

SS. JOHN & BERNARD PARISH

St. John Church, Columbus at Catalpa (Benton Harbor MI) St. Bernard Church, Delaware at Ogden

Weekend of
August 30 & 31, 2008

Parish Mission Statement:

"To grow as a Catholic community, united by the Holy Spirit, living our faith in Jesus Christ and sharing God's truth and love with all people."

Sacraments

Confessions: (at St. Bernard's)
Saturday 3:30-4:45 pm
and anytime by request.

Sacraments for the Sick: Notify the pastor of those who are in the hospital or homebound, so they may receive the Sacraments.

Baptisms: Arrange with the pastor.

Marriages: Meet with the pastor at least six months before the wedding date.

New Parishioners: Please register by calling the rectory or by stopping in the office.

Offertory Gifts:

Call Shirley Vorres (926-8602)

Sisters' Convent 926-6483

Catholic Community Center

(Sr. Rita & Sr. Mary)
346 Catalpa BH 926-6424

Mail to 630 Columbus

The Readiness Center

(Sr. Paulita & Sr. Sharon)
347 Catalpa BH 926-4084

Mail to 630 Columbus

The Loft

(Sr. Mary Jo Holmes)
580 Columbus, BH 925-5858

Prayer Line: To request prayers, call 927-1810, 983-7865 or 983-2930

Knights of Columbus

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (St. Bernard's)
Sunday 9:00 am (St. John's)
11:00 am (St. Bernard's)

(Sunday Mass is tape-delayed
broadcast on radio WHFB, 1060
AM, at 10:30 am)

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK:

Sat., 8/30 5:00 pm (B) John & Molly Gagliardo ☩ by family
 Sun., 8/31 9:00 am (J) George Woodley☩ * by Virginia Woodley
 11:00 am (B) Deceased of Knights of Columbus ☩
 Mon. 9/1 5:30 pm (J) Gus Biastock ☩* by Mike & Barb Jennings
 Tue., 9/2 8:00 am (J) Our Parish Family
 Wed. 9/3 5:30 pm (B) Josephine Damico ☩ * by K. & M. Humes
 Thu., 9/4 9:00 am (B) Phil McDonald ☩ by Sam & Grace Guardino
 Fri., 9/5 8:00 am (J) Bill Barry, Jr. ☩ by Frances Piggott
 Sat., 9/6 8:00 am (B) Ed Hicks ☩ by Anita Hicks
 5:00 pm (B) Tarkowski Family ☩ by Jean Basly
 Sun., 9/7 9:00 am (J) Leonard Arntz ☩ by Virginia Woodley
 11:00 am (B) Tony & Josephine Damico ☩ by Family

Eucharistic Adoration Fri., 8:30am-6 pm.(J)

* = Death Anniversary ☩ = Deceased

Readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time are Jeremiah: 20: 7-9;
 Romans 12:1-2; Matt 16: 21-27.

Our Offering of Thanks to God last weekend:

Adult envelopes: (333 of 790) \$13,396.25
 Student envelopes: (20) 19.90
 Loose offering: 1,218.50
 \$14,634.65

8 week average: \$15,461.78
 Needed to make weekly budget: \$15,250.00
 OVER budget to date: \$ 1,482.78

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Today, we celebrate the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The over-all message & Gospel Theme for today: Christ did not promise us popularity. Instead, accepting God's Word may mean rejection and disappointment. We judge by God's standards, not by those of other people. We hear in today's Gospel how Jesus rejected Peter, for thinking as humans do. Jesus wanted Peter to think by God's standards, by God's norms. The same challenge is given to us today, in our own time.

1st Reading: Sometimes, a teacher is reluctant to teach. Jeremiah was no exception to this rule. For whatever reason, he felt he could not successfully do God's will. 2nd Reading: We live by standards of revelation, by the Word of God. We don't need pagan ideas or pagan values. Paul gives us encouragement and support! He says, "...be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."

The message of God speaks of responsibility, justice, care of the widow and orphan, faith-fulness, supporting the community of faith. Loving God has a cost. We must sacrifice throughout our lives for God. We are called to live sacrificial lives for the sake of God and the kingdom. We are to offer ourselves as "living sacrifices." People should see in us, especially by our actions, our decisions to truly love the Lord. Being living witnesses can transform us and bring others to God. Then, we have truly followed in His Son's footsteps and carried out the will of the Father.

Let us pray: "Father, we turn to you, trusting in your tender mercy. We offer our lives in sacrifice. Help us not to be conformists, but to serve you with all our hearts, through Christ our Lord. Amen!"

If someone paid us 10 cents for every kind word we said about people and collected 5 cents for every unkind word, would we be rich or poor?

KDSA 2008/2009 TO DATE: Over 600 families have now pledged nearly \$130,000.00 (Our 2008/2009 Goal: \$94,648.00)
(Remember, all the monies donated beyond our goal comes back to our Parish.)(All remaining families are now being contacted personally!)(A final report will be ready shortly!)

OTHER ITEMS:

***Please pray for our Confirmation candidates who are now in the home stretch of their journey to receive this special Sacrament from the Most Rev. Bishop James A. Murray. This year's ceremony will be Sunday, October 5, at 3:00 PM in the Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School Gymnasium.

#1. 2008 PARISH PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: Our Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 14 – again to be held at the St. Bernard's Church property. We now have the New Parish Center and over 12 acres of land to organize and plan a fun-filled day for all. Last year was absolutely superb – we need only build on that wonderful experience!

#2. New Parish Directory: They are here and available after all Masses – please pick one up for your family a.s.a.p. Additional copies are available at a nominal fee of \$5.00 per book. Remember, as long as you are registered with SS John& Bernard Parish, you are entitled to a copy.

"Here's hoping you are enjoying the beautiful summer months of great weather, family gatherings, and much needed relaxation!"

Yours truly in Christ,
 Fr. Bill Jacobs,
 Pastor

**PARISH PICNIC
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
 1-4 PM
 ST. BERNARD'S GROUNDS
 ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES.**

We will eat in the cool and comfortable new Parish Center. The parish supplies hamburgers, hot dogs and brats, beverages and tableware. Bingo will be inside after lunch. Kid's Activities and Horseshoes will be outdoors at 2 pm.

Please bring a dish to pass:

A-G: Salad, H-P: Dessert, Q-Z: Veggie or Casserole
**Please return response slip by Thurs., Sept. 11
 by mail to the rectory or in the offering.**

Family name _____

of adults _____ # of teens (13-18) _____ # of kids _____

PARISH:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Mary Gagnard, Steve Gaunder, Jack Gittersonke, Anna Gober, Jim Humburg, Jane Jacobs, Ron Jennings, Josephine Naylor, Chris Osborn, Eddie Quardokus, Dorothy Radke, Mary Shine, Linda Wallenfang, Ed & Lobby Woodfin. Please let us know when someone is in particular need of prayer and also when they are recovered.

K OF C CORNER: Regular Business meeting will be Wed., Sept. 3, 7 pm, K of C Room at St. Bernard's. Officer meeting at 6 pm. There will be a membership drive next weekend, Sept. 6 & 7 after all Masses. Knights will be available to answer your questions.

PRAYER QUILTING at St. Bernard's, Sat., Sept. 6, 9 to noon. You don't have to be able to sew to help. All hands welcome!

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTER plans to put some raised beds in their garden. Old lumber or boards would be of help. We would prefer any donations before Sept. 10.

THE THRIFT SHOP is in need of jeans and T-shirts. Contact Sr. Mary for more info at 926-6424.

MISS EWTN? Contact Comcast by phone, e-mail or snail mail and ask that EWTN be put back on the regular channel lineup. The more calls, the better.

PARISH R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will start Sun., Sept. 7. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning about the Catholic faith, now is the time to start thinking (and praying) about coming to the classes. We will meet on Sunday evenings 6:30-8 pm at St. Bernard's. Coming to the classes is no way obligates a person to become Catholic. Sponsors will be needed for those who wish to become Catholic. Being a sponsor is a wonderful way to share your faith and enhance it at the same time. Talk to Marcia at the rectory, 925-2425, for information.

LIVE IN CONCERT John Michael Talbot, a Catholic songwriter and musician, will be giving 2 free will offering concerts in our area: Tues., Sept. 9, St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church at Ironwood & Jefferson, South bend, IN at 7 pm, and Wed., Sept. 10, Shrine of St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Guadalupe, 250 Brown St., Grand Rapids at 7 pm. For info about carpooling to either concert, call Kris Collins at 925-6899 or Jeanne Imach at 369-4191.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Sept. 6 & 7

	Lector	Commentator	Servers
<u>5 pm</u>	C. Quardokus	B. Richards	B. & K. O'Brien A. Vojtko
<u>9 am</u>	S. Gaunder	G. Gaunder	A. Lucker, J.P. Nickel C. Smiy
<u>11 am</u>	L. G. Wallace	J. O'Malley	J. McQuillan, C. Campbell Adriana Mucia

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

5 pm: R. Lazaga, H. Molter, B. Grover, M. Elwell, A. Shembarger, R. Fish, J. Carpentier
9 am: M. Unruh, G. J. Gaunder, C. Taylor, M. Sullivan, S. Pantelleria, B. Williams, E. Bean, K. & B. Boyle
11 am: A. Mileski, S. Siriano, A. Campbell, S. Kohler, B. Rotter, M. Jennings, E. & G. Conrad, K. Watts

Greeters

Sept. 7: Lewis Family

Nursery Volunteers for Sept. 7:

9 am - Chuck & Mary Jo Jager

11 am - Angela Zay & Maria Moen

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTER: As your offering this coming weekend, please bring CANNED VEGETABLES, CEREAL, RAMAN NOODLES and BROWN PAPER BAGS Thanks

NOTE OF THANKS from Anita Hicks for all your prayers during her surgery and recuperation.

HELPERS FOR PARISH PICNIC KID ACTIVITIES NEEDED. We need a large team of teens and adults to help run games and monitor activities at the Sept. 14 parish Picnic, as well as set-up and clean-up teams. This is a great opportunity for Christian Service hours. Call Sara Duris at 463-3542 or LeeAnn Russell at 429-6956.

JUST FAITH SS. John & Bernard Parish will be offering Just Faith in '08-'09. Just Faith is a 30 week program during which participants study the Church's commitment to the poor and vulnerable in a lively, challenging, multifaceted process all experienced in the context of a small community of faith. More details next week.

DIOCESE:

NOAH'S APPEAL Bishop Murray, diocesan pastors and school leaders are initiating an ambitious effort to preserve our diocesan Catholic schools. In the next few days every family in our diocese will receive information about The Diocese of Kalamazoo's Noah's Appeal, a new strategy that will directly impact the amount of tuition paid by each school family, as well as provide operational support to all our schools. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me." Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually be an obstacle.

HOW TO BE MARRIED AND STAY ENGAGED: a marriage enrichment seminar with Dr. James Healy, will be held on Sat., Oct. 11, at St. Thomas More Parish, 421 Monroe St., Kalamazoo, 1-4:30 pm. Whether you are newly married or celebrating your fiftieth anniversary, whether you are flourishing or struggling, this day can be the next step for YOUR marriage. Early registration (by Oct. 1) \$20/couple or \$10 individual. After Oct. , \$25 /couple or \$12.50/ individual. For info or to register, call Office of Marriage & Family Ministry at 268-349-8714 x 110/113.

SAVE THE DATE The Diocesan Youth Rally for students in 6th to 12th grades will be on Sat., Oct. 25, at St. Ann's in Augusta. Our theme is *Reflecting the Son...in every word, thought and action*. Our main presenters are Hiking4Jesus. Plan now on attending this day full of prayer, fun and learning. Look for more details coming soon.

OFFICE OF CATECHESIS AND INITIATION:

Peggy Gallagher, Director, 211 Church St., St. Joseph, MI 983-1575 x 10

CCD Thank you to all who have already registered. Classes will begin the first Monday and Tuesday in October. Home study families will be notified when the materials will be ready for pickup. If you didn't get a chance to register yet, please call ASAP: 983-1575 x 15.

SCRIPTURE STUDY IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION: Explore the world of the Old Testament from the Exile in Babylon to the impact of Greek culture on Judaism. Join us for Israel's "Great Adventure" in the ancient Middle East as recounted in the Old Testament. Monday night sessions begin September 22 through November 23, 7 pm-8:45 in the Rose Center and Tuesday afternoon sessions begin September 23 through November 11, 12:15-2:15 pm, in St. Bernard's social hall. Childcare is available during the Tuesday session. Please register by phone at 983-1517 x 15 or by email at rciaandfamilyministry@hotmail.com.

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