



This Share Lent, let's stand in solidarity with the defenders of the Earth! This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is encouraging us to support all those in the Amazon and the Global South who are caring for God's creation. How can we help? Donate online at devp.org/give or give during the **Solidarity Sunday collection on March 29th**, the 5th Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 149 projects in 36 countries around the world! For more information, please contact Doreen at 705-693-0424 or zajorja@eastlink.ca.



LENTEN Garson Community Food Bank Blitz

Week 1 – February 29/March 1– toothpaste & tooth brush, deodorant & hand soap

During this Lenten Season let us make a difference in the lives of the needy!

HARVEY QUACKENBUSH:

As everyone knows, after many years of faithful service in the areas of Building and Maintenance in our Parish, Harvey has retired. A “thank you” gift was presented to him on Sunday night at the Parish dinner, on behalf of all Parishioners.



THANK YOU:

We are grateful to both the Social Committee of our Parish and the Knights of Columbus of our area who together hosted a very successful Parish Dinner last Sunday evening. The event was sold out, and so we are also grateful to all the Parishioners and their family & friends who came out to enjoy the evening together.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The PPC met on Wednesday, February 12th. The minutes of that meeting are posted on our Parish Web Site, and we welcome you to view them there. Some of the decisions we made pertained to the hiring of a person to look after the cleaning and maintenance of the Church (since no volunteers have stepped forward), the approval of the 2019 Annual Financial Report and the approval of a Hall Use Policy (published on our Web Site). For details on these and other discussions, please refer to the Minutes.



PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Our 2019 Annual Report is included as an insert in today's bulletin.



PRAYERS: Those who are preparing to enter into Weekly Communion with God through Holy Eucharist will begin their final stage of preparation over the next number of weeks. They will gather most Tuesday nights for this, and so we ask that you continue praying for them in a special way.

MANDATION OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST: At our Holy Thursday Mass this year, all those who share in this Ministry will be (re)mandated. Please do your best to arrange to be present for this important celebration.

PARISH WEB SITE: A reminder that the Calendar Page on our Parish Web Site is kept up to date with the various Parish liturgies and activities that are planned. As of now, all our Liturgies to the end of 2020 are listed, including our Christmas celebrations. So, if you like to plan ahead, that's the place to go looking.



CWL

Executive meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 25th at 1:00pm** in the meeting room. Please join us for crafts every Wednesday after Mass.



LENTEN LITURGIES: During Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross on most Fridays. This is an ancient and powerful devotion in our Church. The one exception will be Friday, March 6th, when our Parish will host the World Day of Prayer. On March 25th, we will have an evening Reconciliation Service, and on April 3rd, we will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick for those in need of that Sacrament. These, and all our other Liturgies, are posted on our Parish Web Site (Calendar Page).



Stations of the Cross: Ministers of Hospitality will lead us this Friday, **February 28 at 7:00 p.m.** as we open our hearts to receive God's word. Everyone welcome!



ADOPT A BABY:

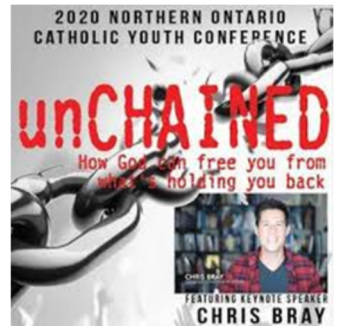
Prayer cards are now available in the main entranceway of the Church for those who wish to adopt an unborn baby this year. This is a spiritual response, encouraged by Bishop Fulton Sheen, to one of the greatest evils of our time. Very simply, you pray about and then choose a name for the unborn child 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.

SCRAP PAPER: There are 40 boxes of old donation envelopes in the entranceway of St. John's Church – free for the taking if you wish to use them for scrap note paper. Those left will be recycled, so please take as many boxes as you like in the next week or so.



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.holynametalphonsus.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.



Thank You

YOUR OFFERINGS for February 16, 2020

St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes: \$1,092.00 Loose: \$42.00 Heating: \$115.00
Initial Offering: \$24.00 Native Sector: \$10.00
Pre-authorized Deductions: \$908.75 **Total: \$2,191.75**

St. Bernardine of Siena

Envelopes: \$319.00 Loose: \$0.00
Total: \$319.00


Mass Schedule
February 24 - March 1, 2020

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 24		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, February 25	9:30 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, February 26 ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	For Fr. Charles Mathieu by St. John the Evangelist Parish
Thursday, February 27	9:30 a.m.	For Dwayne McIntyre by Marie Bardswich
Friday, February 28	11:00 a.m.	Mass at Extendicare Falconbridge
Saturday, February 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	4:30 p.m.	For Donna Boyd Carpenter by Guy & Lil Bergeron
Sunday, March 1	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, March 1	9:00 a.m.	For Marty Arcand by Carolyn & Richard Jacobs
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 **CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE:** *Is Cancelled this Friday as Father Michael is celebrating Mass at Extendicare Falconbridge. We will see you next Friday! Thank you.*

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us this Mardi Gras on Tuesday,
February 25, 2020
Serving: 4:00pm to 7:30pm
At the Church of the Ascension
1476 Sparks Street
Free Will Offering



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS:

Similar to what we did at Christmas, we are accepting donations towards the purchase of our Easter flowers this year, and we invite Parishioners to donate in the memory of a deceased love one. The names of all those in whose name a donation was made will be published in our Easter Bulletin, and the Easter Sunday Mass at St. John's will be celebrated for them.



Envelopes are currently being printed for the purpose of these donations. They should be ready for the first Sunday of Lent.

World Day of Prayer 2020

By participating in this year's World Day of Prayer Service, you are joining in worship with Christians around the world and in almost 2,000 communities across Canada. This year the Service is written by women of Zimbabwe for all of us. This year's theme is: "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". Mark your calendar! Please plan to join us on **Friday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. here at St. John the Evangelist Church** as we join the Christians of the world in prayer.



The Roman Catholic Parishes of
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK
Tuesday - Thursday 10am - Noon

February 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in 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

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

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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

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00pm

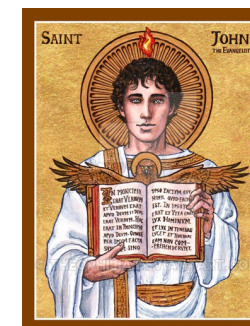
CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

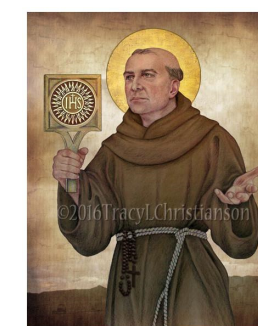
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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