

**Mass Schedule
December 12 - December 18, 2022**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 12		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 13		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 14	9:30 a.m.	For Ann Marie Kuula by Geraldine Meskell
Thursday, December 15	9:30 a.m.	For Stephen Johnston by Don & Shirley Gillis
Friday, December 16	9:30 a.m.	For Shawn Macnamra by Kim & Mike Monaghan
Saturday, December 17 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4:30 p.m.	For Gerry Foley by The Foley Family
Sunday, December 18	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, December 18	9:00 a.m.	For Jim Kritz by Loretta Kritz & Family

OFFICIAL SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



The Garson Food Bank is in **URGENT NEED**. Their stocks are depleted, as are those of the Sudbury Food Bank which would normally help. We have much for which to be grateful; we are invited to share with those who have little. Food donations may be left in the Church entranceway. Thank you for whatever help you are able to give. **Their most urgent need this week is for breakfast cereal and powdered milk.** Any assistance is always appreciated.

Movie Day: After having suspended our **Christmas Parish Movie Day** for the past two years because of the pandemic, we are planning its return this year. The movie will be shown in the afternoon (beginning at 3:30) of Sunday, January 8th. Popcorn will be provided during the movie, and a complimentary pizza dinner will follow in the parish hall. More details will follow in the next few weeks. For now, mark your calendars and plan to spend that part of Christmas with your parish family.



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

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

Pastor

Fr. Michael Williams

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RCIA and Pastoral Care: Marie Bardswich

Parish Custodian: Sonya Arcand

Donations Secretary: Barb Beaulieu

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
Trudy Hinds	St. Bernardine's

(There are currently 3 vacancies on the PPC)

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
75 Years: 1947 - 2022

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 inside for this week's schedule

RECONCILIATION

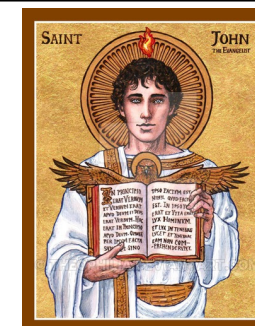
Wednesdays 9:05 - 9:25am (before Mass)
in the Reconciliation Room,
or at any other time upon request.

CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

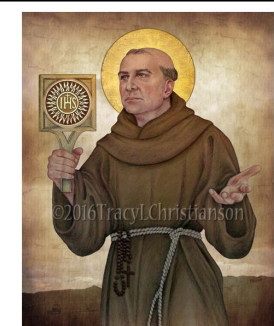
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The Children's Liturgy program will not be offered on Sunday, December 25th or Sunday, January 1st. It will resume on Sunday, January 8th at our 10:30 St. John's morning Mass.

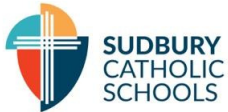


Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: The PPC met on Wednesday, December 7th. The minutes of that meeting are posted on our parish website. A few highlights: From the money raised through the Divine Mercy candles, \$1,500 will be donated to the Garson Food Bank, and the balance at year end (will be around \$200) will be donated to Chalice. To date, \$1,548 has been donated to Chalice to support our two adopted children, and \$700 has been donated to the Garson Food Bank (that money having been received from the Loughheed Foundation). Beginning immediately, the parish bulletin will be emailed to anyone upon request (see below). A spaghetti and meatball dinner is being planned for February. A movie afternoon is being planned for January 8th. Friday after Mass chat ministry is tentatively planned to restart in January.



Parish Bulletin Emailed Upon Request: Beginning immediately, the Parish bulletin will be emailed to anyone who wishes this service. To make your request, please send it to the parish office, using the email address you wish to use to receive the bulletin. It will be sent in .pdf format at the same time it is posted to our parish website.

Sudbury Catholic Schools are looking for homes for International Students



Host Families for Students

We welcome interested families to reach out to learn more about this experience. Hosts will provide three meals each day, a comfortable space and will help students to integrate into Canadian Culture in our Sudbury community.

Apartments for Young Students with a Parent

We are also always looking for accommodations for younger students who come with a parent. This can be an apartment or an extra space in your house, the family will pay rent.

Please reach out and help us to support these students/parents with a safe landing.

Please call **Shari Schroeder** for more information at: **Phone: 705-673-5620 ext. 239**

Email: schroes@sudburycatholicschools.ca

2023 Cash Draw Calendar in support of the NEO Kids Foundation



The Sudbury region Knights of Columbus wish to continue our past success in raising funds in support of the NEO Kids Foundation. Their goal is to increase our hospital's capacity to treat more children in Sudbury, and to create more children friendly hospital rooms. The calendars for 2023, with a cash prize every day of the year, are now available. They can be obtained by contacting John Terpstra at (705) 693-9892 or terpstra@isys.ca to arrange purchase and delivery (Garson/Falconbridge/Skead). The cost is just \$20, and make excellent Christmas gifts. We thank everyone for your continued support of this worthwhile cause.



A REMINDER REGARDING THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK, THE HOSPITAL AND THE HOSPICE



Anointing of the sick

When we or a loved one approach the end of our life, we naturally seek the Sacramental ministry of the Church. The "Last Rites", as they are often known, are three Sacraments: Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Eucharist (Viaticum), and the Sacrament of the Sick. These are the exact same Sacraments that are received and celebrated throughout the lives of faithful Catholics, but together take on a special meaning when celebrated at or near the end of our lives.

Both Health Sciences North and the Maison McCulloch Hospice have Chaplains on staff whose job is to help families connect with their own faith communities. If requested, they will contact the Pastor of the parish to which the patient belongs. If they are unable to contact him quickly, or if the patient is from out of town, they have access to an "on call" list of priests who will respond with a Sacramental ministry. The easiest and quickest way, then, to access Sacraments in these situations is by going through the Chaplains in those institutions.

As for parishioners from St. John the Evangelist and St. Bernardine of Siena, it is natural to want Fr. Michael to respond, if at all possible. On that note, please remember that it is never good to wait until the last minute. Obviously, if the crisis is sudden, like a heart attack, stroke, car accident, etc., there is no choice. But if the crisis is a cancer diagnosis, or some other illness that progresses over time, please don't wait. The Sacrament is celebrated on the First Friday of every month, and at ANY other time upon request. Waiting until the last days risks missing an opportunity for the strength and comfort that the Sacrament provides throughout the course of an illness, not to mention that Fr. Michael (or any other priest) may not be available at the drop of a hat. There are less and less of us around these days.

Please also remember that emails are the quickest way to contact Fr. Michael, and he will be able to respond to those no matter where he may be at the time. At the very least, if he is out of town, he will be able to respond to you and inform you of this, and help you find a priest who is close by and available. If you leave a phone message in the office, he will not receive that until he is home. Also, based on many experiences, playing "phone tag" is a common enough occurrence and can be frustrating when time is of essence. Emails circumvent this problem.

YOUR OFFERINGS on December 4th

<u>St. John the Evangelist</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 962.00	PAD:	\$ 847.25
	Loose:	\$ 15.00	Heat/Utilities:	\$ 65.00
	Missions Initiative	\$ 20.00		

Total: \$ 1,909.25

<u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 260.00
	Loose:	\$ 40.00
	Interac:	\$ 320.00

Total: \$ 620.00

Thank You



If you wish to use this method for donating to St. John's Parish, simply log into your bank or credit union account, choose the INTERAC e-transfer option and use the Parish e-mail address. For donations to St. Bernardine's Parish, use: stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca.