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RECTORY: 879 Finley Drive
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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:
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CARE OF THE SICK: Contact the office.

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Coming Up This Week:

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*

Monday, January 12th
No Mass

Tuesday, January 13th
No Mass

Wednesday, January 14th
Noon Mass.....Lucy Rustenholtz *by Leonilla Hones*

Thursday, January 15th
9 AM..Mass....Anna Weiskittel
by Chris & Mary Tanner

Friday, January 16th
9 AM..Mass...Mary Marzic
by Rosemary & Bruce Austin

Saturday, January 17th
3:30 PM...Confessions
4:30 PM...Mass...Leo & Lucille Lammers and
Phyllis Lammers *by the Lammers Family*

Sunday, January 18th
8:00 AM...Mass..For the People of St. John Parish
9:15 AM....Religious Education Classes
10:30 AM....Barry Yokom *by Edna*

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 Gordon Martin Builders

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, Arlene Marzic

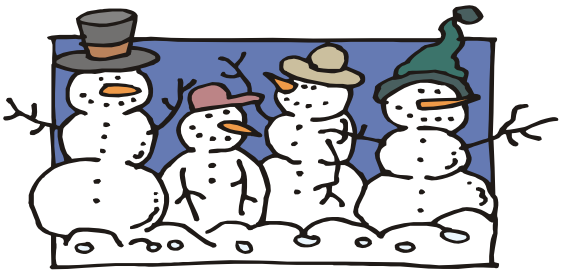
Liturgy Team Three

Saturday, January 17th 4:30 PM
Commentator: Bob Chojnowski
Lector: Ruth Schmitter
EM: Bob & Nikki Kochinski, Katie Konkle
Altar Servers: Bernard Konkle, Susie Chojnowski
Ushers: Nelson Baumeister, Volunteer

Sunday, January 18th 8:00 AM
Commentator: Kathy Snyder
Lector: Mary Koch
EM: Bill & Joan Walsh, Liz Wilson
Altar Servers: Volunteer
Ushers: Kay Eagen, Volunteer

Sunday, January 18th 10:30 AM
Commentator: Carl Weiskittel
Lector: Ken Blight
EM: Mike McAuliffe, Deb Weitzel, Carol deNicola
Altar Servers: Andrea Farmer
Ushers: John Richardson, Volunteer

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.



Pastor Away
Fr Peltz will be on vacation from Sunday, January 18th after the Masses to Saturday, January 24th.

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 31st

Adult, Loose	$367.00
Children's	$2.00

January 3rd & 4th

Adult, Loose	$3,869.95
Children's	$13.00
Christmas	$140.00

Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."

Dedication Anniversary
Sunday, February 1st, is our anniversary for the Dedication of our Church. We are planning a Pot Luck for February 1st at Noon. More information to come.

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
What Our Heavenly Father said to Jesus in today's gospel, "You are my beloved Son My favors rests on you" is said to each of us. We don't earn this love, it is given freely. The unconditional love we experience in our families is sacramental for it gives us a glimpse of God's freely given, all accepting love.

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.

Respect Life
Luminaries will be available after all the Masses, January 17th & 18th for a donation.

Thursday, January 22nd, is the 36th anniversary of Roe vs Wade. A prayer service is being planned at Noon. More information to come.