

SS JOHN AND BERNARD PARISH

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

"MAN DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE,
BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES FORTH FROM
THE MOUTH OF
GOD."

40 HOURS DEVOTION

FEBRUARY 26 -28

AT ST. BERNARD CHURCH (555 E DELAWARE AVE BENTON HARBOR)

JOURNEY WITH JESUS: FROM DEATH TO LIFE
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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
 Jake Costanza
 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 L Loren
 Cindy MacDonald
 Betsy Marchi
 Robert Martin
 Janine McDonough
 Mic McDonough
 Jackie Miller
 Ted Mills
 Jeff Mitchell
 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.
 Mary Smith
 Joseph Stainer
 Ruth Still
 Nancy Summerfelt
 The Tezich Family
 James Thomas, Jr.
 Shirley Thomas
 Dorothy Van Ryswyk
 Terry Wallis
 Connie Weaver
 Brian Wilder
 Julie Wilder
 Ruth Ann York
 Mary Zielke
 Lottie Zmyslo
 Special Intentions



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 21, 5:00 pm Mass

Lector.....Marcia Grover
 EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Darla Nickel
 Ushers.....Michael Bradley,
Gary Cecchi & Patrick Clark

Sunday, February 22, 9:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, February 22, 11:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, Febrero 22, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Lilia, Daylin, y Nohemi Zarco

Saturday, February 28, 5:00 pm Mass

Lector.....Darla Nickel
 EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Darla Nickel
 Ushers.....Michael Bradley,
Gary Cecchi & Patrick Clark

Sunday, March 1, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Youth Mass
 EMHC.....Tracy Koshar & Janet Nahikian
 Ushers.....Pete Frosolone, Mike Damico,
Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, March 1, 11:00 am Mass

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

Sunday, March 1, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Cesar, Karina y Sandra



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.

Father on Retreat

February 23-25

Father John Peter will be away on retreat with the **Bishop Monday February 23 - 25**. There will not be Daily Mass or Confession on Monday, however there will still be Adoration. Father will return for Mass to start our 40 hour Devotion on **Thursday, February 26, at 6:00 pm at St. Bernard Church.**

Daily Mass while Father is away will be at St. Joseph Downtown, Monday - 8:00 am.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 21

5:00 pm Hank Nickel (birthday),
by the Nickel FamilySB

Sunday, February 22

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

11:00 am †Butch Mammina
by DiMaggio'sSB

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

Thursday, February 26 Darla Nickel

6:00 pm Our Parish Family SB

Friday, February 27 Marcia Grover

8:00 am †*Dick Seymour,
by Mary Seymour.....SB

Saturday, February 28

5:00 pm Our Parish Family SB

Sunday, March 1

9:00 am †Sid Myrick
by the Myrick Family,SJ

11:00 am The Intentions of Bill Riordan
by Linda ZientySB

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

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 5:30 pm, English

Fridays at 7:00 pm, Español

at St. Bernard Church, during Lent

Knights of Columbus

Lenten Dinners

Fridays from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm,

Parish Center, during Lent

Join us for dinner and support our Youth Group Trip to the 2025 Steubenville Youth Conference. Starting Friday, February 20, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor Lenten Dinners.

February 20 Fish and Fries Dinners

February 27 Soup & Salad Dinners

March 6 Fish and Fries Dinners

March 13 Soup & Salad Dinners

March 20 Fish and Fries Dinners

March 27 Soup & Salad Dinners

Let the Knights cook for you!

The presentation of the Vatican Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World, will be held during the Soup & Salad Dinner.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 22, 2026

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent - V

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday

Monday of the First Week of Lent - V

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Tuesday of the First Week of Lent - V

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Wednesday of the First Week of Lent - V

Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Thursday of the First Week of Lent - V

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Friday of the First Week of Lent - V

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Saturday of the First Week of Lent - V

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Connections

First Sunday of Lent

The second reading this Sunday is not easy to follow, especially when some of Paul's sentences are more like paragraphs. But you will notice that he makes several important connections: between sin and death, between Adam and Jesus, and between obedience and disobedience.

Sin, he says, is the cause of death. Of course, everyone is subject to death at some point, even if they haven't sinned. A less serious sin can be a little "death" when it makes us feel that we are not as close to God as we could be. And sins that we might think are not a big deal, like smoking, can lead to serious health problems.

The connection between Adam and Jesus is not so obvious. Adam was the first to bring sin and death into the world. Jesus is the first to bring forgiveness by his death on the cross. The main difference between them is that Adam disobeyed God, while Jesus was obedient to his Father. Adam reminds me of a child who knows what he is supposed to do, but thinks that he can do the opposite and get away with it.

In the Gospel, Satan can be thought of as trying to get Jesus to do things the easy way. When he tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, he shows Jesus an easy way to feed the people. But Jesus takes a better way, when he feeds us with himself in the Eucharist. The devil says Jesus can throw himself off the temple as a dramatic way to attract followers; Jesus lets himself hang from the cross to draw people to himself. Satan promises the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will only worship him. But Jesus chose to be crowned with thorns and receive his kingdom when he rose from the dead.

Tom Schmidt

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

- 6:00 PM - MASS OF EXPOSITION
- 7:00 PM - MUSICAL REFLECTIONS AND CONFESSIONS
- 8:00 PM - VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)
- 9:00 PM - EUCHARISTIC LITANIES
- 10:00 PM - COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER)
- 11:00 PM - DEDICATED FOR PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF FALLEN AWAY CATHOLICS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

- 12:00 AM - 4:00 AM - SILENT ADORATION
- 5:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC LITANIES
- 6:00 AM - DEDICATED FOR PRAYER FOR HOLY VOCATIONS FOR OUR YOUTH
- 7:00 AM - LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER)
- 8:00 AM - HOLY MASS
- 9:00 AM - THE ROSARY - THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES AND CONFESSIONS
- 10:00 AM - LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH BENEDICTION
- 11:00 AM - DEDICATED FOR PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS
- 12:00 PM - THE ROSARY - THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES AND CONFESSIONS
- 1:00 PM - EUCHARISTIC LITANIES
- 2:00 PM - DEDICATE FOR PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH PRIESTS AND DEACON
- 3:00 PM - THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
- 4:00 PM - EUCHARISTIC FERVORINO
- 5:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 6:00 PM - VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER) AND CONFESSIONS
- 7:00 PM - VIA CRUCIS EN ESPANOL - STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN SPANISH
- 8:00 PM - ADORATION FOR TEENS
- 9:00 PM - ORACIONES EN ESPANOL - PRAYERS IN SPANISH
- 10:00 PM - MEN'S ADORATION HOUR
- 11:00 PM - COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER)



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

12:00 AM - 4:00 AM - SILENT ADORATION

5:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC LITANIES

6:00 AM - DEDICATED FOR PRAYER FOR BISHOP LOSHE AND BISHOP EMERITUS BRADLEY

7:00 AM - THE ROSARY - THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

8:00 AM - LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER) AND CONFESSIONS

9:00 AM - LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH BENEDICTION

10:00 AM - WOMEN'S ADORATION HOUR

11:00 AM - GUIDED REFLECTION

12:00 PM - THE ROSARY - THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES AND CONFESSIONS

1:00 PM - FAMILY ADORATION HOUR - FOR FAMILIES WITH LITTLE ONES

2:00 PM - EUCHARISTIC FERVORINO

3:00 PM - DEDICATED FOR PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

4:00 PM - VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER) AND CONFESSIONS

5:00 PM - CLOSING MASS WITH EUCHARIST PROCESSION AND BENEDICTION

PLEASE LET US KNOW
WHICH EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND
TO HELP US PREPARE MATERIALS
BY USING THE QR CODE BELOW OR CALLING
THE PARISH OFFICE 269-925-2425.



AN EXHIBIT ON EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE
DURING THESE 48 HOURS.



Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, February 22 • Domingo, 22 Febrero

- 10:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, St. John School
- 11:00 am Sacramental Preparation (Spanish)
Preparación Sacramental, St. Bernard Classrooms
- 12:00 noon Baptismal Class, St. Bernard Classroom
- 1:30 pm Knights of Columbus Exemplification, Ejemplificación de los Caballeros de Colón, St. Bernard Church
- 2:00 pm Lunch and Games
SS. John & Bernard Parish Center

Monday, February 23 • Lunes, 23 Febrero

- 9:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. Bernard Church
- 4:30 pm Benediction, Bendición, St. Bernard Church
- 6:30 pm Millions of Monicas, St. Bernard Church,
Enter door number 8
- 6:30 pm 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting,
St. Bernard Parish Center

Tuesday, February 24 • Martes, 24 Febrero

- 11:00 am Knights of Columbus, American Red Cross,
St. Bernard Parish Center
- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary, St. Bernard's Classroom
- 6:00 pm Maria Musica de Dios Choir Rehearsal (Spanish),
St. Bernard Church
- 6:00 pm Youth Group, Grupo de jóvenes
The Rose Center
301 Wayne Street, St. Joseph

Wednesday, February 25 • Miercoles, 25 Febrero

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

Thursday, February 26 • Jueves, 26 Enero Febrero

- 4:00 pm Catholic Bible School, St. Bernard Social Hall
- 6:00 pm Votive Mass to begin the 40 Hour Devotion

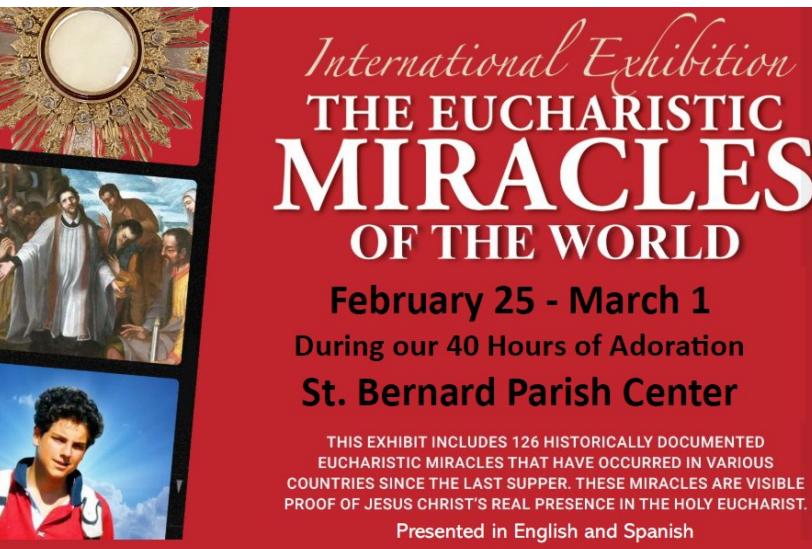
Please see pages 4 & 5 for the Devotion Schedule.

Friday, February 27 • Viernes, 27 Febrero

- 6:00 pm Presentation of the Eucharistic Miracles &
Knights of Columbus Soup & Salad,
St. Bernard Parish Center

Saturday, February 28 • Sabado, 28 Febrero

- 5:00 pm Closing Mass and Procession for our 40 Hour Devotion
St. Bernard Church

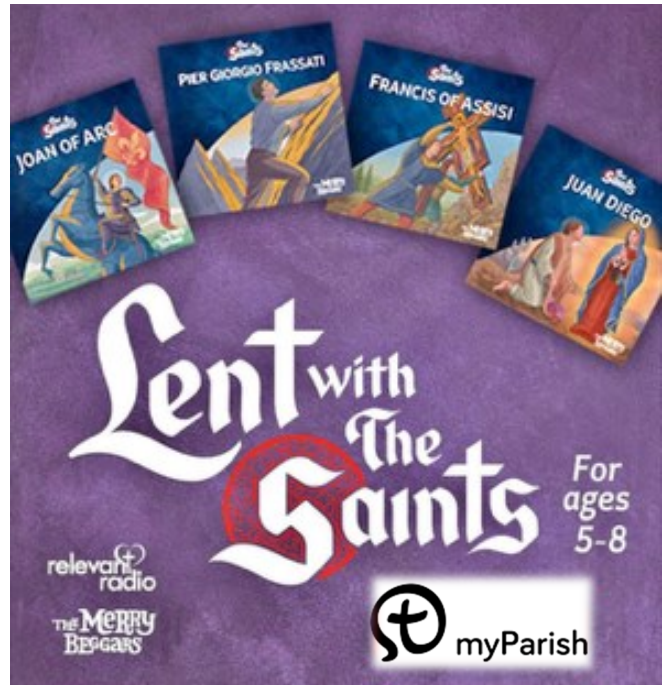


International Exhibition
**THE EUCHARISTIC
MIRACLES
OF THE WORLD**
February 25 - March 1
During our 40 Hours of Adoration
St. Bernard Parish Center

THIS EXHIBIT INCLUDES 126 HISTORICALLY DOCUMENTED EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES SINCE THE LAST SUPPER. THESE MIRACLES ARE VISIBLE PROOF OF JESUS CHRIST'S REAL PRESENCE IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST.
Presented in English and Spanish

Look what our My Parish App has added for Lent.

Keep in touch during the Lenten Season. We have added Lent with Saint, Witness, and Miracles, in English. In both English and Spanish, Stations of the Cross & Seven Sorrows.



**Lent with
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- ✔ Tour the school
- ✔ Meet teachers
- ✔ Learn about curriculum
- ✔ Ask questions

Questions? Contact Jerry Wheeler at **269-983-5520**

Visit us: **www.ollakers.org**

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

February 22 • 9:00 am

Corporate Communion,
St. John Church

February 24 • 11:00 am

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

March 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



Our Stewardship

For February 15, 2026

Collections	\$6,025.00
Online	\$3,307.01
Weekly Budget	\$10,846.15
YTD Budget	\$357,923.08
YTD Collection	\$346,642.93
Shortfall	11,280.15



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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)

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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

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Michigan

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Readiness Center • Martha

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Our Lady of the Lake

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