

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT | 5° DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

JESUS *Wept.*

JOHN 11:35

JESÚS *Lloró.*

JUAN 11,35





## 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  
 Rae Bacolor  
 Andrew Bain  
 The Benson Family  
 Pam Blakeman  
 Lee Boardman  
 Ron Bush  
 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  
 Bob Griggs  
 Donna Griggs  
 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  
 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, March 21, 5:00 pm Mass

Lector.....Marcia Grover  
 EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Darla Nickel  
 Ushers.....Mike Bradley,  
 .....Gary Cecchi & Jim Visin

### Sunday, March 22, 9:00 am Mass

Lector.....Lia Hartline  
 EMHC.....Tracy Koshar & Dan Frosolone  
 Ushers.....Pete Frosolone, Mike Damico,  
 .....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

### Sunday, March 22, 11:00 am Mass

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

### Sunday, March 22, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Nohemy Zarco, Daylin y Lilia

### Saturday, March 28, 5:00 pm Mass

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

### Sunday, March 29, 9:00 am Mass

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

### Sunday, March 29, 11:00 am Mass

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

### Sunday, March 29, 12:30 pm Mass

Lector.....Karina, Cesar 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**.



## Stations of the Cross

*Fridays during Lent, at St. Bernard Church*

Join us at St. Bernard Church, for Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:30 pm in English and 7:00 pm, in Spanish.

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 21**.....  
 5:00 pm Our Parish Family, ..... SB

**Sunday, March 22**  
 9:00 am †Linda Mitchell,  
 by the Mitchell Family ..... SJ  
 11:00 am John Paul Nickel &  
 Fr. Jeff Hanley (birthdays),  
 by the Nickel Family ..... SB  
 12:30 pm (Español) The Intention of  
 Arturo Pedroza,  
 by Jaime Pedroza ..... SB

**Monday, March 23** ..... **Mary Seymour**  
 5:30 pm Intentions & Blessings of  
 Rachel Brunner (birthday),  
 by Jon & Lynn Brunner ..... SB

**Tuesday, March 24**..... **Peter Shaffer**  
 8:00 am †Linda Heil, .....  
 by Matt & Sarah McGough ... SJ

**Wednesday, March 25** ..... **Peg Pinkowski**  
 9:00 am Cecelia Stutz &  
 Genivive Pinkowski (birthday),  
 by the Nickel Family ..... SB

**Friday, March 27** ..... **Mary Seymour**  
 8:00 am †Annie Jacobs,  
 by Eileen Healy ..... SJ

**Saturday, March 28**.....  
 5:00 pm †Butch Mammina,  
 by Darlene Mosher ..... SB

**Sunday, March 29**  
 9:00 am †\*Bruno Nickel,  
 by the Nickel Family ..... SJ  
 11:00 am Deceased Members of the  
 Knights of Columbus, ..... SB  
 12:30 pm (Español) The Intention of  
 Josefina Galindo,  
 by Ruben Pedroza ..... SB

† Indicates Deceased • \* Indicates Death Anniversary

## Schedule Change

St. John Church will not celebrate Daily Mass on Saturday mornings. St. Joseph Catholic, in St. Joseph downtown has an 8:00 am Mass.

Due to Holy Week, there will not be 55+ Brunch Bunch on April 1, it will return on **May 6**.

Due to Holy Saturday, the Quilt Ministry will meet on **Saturday April 11**.

# Scripture Readings

*For the Week of March 22, 2026*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent - V</b> Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent - V</b> Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent - V</b> Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - W</b> Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent - V</b> Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent - V</b> Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent - V</b> Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

## Greater Than You Expect

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Sometimes a prophet says more than he intended. Ezekiel in the first reading is talking about restoring Israel after the Babylonian exile. The Jews saw the Exile as punishment for their sins. God demonstrates forgiveness by bringing them back to Israel; God also shows them divine power and glory so that they return to the Lord for their protection.

Jesus came to show us God in a new way and to fulfill the promises of all previous prophecies. Notice how the first reading repeats two phrases: “open your graves” and “know that I am the Lord.” Jesus demonstrates that God’s promise is much greater than anything Ezekiel expected.

When Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus, he knew that he was going to raise Lazarus from death to help his disciples believe. So why was he “perturbed and deeply troubled”? It could be that he was disappointed that his friends did not seem to believe that he could do this. Like Ezekiel, the people of Jesus’ time did not expect him literally to raise the dead. But God used the prophet’s message to prepare for Jesus’ message that not only would he rise from the dead, but we will also. And like the friends and relatives of Lazarus, we too may question how it could be possible. Fortunately, Jesus helps with that, too.

Look at the second reading to the Romans. Because we have God’s Spirit living in us, we who are sinners can be raised to new life by that Spirit. When our sins are forgiven, we begin to live a new life by loving the people we hurt by our sins, forgiving people who have hurt us, being more concerned for the poor than for our own comfort. We are freed from worrying about the future, all because we have experienced the new life of God’s Spirit and, as Ezekiel says, know that God is the Lord.

Tom Schmidt



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RELIGIOUS  
 EDUCATION

**Sacramental Preparation**

**Confirmation**

Confirmation for the students of our parish will be at St. Augustine Cathedral, on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

**First Communion Retreat**

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

The First Holy Communion Retreat will at St. Bernard Church on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for **all** First Communion Students.

Our Parish Students will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 am Mass in St. Bernard Church.

The Spanish Students will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at the 12:30 pm Mass in St. Bernard Church.

Join Us For An

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 EVENING**

40<sup>th</sup> Annual SCENE Auction



Friday, April 24, 2026

5:30PM - 10:30PM

The Hall at Hidden Pointe  
 1050 Nickerson Avenue  
 Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Scan the QR code to  
 buy tickets:



Live and silent auction, cash raffle, and more!  
 If you have questions, contact Jennifer Ickes at  
 jickes@ollakers.org or call 269-588-3108.

Semi-formal attire



# The Annunciation

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Please join the Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (KDCCW) and the Walking with Moms team at St. Bernard's in organizing our first Deanery wide Dignity of Human Life Commission to pray and then act to support life from conception to natural death.

Join us on **March 25** at St. Bernard Church for a Rosary for Life at 6:30 pm, after, meet in the Parish Center for a meeting of like minded woman across the Lakeshore Deanery to build a culture of life in our county. Let's unite all the beautiful ministries and volunteers from all the Catholic Churches in our area to pray and unite together! As women, we are being called to promote life and make a difference in this culture - please say Yes and come pray with us.

Sponsored by: Help For Moms Southwest Michigan  
<https://here2helpmoms.wixsite.com/mysite>  
For more information, please email, [here2helpmoms@gmail.com](mailto:here2helpmoms@gmail.com)



## 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
- FN Ashton Hoffman**, Navy, grandson of Randy & Mary Lechenet
- 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

## Lenten Dinners

**Fridays during Lent**

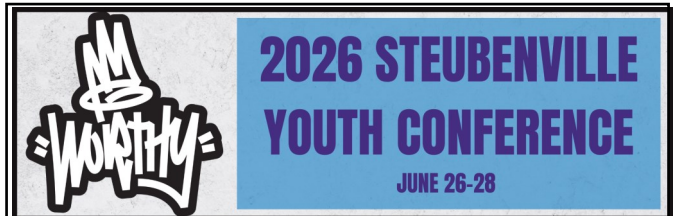
Thank you to all that supported the Lenten dinners thus far. We are off to a great start in raising funds for the Youth Group Summer trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference. If you are interested in "Paying it Forward" by providing a Soup, Salad or Bread for the (1) remaining Soup/Salad dinner, please sign up here or scan the QR code:



**Fridays during Lent**

**6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Lenten Dinners**

**March 27      Soup & Salad**



Registration for this summer's Steubenville Youth Conference is open now and spots are going fast! 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 check out the link below or ask Chad, [4churchesym@gmail.com](mailto:4churchesym@gmail.com)

# Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

## Sunday, March 22 • Domingo, 22 Marzo

- 10:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, St. John School
- 11:00 am Sacramental Preparation (Spanish)  
Preparación Sacramental, St. Bernard
- 1:30 pm Lunch and Games  
SS. John & Bernard Parish Center

## Monday, March 23 • Lunes, 23 Marzo

- 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, March 24 • Martes, 24 Marzo

- 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, March 25 • Miercoles, 25 Marzo

- 6:00 pm Becoming Catholic, St. Bernard Social Hall
- 6:30 pm St. John Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church
- 6:30 pm Annunciation Rosary and  
Walking with Mom's in Need Meeting  
Rosario de la Anunciación y  
Encuentro de Caminando con Madres Necesitadas  
St. Bernard Church and Parish Center

## Thursday, March 26 • Jueves, 26 Marzo

- 4:00 pm Catholic Bible School, St. Bernard Social Hall
- 6:30 pm St. Ceceilia Music Rehearsal, St. Bernard Church
- 7:00 pm Legion de Maria, St. Bernard Classroom

## Friday, March 27 • Viernes, 27 Marzo

- 8:30 am Adoration, Adoración, St. John Church
- 8:30 am Confession, Confesión, St. John Church
- 12:00 noon Benediction, , Bendición, St. John Church
- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Bernard Church
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Soup & Salad,  
Sopa y ensalada de los Caballeros de Colón,  
St. Bernard Parish Center
- 7:00 pm Via Crucis, St. Bernard Church
- 7:30pm Rehearsal for Living Stations of the Cross,  
Ensayo para el Vía Crucis Viviente,  
St. Bernard Parish Center

## Saturday, March 28 • Sabado, 28 Marzo

- 9:00 am CGS Level 1 Training, St. John School
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church



## Divine Mercy Sunday

**Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12. This year St. Bernard's is hosting our celebration. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration at 2pm. We will pray the Glorious Mysteries, a Consecration Prayer led by the Youth Group and The Chaplet will be sung at 3pm, the

Hour of Mercy. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed and a reception with light refreshments will follow dismissal. Confession will be offered from 2-3:30pm.



## Easter Flower

A great way to honor your deceased loved ones is to donate to the **Easter Flower Fund**. The flowers are used to beautify our worship space as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. 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 or in honor of.**



## Candy Collection

**Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 am**

The Knights of Columbus are collecting individually wrapped candy for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Your donations are appreciated, the collection baskets are in each church.



## Living Stations of the Cross

**Good Friday at 7:00pm at St. Bernard Church**

Would you like to walk with Christ to Calvary? This year we are going to act out the Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday, April 3rd at 7:00pm** at St. Bernard Church. As the crowd with Jesus to Golgotha, we would like to invite you to journey with Him. We will be rehearsing on Fridays from **7:30 - 8:30pm at St. Bernard Social Hall. This is open to our entire parish.** For more information, contact the parish office.

# 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

**March 29 • 11:00 am**

Corporate Communion,  
St. Bernard Church

**April 14 • 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



## 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)*

Spanish Hours

Tuesdays 2:00 pm - 3:30 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**

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## Our Stewardship

### For March 15, 2026

Collections..... \$5,652.55

Online..... \$3,455.38

Weekly Budget..... \$10,846.15

YTD Budget..... \$401,307.69

YTD Collection..... \$390,166.65

Shortfall..... \$11,141.04

### It's Easy To Give Online

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For more information contact the Parish Office.

