one time events and retreats, and more! We need your help. To get on our volunteer list, you will need to have completed the Safe Environment Training through the diocese. For more information or to get on our volunteer schedule, please contact Chad at 4ChurchesYM@gmail.com

Becoming Catholic

Wednesdays

"Does my life matter?" "Am I a good person?" "What is my life's Purpose?" How do you answer these questions? Join us this **Wednesday, January 21**, 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 Sanctity of the Human Person and the meaning and purpose provided in the Life of Virtue. **ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME** to come and learn more about the Catholic faith. Email **Seth Collins** at ssjbfformation@gmail.com or call **269-925-2425** for more details.

SS JOHN AND BERNARD PARISH

40 HOURS DEVOTION

FEBRUARY 26 -28

THIS LENT OUR PARISH
IS HOSTING THIS BEAUTIFUL
EUCCHARISTIC TRADITION.

THIS LENT RETREAT INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD.



Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, January 18 • Domingo, 18 Enero

- 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 19 • Lunes, 19 Enero

- 9:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. Bernard Church
- 3:00 pm Liturgy Planning Meeting, St. Bernard Social Hall
- 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 20 • Martes, 20 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 Maria Música de Dios, ensayo de coro (Español),
St. Bernard Church

Wednesday, January 21 • Miercoles, 21 Enero

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

Thursday, January 22 • Jueves, 22 Enero

- 4:00 pm Catholic Bible School, St. Bernard Social Hall
- 6:30 pm St. Cecilia Music Rehearsal, St. Bernard Church

Friday, January 23 • Viernes, 23 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

Saturday, January 24 • Sabado, 24 Enero

- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Chili-Euchre Night,
SS. John & 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. **If you order your ticket online, be sure to print the receipt page. That is your ticket.** Contact Peggy and Tom Hanley at pegyhanley2@gmail.com for more information or to donate an item for the raffle.



Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

In the event that Our Lady of the Lake School closes due to weather, all parish events and meetings are canceled. It does include the parish office. 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.



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 24 • 5:00 pm

Corporate Communion, St. Bernard Church

January 24 • 6:00 pm

Chilie Euchre Night, SS. John & Bernard Parish Center

February 10 • 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

February 24 • 11:00 am

American Red Cross Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
SS. John & Bernard Parish Center



Our Stewardship

For January 11, 2026

Collections	\$7,261.10
Online	\$1,477.00
Weekly Budget	\$10,846.15
YTD Budget	\$303,692.31
YTD Collection	\$299,208.07
Shortfall	\$4,484.24

It's Easy To Give Online

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For more information contact the Parish Office.



Parish Directory

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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.

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Readiness Center • Martha Thieneman
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