Saint John Parish

albion, michigan 49224

OUR MISSION
Led by the Spirit, Saint John Parish Community
is dedicated to being a living witness to Jesus by fostering
Spiritual growth through Worship, Catholic Education and Service to
God and His people, especially those in need.

PASTORAL STAFF:
Fr. Carl Peltz - Pastor -phone ext.10
Mr. Tom McGuire- Secretary to the Pastor/Administrative Assistant- phone ext. 11
Linda Markovich - DRE- phone ext. 15
Director of Finance and Development - Mary Topa-phone ext.17

RECTORY: 879 Finley Drive
PHONE: 629-8678

CHURCH AND FAMILY CENTER: 1020 Irwin Avenue

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Phone	517-629-4532
Fax	517-629-5462
Parish Web Site	www.stjohn-church.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Friday of week prior by 5:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register at the Parish Office, if you are 18 years or older.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE:
Weekdays and Holy Days: Consult Bulletin

Vigil - Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS OR RCIA: Contact the office.

WEDDINGS:
Contact the office six months before desired date.
If there is a previous marriage, one year

CARE OF THE SICK: Contact the office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m. at K.C. Hall

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: 3rd Monday of the month from April to October

PRAYER NETWORK: call Marge Murray at 629-9271 or the Parish Office

Coming Up This Week:

Sunday January 4th
8:00 AM...Mass..For the People of St John Parish
9:15 AM....Religious Education Classes
10:30 AM....Anna Weiskittel
by Dan & Lillian Charbonneau

Monday, January 5th
No Mass

Tuesday, January 6th
No Mass

Wednesday, January 7th
Noon Mass.....For the People of St. John Parish

Thursday, January 8th
9 AM..Mass....For the People of St. John Parish

Friday, January 9th
9 AM..Mass...For the People of St. John Parish

Saturday, January 10th
3:30 PM...Confessions
4:30 PM...Mass...Raymond Knodt
by Hank & Pat Konkle

Sunday, January 11th
8:00 AM...Mass..Richard Welninski
by Theresa Harris
9:15 AM....Religious Education Classes
10:30 AM....Juan Lerma *by the Lerma Family*

Weekday Mass Cancellation Policy
Please be advised: When Albion Public Schools are cancelled for the day, the weekday Mass will be automatically cancelled. The exception will be a Holy Day of Obligation.

The sponsor of the week is Caster Concepts

Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish:
Marge Bommarito, June Carver, Sharon Bommarito, Cris Solis, Jr; Margaret Richardson, Edna Sheldon, Kathy Matson, John Owdziej, Jerry Sacharski, Zenon Ortiz, Gerald Lammers, Nick Fuentes, Richard Eis, Virginia Karmalski, Irene Campbell, Carol deNicola, David Riano, Fr. Peltz, Beverly Eis

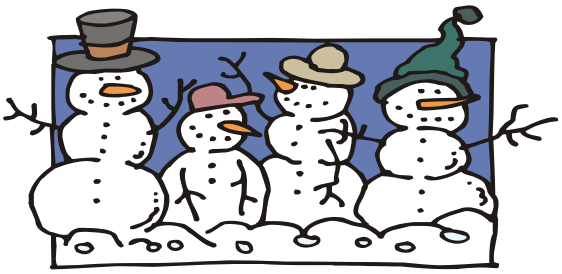
Liturgy Team Two

Saturday, January 10th 4:30 PM
Commentator: Bob Kochinski
Lector: Nikki Kochinski
EM: Chris Calvert, Dave & Jenny Nearnberg
Altar Servers: Sarah Carr
Ushers: Bill Zenoniani, Sr; Steve Zenoniani

Sunday, January 11th 8:00 AM
Commentator: Dave Farley
Lector: Sue Farley
EM: Kevin Markovich, Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Server: Volunteer
Ushers: Steve Konkol, Lester Stark

Sunday, Janaury 11th 10:30 AM
Commentator: Sally Jackson
Lector: Aimee Fedore
EM: Arminda Lerma, Martin & Shelagh Holmes
Altar Server: Carl Weiskittel, Alicia Botello
Ushers: Tom Hickey, Bill Blight

Protecting God's Children Training Session
St. John Parish will host a training session on January 21, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Library. The facilitator will be Tom McGuire. All Catholic Church volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults are required to participate in this training. For more information and registration call the Parish Office (517) 629-4532.



In Appreciation
Thank you for all the prayers, cards, food and monetary gifts given to me at Christmas. It was greatly appreciated. Fr. Peltz.

Praying for our Troops
Let us all pray for their protection and their safe return home: **Rick Stells, II; William Haun; Nick Nystrom; Quintin Phillips; Kyle Hageman; and Garret Coppin.**

Prayer: Lord God, Almighty Father, in your divine providence you seek to protect your people. We pray for our brothers and sisters serving in the Middle East, especially those whose families or friends have asked us to remember in prayer. Protect them with your guidance. Give them the intuitions and skills to know when they are in harms way. Send your holy angels to watch over them. Bring them safely home to be reunited with their loved ones. We ask this through your Son Jesus, our Lord who is the savior of the world. Amen.

Our Return to God Of His Gifts to Us
December 20 & 21

Adult, Loose	$4,077.60
Children's	$10.25
Christmas	$150.00

December 25

Christmas	$3,248.50
Children's	$13.00
January 1st & other Sundays	$1,143.00

December 27 & 28

Adult, Loose	$2,508.86
Children's	$11.00
Christmas	$140.00

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship
Thursday, February 12, 2009, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church, Kalamazoo with Rev. Anthony Ruff, OSB. This workshop will look at the new music document issued by the US Bishops "Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship" and is for parish singers, choir members, musicians, music directors, organists, guitarists and clergy. For more information contact the Office of Worship: dreilly@dioceseofkalamazoo.org or (269) 349-8714, ext. 245.

Family Perspective
The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in 2009 to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is sponsoring a week of Catholic Camp at Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation July 26 – August 1, 2009. All Catholic Boy Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend an informational meeting about this exciting first-ever Boy Scout experience. The meetings will be from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13th at St. Joseph Parish Center in Battle Creek; Wednesday, Jan. 14th at St. Bernard Social Hall in Benton Harbor and Thursday, Jan. 15th at St. Monica School Cafeteria in Kalamazoo. Come learn more about the camp, ask questions and discuss possibilities with members of the planning committee. For more information contact Dr. Rick Thurmer at 269-721-8195 or Lisa Irwin at 269-349-8714 x228.

Contribution Statements 2008
We would like to print these statements by January 15th. Please get your donation for 2008 in as soon as possible. If you haven't given to KDSA 2008 yet, you still have time to donate for 2008. If you need a tax break another option for donating is the New Church Building - Mortgage Fund. Thank you for your support and contributions.