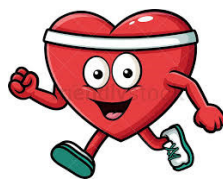


**ADOPT A BABY:**

New prayer cards are now available in the main entranceway of the Church for those who wish to adopt an unborn baby this year. This is a spiritual response, encouraged by Bishop Fulton Sheen, to one of the greatest evils of our time. Very simply, you pray about and then choose a name for the unborn child you are adopting. Write the name on the left side of the slip of paper: blue paper for a boy and pink paper for a girl. Cut at the dotted line. Return the left side to the Parish Office. Keep the right side, and pray the prayer that is there every day for your adopted child.

**STAND UP PROGRAM**

**Would you like to stay independent and active – then the STAND UP PROGRAM IS FOR YOU!** Exercises to increase your body strength and balance, make your legs stronger, keep your bones, and learn how to reduce your risk of falling.

**Where:** St. John the Evangelist – lower basement hall

**When:** Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings – January 14th to April 2nd

**Time:** 10:30 to 11:30 am

**Cost:** FREE (funding comes from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Health Care supported by the Sudbury & District Health Unit)

**Facilitator:** Dot Klein (Registered Nurse) Make your health a New Year Resolution – everyone is welcomed!



**ALPHA:** This week beginning January 23rd, and continuing for the next 9 weeks, the Alpha Course will be offered to everyone in our city. During those 10 Thursday nights, we will begin at 6:30pm with a hot meal (no charge!), continue with a half hour video presentation, and conclude at 8pm after a half hour small group discussion. Christ is knocking at your door. Will you answer Him and let Him in? **Even if you have encountered Him already, you may find in ALPHA a useful means to reach out to others who do not yet know Him. Try it out, and see if it is something you might consider inviting someone to next Fall.** Registration helps us to prepare the necessary resources and appropriate amount of food. You may register simply by calling or e-mailing the Parish Office with your name. The dates and times of Alpha were distributed at our Christmas Masses, and there are still a number of those information folders available in the Church.

**CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE:** *Will be Cancelled this Friday as Father Michael is away. Hope to see you next Friday!*



St. John's Catholic Women's League will continue to have our Wednesday craft session after morning Mass. Please come and join us for fun, laughter and good conversation.



**MAINTENANCE MINISTRY:** We are seeking a self starting parishioner to look after the various maintenance needs of our Parish. One of our most dedicated volunteers - Harvey Quackenbush - is 'retiring' after serving in this area for many years.

The parameters of this Ministry are open to negotiation, depending on the needs and abilities of the woman or man who wishes to volunteer. This can be a team Ministry, or a Ministry of one. It can be one that simply organizes, calls forth others, and plans, or it can be hands on and "I'll take care of it myself". If you are intrigued, interested or mildly curious, please speak to Fr. Michael at your convenience.

The Parish Pastoral Council has decided this approach would be the 'ideal' for our Parish. However, lacking a volunteer, the PPC is also open to the possibility of hiring a part time maintenance/care taker for the Parish. This could be an expanded role that includes cleaning the Church and Hall, and even one that includes snow removal and/or grass cutting. All options are open; we will simply adapt what jobs are possible to whoever is interested. Again, please speak to Fr. Michael if this might interest you.

**Donation Receipts:** Thank you for your ongoing support of our Parish family, through the offering of your time, treasure and talents. Since the government of Canada rewards those who give of their 'treasure', we will issue receipts you can use to take advantage of this deduction against your taxes. They will be available on January 26th.

**Financial Report:** As always, your Parish Finance Committee will prepare an annual financial report over the next number of weeks. After it has been reviewed by the Parish Pastoral Council at our meeting on February 12th, it will be published in the Parish bulletin.

**Envelopes:** There are still a few 2020 donation envelopes that have not been picked up. They are in the Parish Office. You can either ask Lisa for your box during office hours, or ask Fr. Michael to retrieve it for you at any other time. For those who wish to switch to automatic donations, there are forms available for that in the entranceway of the Church. For those who wish to begin using weekly envelopes, there are boxes available in the Church - just ask Fr. Michael or a Minister of Hospitality for one.

*Thank You*

**YOUR OFFERINGS for January 12, 2020**

<b>St. John the Evangelist</b> Envelopes: \$1,099.00	Loose: \$45.00	Heating: 555.00
Pre-authorized Deductions: \$908.75	Initial Offering: \$85.00	Native Sector: \$20.00
Mary, Mother of God: \$140.00		<b>Total: \$2,852.75</b>

<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b> Envelopes: \$.00	Loose: \$.00	<b>Total: \$.00</b>
<b>Mass cancelled due to weather</b>		

**Mass Schedule**  
January 20 - January 26, 2020

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, January 20		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, January 21		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, January 22		No Parish Mass
Thursday, January 23		No Parish Mass
Friday, January 24		No Parish Mass
Saturday, January 25 <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Sunday, January 26	4:30 p.m.	For Dave DellaVedova by Theresa & Ann Marie DellaVedova
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Sunday, January 26	9:00 a.m.	For Gerald Geoffrey by Gary & Carole Larrett
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**ST. JOHN'S PARISH  
CHICKEN & PENNE SUPPER**

**When:** Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> **Time:** Doors open at 4:30pm  
**Where:** Church Hall **Cost:** Adults \$12.00  
 Children under 10 \$6.00  
**Tickets:** Available After Mass from Jim Gomm and Marilyn Schroeder  
 (Please purchase your tickets early as it will help us to know how much food to buy. Thank you!)



**Prayer Service for Christian Unity**

Hosted at Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 1887 Bancroft Drive  
**Monday, January 20, 2020 at 7:00pm** Sponsored by the North East Ministerial Association - Questions? 705-566-8330 or [holyredeemer@diocesessm.org](mailto:holyredeemer@diocesessm.org)  
*Called to Unity through Faith in Action*



**2020 NORTHERN ONTARIO CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE**

The **2020** Northern Ontario Catholic Youth Conference will be held on Saturday, February 29 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay, Ontario. Join youth from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker Chris Bray. This year's theme is "unChained" as we reflect on how God can free us from what holds us back in life. Registration fee is only \$20 and includes all meals! The Conference runs from 10am – 8pm, and overnight accommodations are available for travellers. All young people aged 13-19 are invited to register online at [www.holynametalphonus.com/unchained](http://www.holynametalphonus.com/unchained), pick up a Registration Form at your church or from your high school Chaplain, or call Fr. Daniele Muscolino at 705-495-1501. This event is presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

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**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**  
 Tuesday - Thursday 10am - Noon

**January 19, 2020**  
**2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Pastor Secretary**

Fr. Michael Williams Lisa Walz

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**RCIA and Pastoral Care:** Marie Bardswich

**Music Director:** Jeannine Longe

**Parish Organist:** Mariette Hickey/Cecilia Ross

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Myron McCormick	Finance - ex officio
Marie Bardswich	St. John's
Rachel Charette	St. John's
Sue Quackenbush	St. John's
Diane Myre	St. John's
Lisa Walz	St. John's
Trudy Hinds	St. Bernardine's

**PRAYER LINE**

Elaine Lamarche	705-693-3339
Rachel Corbett	705-693-3241

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

**Parish Contact**

Carole Larrett	705-969-4607
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**Communion to the Sick**

Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine  
Church - Skead

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday 4:30 pm. St. John the Evangelist

Sunday 9:00 am. St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday 10:30 am. St. John the Evangelist

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

See in side for this week's schedule

**RECONCILIATION**

No Reconciliation this week

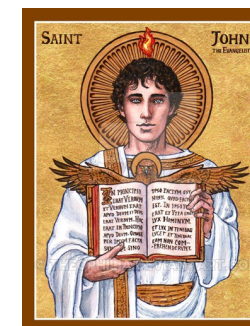
**CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:**

Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

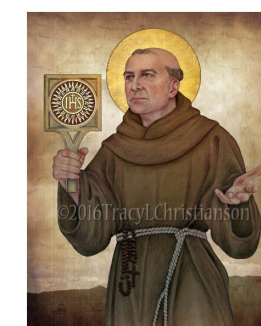
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION,  
CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:**

Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass  
 (6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena