

# 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

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CHURCH AND FAMILY CENTER: 1020 Irwin Avenue

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

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Parish Web Site [www.stjohn-church.org](http://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.

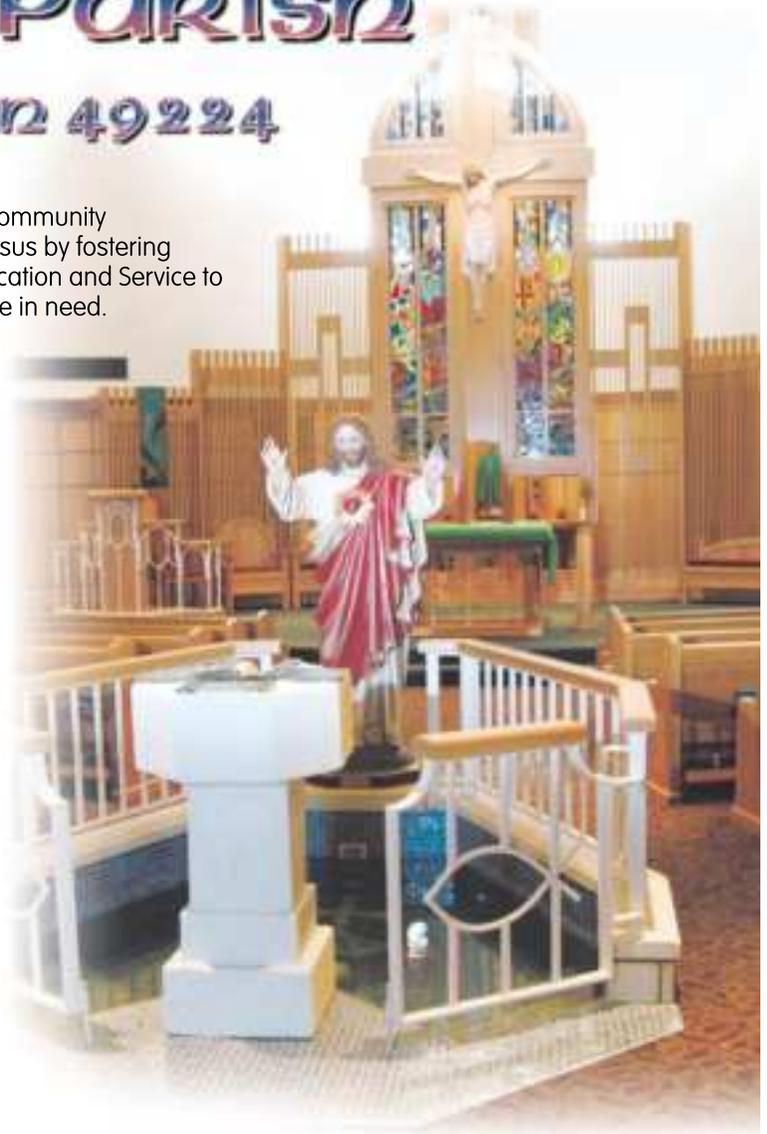
## MASS SCHEDULE:

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



**Mass Schedule for February 1-8, 2009**

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mass 8:00 AM...**Edward Niecko

*by Mary Niecko*

**9:15 AM...** Religious Education Classes

**Mass 10:30 AM....**Mary Marzic

*by Rosemary & Bruce Austin*

**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

No Mass

**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

12:15 PM Mass-Blessing of Throats

Feast of St Blaise

**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Noon Mass... People of St. John Parish

**Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

9 AM...Mass...Anna Weiskittel

*by Richard Weaver*

**Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

9 AM..Mass...Lucy Rustenholtz

*by Hank & Pat Konkle*

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mass...4:30 PM ...People of St John Parish

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass 8:00 AM...**People of St John Parish

**9:15 AM...** Religious Education Classes

**Mass 10:30 AM....**Anna Weiskittel

*by Steve & Gayl Zenoniani*

**Week Day Mass Cancellation Policy**

Please be advised that when Albion Public Schools are cancelled for the day, any weekday Masses will be automatically cancelled. The exception will be Holy Days of Obligation. **If there is a two hour delay in school start time, Mass scheduled for 9 AM will be cancelled. The Noon Mass or later will be said.**

The sponsor of the week Clark's Flowers

**Next Week Liturgy Team Two**

**Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 PM**

Commentator: Bob Kochinski

Lector: Nikki Kochinski

EM: Dave Nearnberg, Jenny Nearnberg, Chris Calvert

Altar Servers: Sarah Carr

Ushers: Bill Zenoniani, Sr., Steve Zenoniani

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM**

Commentator: Dave Farley

Lector: Sue Farley

EM: Volunteer, Kevin Markovich, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Ushers: Steve Konkol, Lester Stark

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 AM**

Commentator: Sally Jackson

Lector: Aimee Fedore

EM: Arminda Lerma, Martin Holmes, Shelagh Holmes

Altar Servers: Carl Weiskittel, Alicia Botello

Ushers: Bill Blight, Tom Hickey

**Pray for Our Troops**

Pray for the protection and safe return home of Rick Spells II, Nick Nystrom, Quintin Phillips, Kyle Hagemann, and Garret Coppin.

**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

**Homebound/Sick**

Contact the parish office or Fr Peltz if you or someone in your family is unable to attend Mass. Please indicate if you want someone to bring you Holy Communion or have Father Peltz make a house call for Confession or the Anointing of the Sick.

**Our Return to God of His Gifts to Us**

**January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

Weekly budgeted amount.....	\$4,615.38
Adult, Loose .....	\$3,539.74
Children's .....	\$11.00
Parish Development.....	\$60.00

**Special Mass**

Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. Blaise, when the blessing of throats is given to the faithful assembled for the Eucharist. Now that we are in the flu season, Fr. Peltz determined it would be appropriate to celebrate this feast. Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 PM in the main church.

St Blaise is believed to have been martyred in the persecution of Licinius, early 4<sup>th</sup> century. He was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and is associated with the healing of throats.

**Jackson Catholic Middle School**

The teachers and staff of Jackson Catholic Middle School look forward to meeting all 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents at our

**J.C.M.S. Information Night on  
Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00 PM in the  
Ken Dillon Center.**

Join us for an informational tour of our school—its mission, curriculum and programs. Feel free to invite other parents and students who might be considering J.C.M.S. for their next step in education.

**Pope asks young Catholics to use technology to share their faith**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI asked young Catholics to use their computers, Facebook accounts, blogs and Internet video posts to share with their peers the joy of faith in Christ. "Be sure to announce the Gospel to your contemporaries with enthusiasm," the pope told young people in his message for the 2009 celebration of World Communications Day.

"Human hearts are yearning for a world where love endures, where gifts are shared, where unity is built, where freedom finds meaning in truth and where identity is found in respectful communion," said Pope Benedict's message, which was released at the Vatican Jan. 23.

In his message, Pope Benedict said that if used creatively and correctly new computer technologies can help people meet the human longing to connect with others and share the search for goodness, beauty and truth.

Of course, he said, people must "avoid the sharing of words and images that are degrading of human beings, that promote hatred and intolerance, that debase the goodness and intimacy of human sexuality or that exploit the weak and vulnerable."

And praising the way young people use the Internet to form and maintain friendships, he also cautioned against trivializing friendship by not forming real, face-to-face relationships.

"It would be sad if our desire to sustain and develop online friendships were to be at the cost of our availability to engage with our families, our neighbors and those we meet in the daily reality of our places of work, education and recreation," Pope Benedict said.

"If the desire for virtual connectedness becomes obsessive, it may in fact function to isolate individuals from real social interaction while also disrupting the patterns of rest, silence and reflection that are necessary for healthy human development," the pope said.

Still, Pope Benedict said, new technologies have an "extraordinary potential" to bring people together, to help them share information, to rally them to work for good causes and to educate.

"They respond to a fundamental desire of people to communicate and to relate to each other," he said.

"When we find ourselves drawn toward other people, when we want to know more about them and make ourselves known to them, we are responding to God's call -- a call that is imprinted in our nature as beings created in the image and likeness of God, the God of communication and communion," Pope Benedict said.

Much of the pope's message was addressed to the "digital generation," to young people who have grown up using computers and cellular phones, e-mail and text messaging.

He asked them "to bring the witness of their faith to the digital world" and to write openly about the joys of faith when they write their profiles on social-networking sites or blogs.