



DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA
MISERICORDIA



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 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, April 11, 5:00 pm Mass
 Lector.....Darla Nickel
 EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Gina O'Brien
 Ushers.....Mike Bradley,
Gary Cecchi & Jim Visin

Sunday, April 12, 9:00 am Mass
 Lector.....Steve Gaunder
 EMHC.....Debbie Dibble & Dan Frosolone
 Ushers.....Pete Frosolone, Mike Damico,
Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, April 12, 11:00 am Mass
 Lector.....Youth Mass
 EMHC.....Lynn Reuter & Sandi Puplis
 Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,
Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

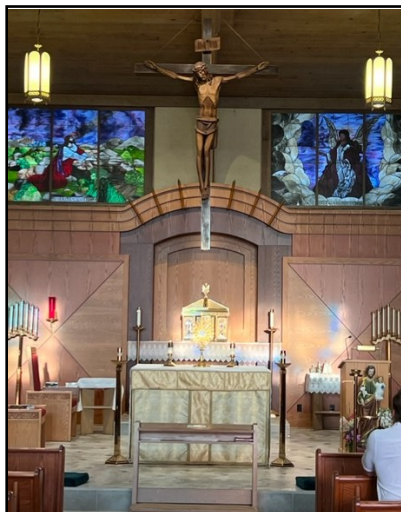
Sunday, April 12, 12:30 pm Mass
 Lector.....Rasaura, Yaheny y Nohemi Lopez

Saturday, April 18, 5:00 pm Mass
 Lector.....Peg Pinkowski
 EMHC.....Deb Visin & Linda Zienty
 Ushers.....Patrick Clark,
Gary Cecchi & Joe Campbell

Sunday, April 19, 9:00 am Mass
 Lector.....Sinie Bass
 EMHC.....Tracy Koshar & Janet Nahikian
 Ushers.....Pete Frosolone, Mike Damico,
Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, April 19, 11:00 am Mass
 Lector.....William Klein
 EMHC.....Judy Steed & Shurlie Rochefort
 Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,
Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, April 19, 12:30 pm Mass
 Lector.....Daylin, Nohemi Zarco y Lilia



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.

Save the Date and Grab your Rake!

Cemetery Clean-up, Saturday, May 2nd

Join us on **Saturday, May 2nd** at Calvary Cemetery at 9:00 am for our annual cemetery Spring clean-up.

Rain Date: May 16th

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11	
5:00 pm	†Butch Mammina, By Gina Kruck.....SB
Sunday, April 12	
9:00 am	†Dr. C. Bassett Brown, by Perla Tolentino.....SJ
11:00 am	The Reuter & Shumard Families, by Ron & Lynne ReuterSB
12:30 pm	(Español) The Intention of Santino Averion, by Chad Roden.....SB
Monday, April 13 Steve Gaunder	
5:30 pm	Intentions & Blessing for Gabriel Brunner (birthday), by Jon & Lynn Brunner.....SB
Tuesday, April 14 Peter Shaffer	
8:00 am	†Dr. Allen Zencka, by Juday ZenckaSJ
Wednesday, April 15 Mary Seymour	
9:00 am	Abigail Nickel & India Edick (birthday), by the Nickel Family.....SB
Friday, April 17 Darla Nickel	
8:00 am	†Karl Hummer, by Tammy O'BrienSJ
Saturday, April 18	
5:00 pm	†Fr. Tran, Fr. Abraham (birthday), & Fr. Emmanuel (ordination anniversary), by Lee Pargilinan.....SB
Sunday, April 19	
9:00 am	†Dr. Allen Zencka, by Judy ZenckaSJ
11:00 am	Our First Holy Communion Students, by Our Parish FamilySB
12:30 pm	(Español) Our Parish Family .SB

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 12, 2026

Sunday	Sunday of Divine Mercy - W Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Monday of the Second Week of Easter - W Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter - W Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter - W Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Thursday of the Second Week of Easter - W Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Friday of the Second Week of Easter - W Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Saturday of the Second Week of Easter - W Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

X-treme Christians

Second Sunday of Easter

You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor, tutor disadvantaged kids, or help build or repair houses in poor areas. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example—prayer. In the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46)—their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other.

Tom Schmidt

Father Away

Father John Peter will be away April 22 - May 6. There will be priests for weekend Confession and Masses. There will not be Weekday Masses or confession. There will still be our schedule Adoration.



Scene Auction

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\$500



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Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation

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

First Communion Retreat

Saturday, April 18th

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

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

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

Join Us For An

ENCHANTED EVENING

40th 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

Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, April 12 • Domingo, 12 Abril

Divine Mercy Sunday

- 10:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, St. John School
- 11:00 am Sacramental Preparation (Spanish)
Preparación Sacramental, St. Bernard
- 2:00 pm Divine Mercy, St. Bernard Church and Parish Center

Monday, April 13 • Lunes, 13 Abril

- 9:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. Bernard Church
- 4:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church
- 5:15 pm Benediction, Bendición, St. Bernard Church
- 6:15 pm Parish Council Meeting, St. Bernard Social Hall
- 6:30 pm Millions of Monicas, St. Bernard Church,
Enter door number 8

Tuesday, April 14 • Martes, 14 Abril

- 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
- 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

Wednesday, April 15 • Miercoles, 15 Abril

- 10:30 am Cemetery Board Meeting, Parish Office
- 6:00 pm Becoming Catholic, St. Bernard Social Hall
- 6:30 pm St. John Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church

Thursday, April 16 • Jueves, 16 Abril

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

Friday, April 17 • Viernes, 17 Abril

- 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, April 18 • Sabado, 18 Abril

- 9:00 am First Holy Communion Retreat,
Retiro de Primera Comunión, St. Bernard
- 9:00 am CGS Level 1 Training, St. John School
- 3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church

High School Graduation Mass

Sunday, May 17, at 9:00 am Mass

On **Sunday, May 17, at the 9:00 am** Mass at St. John's Church, we will honor the graduates from our Parish Family. **Families with Junior students plan the reception for the Senior Class of 2026.** To RSVP or for more information on volunteering please contact the parish office 269-925-2425.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday April 12th

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.



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

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

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

April 21 • 11:00 am

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

April 25 • 5:00 pm

Corporate Communion,
St. Bernard Church



Our Stewardship

For March 29, 2026

Collections..... \$7,283.65
Online..... \$3,287.01

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Collections..... \$12,504.00
Online..... \$3,711.79
Weekly Budget..... \$10,846.15
YTD Budget \$433,846.15
YTD Collection \$427,759.16
Shortfall..... \$6,086.99

Holy Thursday \$206.00
Good Friday/
Holy Land \$826.00

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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)*

Spanish Hours
Tuesdays 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Parish Staff

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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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Thieneman**
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