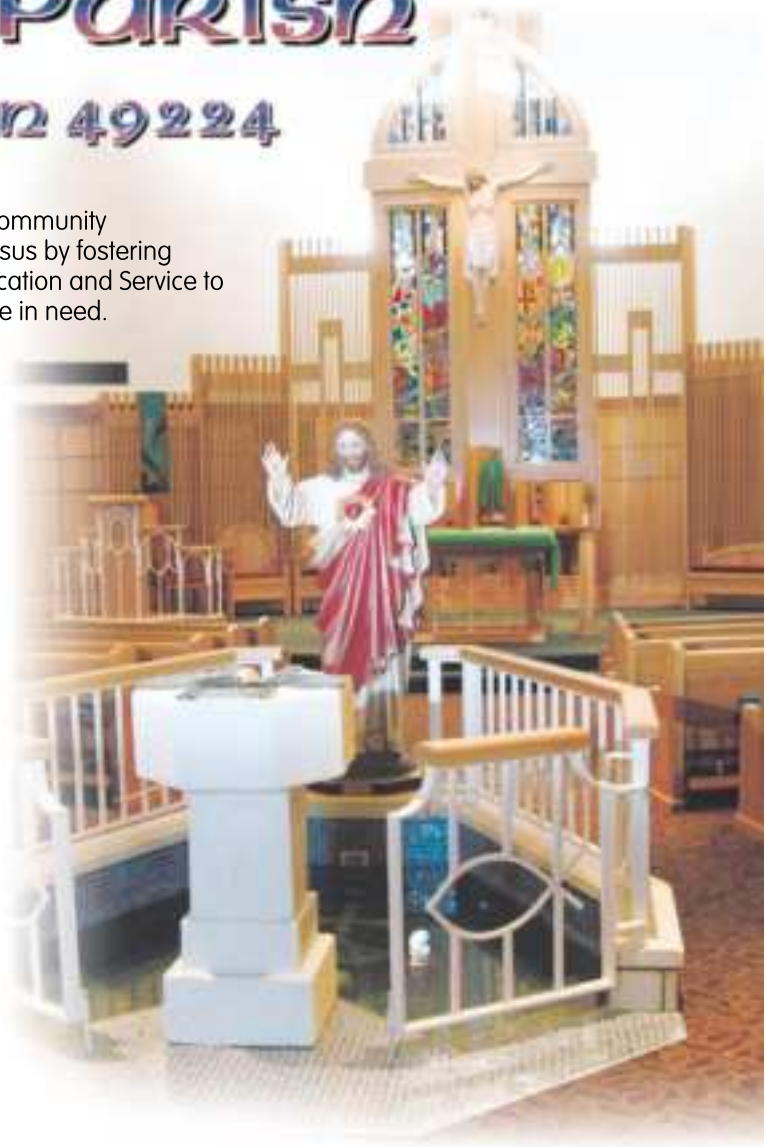
Saint John Parish

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
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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: March 8-15, 2009

Sunday, March 8 Food Weekend
8:00 AM...Mass...People of St John Parish
9:15 AM...Religious Education Classes
10:30 AM...Mass...Joseph Weiskittel
by Weiskittel Family

Monday, March 9
No Mass

Tuesday, March 10
No Mass

Wednesday, March 11
Noon Mass...People of St. John Parish
7:00 PM...Choir Practice

Thursday, March 12
9:00 AM...Mass...People of St. John Parish

Friday, March 13...Fish Fry
9:00 AM...Mass...Anna Weiskittel
by Steve & Gayle Zenoniani
4:30 PM...Stations of the Cross
5:00 - 7:00 PM...Fish Fry

Saturday, March 14
4:30 PM...Mass...Sam Vafiadis
by Bernard & Katie Konkle

Sunday, March 15
8:00 AM...Mass...People of St John Parish
9:15 AM...Religious Education Classes
10:30 AM...Mass...Anna Weiskittel
by Mr./Mrs. Mike Peckham & Family

Sympathies
We wish to extend our sympathies to the family of **Thelma J. Carver** whose grave-side rites were conducted by Fr. Peltz at Riverside Cemetery on Wednesday, February 11th. Be assured of our prayerful support.

We wish to extend our sympathies to the family of **Jerome (Jerry) Sacharski** whose Catholic Funeral Rites were celebrated this past week. Jerry was a beloved member of our parish and a highly respected man in our community. He is now part of the Family of God in heaven but will be missed by the members of God's Family on earth. We assure his family of our prayerful support!

Next Week Liturgy Team Three

Saturday, March 14 4:30 PM
Commentator: Bob Chojnowski
Lector: Ruth Schmitter
E.M.: Bob & Nikki Kochinski, Katie Konkle
Altar Servers: Bernard Konkle, Susie Chojnowski
Ushers: Nelson Baumeister, Ray Tarwid

Sunday, March 15 8:00 AM
Commentator: Kathy Snyder
Lector: Mary Koch
E.M.: Joan & Bill Walsh, Liz Wilson
Altar Servers: Volunteer
Ushers: Toni Stokes, Kay Eagen

Sunday, March 15 10:30 AM
Commentator: Carl Weiskittel
Lector: Ken Blight
E.M.: Deb Weitzel, Mike McAuliffe, Carol deNicola
Altar Servers: Andrea Farmer
Ushers: John Richardson, Joe Zblewski

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, Zenon Ortiz, Nick Fuentes**,** Virginia Karmalski, Irene Campbell, Carol deNicola, David Riano, Fr. Peltz, Beverly Eis, Arlene Marzic, Gail Waidelich, Hank Paskett, Michael Lerma

Please call the Parish Office to have anyone who is sick or serving in the military added to the Parish Prayer List. Tel: 517-629-4532

Our Return to God of His Gifts to Us
February 28– March 1

Weekly budgeted amount	$4,615.38
Adult, Loose	$6,084.19
Children's	$16.00
Easter Flowers	$207.00
Parish Development	$305.00

Alms

The giving of alms is different from collations for causes, programs, and projects.

1. The giving of alms is rooted in both the Old and New Testaments
2. Alms giving or free will offerings to help the needy is a spiritual discipline like fasting, private prayer and communal public worship.
3. Alms giving is viewed in our scriptures as a way of making amends for the contributions our personal sins make to the "power of sin in our world".
4. Alms giving also enables us to move beyond ourselves and our own, personal sufferings to connect with the universal sufferings in our world. In doing so it enables us to be "catholic" which means universal.
5. The Gospel portrays Jesus as not just endorsing the giving of alms but as encouraging it as a powerful penitential discipline that leads to growth in personal spirituality.
6. It is highly appropriate to make alms giving available during the penitential season of Lent.

Our Alms Box is located in front of the Baptismal Font for those who wish to enter into this valuable spiritual discipline

College Students

Thanks to the generosity of benefactors to our Parish out-reach Campus Ministry, we were able to purchase 25 tickets to our parish Lenten Friday Fish Dinners for our Catholic Students at Albion College. They are available in the Chaplains Office at the College. One ticket per student, first who avail themselves of this gift, get a free dinner.

Also another benefactor from Kalamazoo has purchased tickets for the entire Albion College Baseball Team for our Friday Fish Dinners. These have already been handed out for distribution.

Any college students who would like to help with our Friday Fish Dinners are asked to contact Mary Topa at 517-629-4532.

Sponsor of the Week

Lane C. Stumpos, D.D.S.

Friday Fish Dinners
Thank You

I thank all those who are preparing, working at and supporting our Friday Fish Dinners. They are a huge success in many ways.

Fr. Peltz

Congratulations

On behalf of our parish, I wish to congratulate those 2nd grade parishioners who celebrated the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation for the first time this past Saturday. They were well prepared and did good!

Fr. Peltz

Ash Wednesday College Students Thank You

My deepest appreciation n goes out to those students from Albion College who participated in various ministries at the 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Liturgy of Word and Ashes. The reflection was truly awesome and the best I have ever heard! Your participation was inspiring and reassuring to all present of our Church's great future.

Fr. Peltz

Attention College Students (T.O.T.)
Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will be held at Cascarelli's of Albion, 116 S. Superior on the following Thursdays with the following topics at 7:00 PM. Fr. Peltz will give all the presentations and facilitate discussion. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided from our Parish out-reach Campus Ministry Fund.

March 19...Religious Addiction vs Gospel Spirituality
March 26...Sexual Morality with emphasis on Homosexuality
April 2...The Male Priesthood and Celibacy

A flyer regarding T.O.T. will be sent to Roman Catholic Christians attending Albion College in the near future. Students who are not of our faith tradition are welcome to attend. Start spreading the news.!!

Afternoon of Reflection (College Students)

The Catholic Connections, a peer support group in our Parish out-reach Campus Ministry will sponsor an Afternoon of Reflection at our parish facilities on Sunday, March 29th from after the 10:30 AM Mass till 5:00 PM. A flyer with more information will also be sent to Roman Catholic Christians attending Albion College in the near future.