

*God Bless  
Our First  
Communicants*

*Emma Banyon*

*Finn Burnett*

*Lucas Burnett*

*Genevieve Graham*

*Landon Ingram*

*Isabel Seu*

*Sloane Szymkiewicz*

*Macie Veal*

*Nora Weaver*





## 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 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

**Saturday, April 25, 5:00 pm Mass**  
 Lector.....Tom Hanley  
 EMHC.....Laura Bradley & Gina O'Brien  
 Ushers.....Mike Bradley & Jim Visin

**Sunday, April 26, 9:00 am Mass**  
 Lector.....Lia Hartline  
 EMHC.....Debra Dibble & Dan Frosolone  
 Ushers.....Pete Frosolone, Mike Damico,  
 .....Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

**Sunday, April 26, 11:00 am Mass**  
 Lector.....Rajesh William  
 EMHC.....Terry Wallis & Sandi Puplis  
 Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,  
 .....Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

**Sunday, April 26, 12:30 pm Mass**  
 Lector.....Sandra, Karinay, Cesar



## 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 Away

Father John Peter will be away **April 22 - May 6**. There will be a priests for weekend Confession and Masses. There will not be Weekday Masses or confession.

There will still be our schedule Adoration.  
 Mondays - 9:00 am - Benediction at 4:15 pm  
 Fridays - 9:00 am - Benediction at 12:00 noon

# Mass Intentions

## 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 Zencka ..... SJ

11:00 am Our First Holy Communion Students, by Our Parish Family ..... SB

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

## Monday, April 20 ..... Steve Gaunder

5:30 pm Intentions of Erika Zienty by Linda Zienty ..... SB

## Tuesday, April 21 ..... Peter Shaffer

8:00 am Mike Hall by Terry Wallis ..... SJ

## Saturday, April 25 .....

5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus ..... SB

## Sunday, April 26

9:00 am Ed & Darla Nickel Anniversary, by the Nickel Family ..... SJ

11:00 am †Debby Pope (birthday), by Tammy O'Brien ..... SB

12:30 pm (Español) †Charlene Cicovsky, by the Pinkowski's ..... SB

† Indicates Deceased • \* Indicates Death Anniversary

# Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 19, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter - W</b> Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Monday of the Third Week of Easter - W</b> Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter - W</b> Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter - W</b> Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Thursday of the Third Week of Easter - W</b> Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Friday of the Third Week of Easter - W</b> Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist - W</b> 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

# Emmaus Amazement

Third Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb.

That leads to the second point. They were amazed at how Jesus explained the scriptures. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their story can help us, too.

If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there.

Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him.

Tom Schmidt

## 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.



## Scene Auction

# \$10,000 RAFFLE

Get your tickets now!  
Only 300 tickets available  
1 in 300 chance to WIN!

1st Prize:  
\$10,000  
2nd Prize:  
\$1,000  
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\$500



**Tickets are on sale NOW!**  
You do not need to be present to win.

### Introducing the Guardian Angel Fund

At Our Lady of the Lake, we believe no child should have to leave our school due to unexpected financial hardship.

Today, more than 35% of our students receive financial assistance, a reflection of both the need within our community and our commitment to making Catholic education accessible.

The Guardian Angel Fund provides confidential support for current OLL families facing unforeseen challenges, helping bridge temporary gaps so students can stay where they belong, in their classrooms, friendships, and faith-filled community.

### Our 2026 Fund-A-Need

This year, the Guardian Angel Fund will be the focus of our Fund-A-Need at the SCENE Auction.

Together, we have the opportunity to directly support students already in our classrooms and ensure they can continue their education without interruption.

### Double Your Impact

Thanks to a generous commitment from the Lake Michigan Catholic School Fund, all gifts to the Guardian Angel Fund will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000.

Every gift goes twice as far. Every gift helps a student stay.

Join Us For An

# ENCHANTED 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

A BABY IS COMING!

Celebrate

THE UPCOMING FEAST OF  
ST JOSEPH THE WORKER  
AND THE MONTH OF MARY

with a Baby Shower

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> after the 5pm Mass  
Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm  
at St Bernards, Benton Harbor

Cake, Punch, and Games!

Bring an unwrapped Gift for  
Baby Jesus or Mary

- ★ Diapers
- ★ Baby Clothing
- ★ Maternity Clothing

Essential Item gifts will be donated to  
Local Pregnancy Centers

Sponsored by:



# Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

**Sunday, April 19 • Domingo, 19 Abril**

**First Holy Communion at St. Bernard Church**

11:00 am Sacramental Preparation (Spanish)  
Preparación Sacramental, St. Bernard

**Monday, April 20 • Lunes, 20 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  
6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting, St. Bernard Classroom  
6:30 pm Millions of Monicas, St. Bernard Church,  
Enter door number 8

**Tuesday, April 21 • Martes, 21 Abril**

11:00 am American Red Cross Blood Drive, 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  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, St. Bernard Parish Center

**Wednesday, April 22 • Miércoles, 22 Abril**

6:30 pm St. John Choir Rehearsal, St. John Church

**Thursday, April 23 • Jueves, 23 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 24 • Viernes, 24 Abril**

9:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. John Church  
12:00 noon Benediction, , Bendición, St. John Church  
6:30 pm Spanish Children's Choir Rehearsal, St. Bernard Church

**Saturday, April 25 • Sabado, 25 Abril**

**Confirmation at St. Augustine Cathedral**

3:30 pm Confession, Confesión, St. Bernard Church  
6:00 pm Baby Shower, St. Bernard Social Hall



## Save the Date and Grab Your Rake!

**Cemetery Clean-up, Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Rain Date: May 16<sup>th</sup>**



## 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.



## 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](mailto: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

### April 12, 2026

Collections..... \$7,368.00

Online..... \$2,928.08

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

YTD Budget ..... \$444,692.31

YTD Collection..... \$438,361.24

Shortfall..... \$6,331.07

**It's Easy To Give Online**  
[ssjohnandbernard.org](http://ssjohnandbernard.org)

For more information contact  
the Parish Office.



## Parish Directory

### St. John Church

600 Columbus Ave.

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

### St. Bernard Church

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

### Parish Office Information

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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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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**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

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