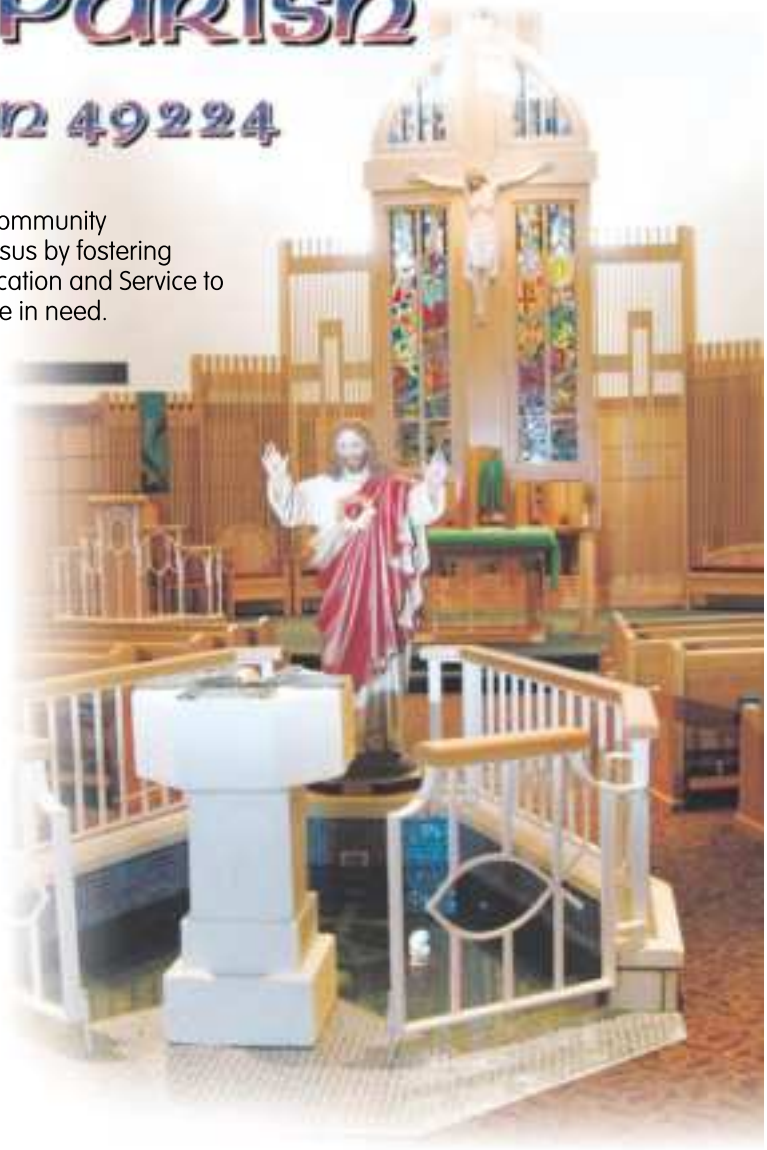
Saint John Parish

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

Mass Schedule: February 22-March 1, 2009

Sunday, February 22nd
8:00 AM...Mass...People of St John Parish
9:15 AM... Religious Education Classes
10:30 AM....Mass...Mary Marzic
by Rosemary & Bruce Austin

Monday, February 23rd
No Mass

Tuesday, February 24th
No Mass

Ash Wednesday, February 25th
12:15 PM... Mass...People of St. John Parish
7:00 PM...Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

Thursday, February 26th
9:00 AM...Mass...People of St John Parish

Friday, February 27th Fish Fry
9:00 AM...Mass...People of St John Parish
5:00 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry

Saturday, February 28th
Mass...4:30 PM ...Raymond Konkle
by Hank & Pat Konkle

Sunday, March 1st
8:00 AM...Mass...Thomas Konkle
by Hank & Pat Konkle
9:15 AM... Religious Education Classes
10:30 AM...Mass...Anna Weiskittel
by Chris & Mary Tanner

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 Air Now

Next Week Liturgy Team One

Saturday, February 28th 4:30 PM
Commentator: Mike Hill
Lector: Rebekah Snyder
EM: Bill & Laura Zenoniani, Vicky Snyder
Altar Servers: Zachary Calvert
Ushers: Frank Kniburys, Hank Konkle

Sunday, March 1st 8:00 AM
Commentator: Don Kaiser
Lector: Joan Walsh
EM: Dave & Sue Farley, Alex Harden
Altar Servers: Theresa Harris
Ushers: Bob Fisher, Kevin Markovich

Sunday, March 1st 10:30 AM
Commentator: Alicia Botello
Lector: Juanita Solis Kidder
EM: Rodney & Jill Mestdagh, Vonnie Lammers
Altar Servers: Nick & Steve Lammers
Ushers: Curt Miller, Fred Schick

Pray for Our Troops
Pray for protection and safe return home of Nick Nystrom, Quintin Phillips, Kyle Hagemann, and Garret Coppin.

Please Pray For the Sick of our Parish:
Marge & Sharon Bommarito, Cris Solis, Jr; Margaret Richardson, Edna Sheldon, Kathy Matson, John Owdziej, Jerry Sacharski, Zenon Ortiz, Gerald Lammers, Nick Fuentes, Virginia Karmalski, Irene Campbell, Carol deNicola, David Riano, Fr. Peltz, Beverly Eis, Arlene Marzic, Gail Waidelich, Hank Paskett, Michael Lerma

Sympathy
Please, pray for Richard D Eis, Sr. and Marjorie Paniccia who passed from this world into the glory of the Risen Lord. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to their families and assure them of our prayers.

Our Return to God of His Gifts to Us
February 14th & 15th
Weekly budgeted amount.....$4,615.38
Adult, Loose $3,294.00
Children's $13.00
Parish Development.....$85.00
Rite of Election

The Rite of Election for Jeremy Kirby and Dennis Jackson will take place during Mass next Sunday, First Sunday of Lent.

Stations of the Cross
This Friday at 4:30 PM. Alicia Botello will be the leader of Prayer.

Ps. We are still in need of leaders of pray for the last three Fridays of Lent The Prayer Leader sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.

Fr Peltz

Liturgical Lenten Environment
The primary symbols for the Lenten period are ashes, rocks, barren bushes and threes, sand and cactus representing the desert. We will be using all these symbols in our Liturgical Environment during the upcoming Lenten Season.

Lenten Liturgies
The official directives for celebrating the Eucharist do more than just tell us the color for the season and type of songs to be sung, they also speak of the parts of the Mass that are to be emphasized, and those that are to be given less emphasis especially in seasons like Advent and Lent. They help us prepare for great liturgical Feasts.

During Lent the penitential Rite is to be given more emphasis along with the Prayers of the Faithful when the response is changed to "Lord have mercy!" Some parts Mass that are normally sung, will to be recited and brought back with singing during the solemn or great Feasts and seasons so as to make them more festive and spacial as is their nature.

Because Lent is a season when we join the catechumens in making final preparation for Baptism in the great Easter Vigil Liturgy, Baptismal and Holy Water are to be removed from the church. Blessed water is only to be used for Funerals. In parishes where there are few infant baptisms and marriages, these liturgies are not to be celebrated during Lent.

Ash Wednesday
Feb 25, 2009
12:15 PM Mass and distribution of ashes a
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with Ashes. (No Eucharist)

The outreach ministry to Albion College aims to include students in St. John Parish. The students, therefore, will be the primary ministers in the Ash Wednesday Service. At 7:00 PM.

This is considered by many liturgists to be the ideal service for Ash Wednesday because it places greater emphasis on ashes which is the primary symbol for this day.

This day is also one of fast and abstinence from meat within the universal Church.

Lenten Guidelines on Fasting and Abstinence:
Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening–depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.
Source: American Catholic.org

Meditation Books
Lenten Meditation Books will be available in the vestibule of the church as a service to our parishioners. We were able to purchase these books at 75% off the listed price because the author is no longer under contract to receive royalties and the book can only be purchased directly from the publishing company. Shortly after its publication, a review in the prominent eastern paper stated: "The writing style is down-to-earth and easy to understand. The daily meditations offer very insightful and practical insights into the Christian Gospels."

Attention: parents of 8th Grade Students

Lumen Christi Catholic High School's registration for 8th Grade students will begin on Thursday, February 26, 2009. For daytime registration, please call 517-787-0630 for an appointment.

Evening registration, which will be held in the Lumen Christi Library, is scheduled for
Wednesday, March 4 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM for last names beginning with the letter A-L, and on
Thursday, March 5 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM for last names beginning with the letter M-Z.

If you have a conflict during your designated evening registration, you may either schedule an appointment to register during the day or you may come to the other scheduled evening registration.

Lumen Christi is located at
3483 Spring Arbor Road, Jackson, Michigan.
For more information about registration, or about our school, please call the Development Office at 517-787-5080. Our mission is to share the 'Light of Christ' through our academic, athletic and extracurricular programs.

Fish Fry
Please remember to turn in your volunteer sheet for helping out with St. John's Lenten Fish Fries..

We are always in need of fruit pies. So if you like to bake, we appreciate the pies. Customers really enjoy them. Please bring them in on Friday afternoon. Any questions, call Mary Topa 517-629-4532.

Bulletin Ads
Bill Cross**,** representing **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS** (Our Bulletin Publisher), will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU, and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

Sister Lina Rong

Sister Lina Rong will give a talk: **A Chinese Catholic View of Lament Literature in the Bible at Albion College, Wesley Chapel, Monday, March 2, 7:00 PM**. Sister Lina is a member of the Congregation of Our Lady of Hope, Peoples Republic of China. Her ministry was in nursing and teaching before her community sent her for graduate studies first in the Philippines, then Israel, and now at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Her talk will reflect her own experience of biblical prayers of lamentation, their importance in the Bible and their place in the lives of all who want to live an authentic life. All are welcome.

KDSA Update
TARGET GOAL.....$34,316.00
PLEDGED TO DATE.....$27,627.00
PAID TO DATE.....$26,783.10

If you haven't given to KDSA 2008 yet, please consider giving to this annual find appeal. In recent years, we have met our target and we thank all our supporters. If we do not meet our target, the $6,689.00 present shortfall will come from the operating budget. Once again, thank you for your support of our programs.

Homebound Ministry
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 Holy Communion or have Father Peltz make a house call for Confession or the Anointing of the Sick.

If you are bringing communion to someone in the parish, please let Tom McGuire know to whom you are bringing Holy Communion. We want to make a list of all ministers and to whom they are ministering.
Parish Office Telephone: 517-629-4532.