

The background is a painting of a landscape. In the foreground, a path leads through a field of green grass and small yellow flowers. The middle ground shows rolling green hills. The sky is filled with large, swirling clouds in shades of blue, green, and white, rendered with thick, expressive brushstrokes.

Christ

You are my **way**,
my **truth**, and my **life**

Cristo

Tú eres mi **camino**,
mi **verdad**, y mi **vida**



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
 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
 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, May 2, 5:00 pm Mass
 Lector.....Marcia Grover
 EMHC.....Linda Zienty & Gina O'Brien
 Ushers.....Joe Campbell & Jim Visin

Sunday, May 3, 9:00 am Mass
 Lector.....Youth Mass
 EMHC.....John Heil & Janet Nahikian
 Ushers.....Pete Frosolone, Mike Damico,
Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, May 3, 11:00 am Mass
 Lector.....Gil Michelini
 EMHC.....Lynne Reuter & Shurlie Rochefort
 Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,
Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, May 3, 12:30 pm Mass
 Lector.....Nora, Valeria y Yessica

Saturday, May 9, 5:00 pm Mass
 Lector.....Peg Pinkowski
 EMHC.....Darla Nickel & Laura Bradley
 Ushers.....Mike Bradley & Jim Visin

Sunday, May 10, 9:00 am Mass
 Lector.....Janet Nahikian
 EMHC.....Debbie Dibble & Tracy Koshar
 Ushers.....Pete Frosolone, Mike Damico,
Sara Hassle & Tim Hamilton

Sunday, May 10, 11:00 am Mass
 Lector.....Youth Mass
 EMHC.....Sandi Pupilis & Judy Steed
 Ushers.....Paul Maloney, Jeff Chorny,
Richard Johnson, & Tom Schueneman

Sunday, May 10, 12:30 pm Mass
 Lector.....Yahemi, Nohemi Lopez y Rosaura



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**.

Collaborative Daily Schedule While Father is Away

Mass - St. Joseph, St. Joe
 8:00 am, Monday Downtown
 8:00 am Thursday - Saturday Downtown

Mass - St. Joseph, Watervliet
 9:00 am Monday - Wednesday & Saturday
 5:15 pm Friday

Adoration - St. Bernard
 Mondays - 9:00 am - Benediction at 4:15 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2

5:00 pm †Nancy Gorman
by Linda Zienty..... SB

Sunday, May 3

9:00 am The Reuter & Shumard
Families,
by Ron & Lynne Reuter SJ

11:00 am Jesse Bailey & Mary Frey
(birthday),
by the Nickel Family..... SB

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

Friday, May 8

8:00 am**Mary Seymour**
Tom Strzyzkowski (birthday),
By the Nickel Family..... SJ

Saturday, May 9

5:00 pm †Butch Mammina
by Gina Kruck..... SB

Sunday, May 10

9:00 am †Andrew Wyrick
by Diane Wyrick-Lents SJ

11:00 am Jesse Bailey & Mary Frey
(birthday),
by the Nickel Family..... SB

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

† Indicates Deceased • * Indicates Death Anniversary

Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 3, 2026

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter - W Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
Monday	Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter - W Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter - W Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter - W Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter - W Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter - W Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter - W Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Greater Things Than Jesus?

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Of all the promises Jesus gave to his disciples, sometimes I find the one at the end of today's Gospel to be the most amazing of all. Jesus tells his disciples that they would do greater works than he did. What could be greater than walking on water, curing a blind man, raising the dead, or feeding five thousand people with only a few loaves of bread?

First, we have to ask what Jesus would think is greater. The apostles performed many miracles because of their faith in the Lord. They cured the sick, and Peter even brought a dead woman back to life (Acts 9:40). But even these signs are not greater than what Jesus did.

I think Jesus meant greater in the sense of the true work of a disciple. The disciples started right after Pentecost, when they received the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter went outside and began preaching to the people, resulting in three thousand people being baptized.

I wonder if we have that same kind of trust in Jesus that the apostles had. Maybe we have to start like they did. They talked about their experience of finding the empty tomb. They prayed, they discussed what had happened, and they looked for Jesus to appear to them. We can do those same things. We can talk about our faith with our families or in a parish discussion group. We can pray to be filled with the gifts of the Spirit and to see Jesus in other people. And we can look for God to act in our lives so that we can share God's love, which has been given to us, with those who do not know the Lord.

Tom Schmidt



Father John Peter Ordination Anniversary

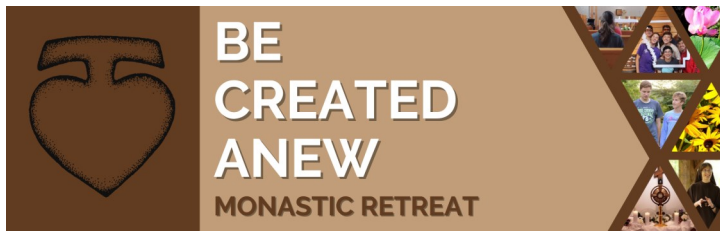
Please keep Father John Peter in your prayers as he celebrates his 28th Ordination Anniversary on May 4th. **Thank you** for all you do for our parish family.



Our High School Youth Group meets on **Tuesdays, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm** in the Rose Center Youth Room. Dinner will be provided.



Come join us at St. Bernard Catholic Church on **May 23rd at 6:00 pm** for a time of fellowship, snacks, and prayer as the Church prepares for the Solemnity of Pentecost. In years past, the Church has gathered on the eve of Pentecost to pray for a new and fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us and the world, come join us as we ask for these important graces.



Each year we take a group of teens from our area come together to visit Little Portion Hermitage Monastery for a week-long retreat with the monks. The retreat will blend an experience of monastic life, times of reflection, and short adventures to the surrounding area. This year we will be staying at Little Portion from **July 25 - August 1**. We hope that you consider joining us this year for this memorable retreat. It is \$175 per student. To register or if you would like more information, please email Chad at 4ChurchesYM@gmail.com.

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.



Memorial Day Rosary & Mass

Monday, May 25th starting at 8:30 am

Bring a lawn chair and join us on Memorial Day, Monday May 25 at Calvary Cemetery. We will begin at 8:30 am praying the Patriotic Rosary, Mass will begin at 9:00 am.

If there is inclement weather, Mass will be moved to St. Bernard Church.



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

LT. COL Donald Hild, nephew of Phil Hild

FN Ashton Hoffman, Navy, grandson of Randy & Mary Lechenet

LT. COL. Randall Bittner, son of Sandra M. Hopkins

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



AGES: Kids 4-11

WHERE: St. Bernard Church, 555 E Delaware Ave, Benton Harbor

WHEN: June 22nd-26th from 9am till noon

COST: \$25/child (\$50/child after June 1st) includes T-shirt!

CONTACT: Online registrations only! Scan QR code  or use the link found on the parish website



Scan Me 

REGISTER BEFORE: Monday, June 1st

**COME TO VBS AND WALK WITH JESUS THROUGH THE CHURCH YEAR.
JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, ORDINARY TIME, LENT, AND EASTER.**

Our Week at a Glance Un Vistazo ala Semana

Sunday, May 3 • Domingo, 3 Mayo

- 11:00 am Sacramental Preparation (Spanish)
Preparación Sacramental, St. Bernard Parish Center
- 1:30 pm Lunch and Games, Almuerzo y juegos,
St. Bernard Parish Center

Monday, May 4 • Lunes, 4 Mayo

- 9:00 am Adoration, Adoración, St. Bernard Church
- 4:15 pm Benediction, Bendición, St. Bernard Church
- 6:30 pm Millions of Monicas, St. Bernard Church,
Enter door number 8

Tuesday, May 5 • Martes, 5 Mayo

- 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, May 6 • Miercoles, 6 Mayo

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

Thursday, May 7 • Jueves, 7 Mayo

- 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, May 8 • Viernes, 8 Mayo

- 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, May 9 • Sabado, 9 May

- 9:00 am CGS Level 1 Formation, 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.

Please pray for our students as they continue on their Faith Journey

A Faith Journey is a continuous exploration of meaning and connection with a God, marked by periods of deep conviction, moments of doubt, and ongoing learning, where personal experiences and community support shape your understanding of spirituality and guide you towards living a life aligned with your beliefs.



God bless all of our students who received Sacraments in the past couple of weeks.

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 25 • 5:00 pm

Corporate Communion, St. Bernard Church

May 12 • 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

April 26, 2026

Collections.....	\$7,599.05
Online.....	\$2,652.79
Weekly Budget.....	\$10,846.15
YTD Budget	\$466,384.62
YTD Collection.....	\$459,269.47
Shortfall.....	\$7,115.15

BAA 2026 Update

Goal.....	\$102,570.00
Pledged	\$100.00
Cash Received	\$100.00
Pledge Card Received	1

It's Easy To Give Online

ssjohnandbernard.org

For more information contact the Parish Office.



Parish Directory

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Parish Office Information

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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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