

**Mass Schedule
February 12 - February 18, 2024**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 12		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, February 13		No Parish Mass
ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, February 14	5:00 p.m.	For Don MacGregor by Jim & Cathy Gomm
Thursday, February 15	9:30 a.m.	For Karen Petkovich by Walter & Jean Strylytski
Friday, February 16	9:30 a.m.	For Maria Lavoie by Vi & Mike Johnston
Saturday, February 17	4:30 p.m.	For Ray Joly by Renée & Family
The 1st Sunday of Lent Sunday, February 18	10:30 a.m.	For Harvey Quackenbush by Bob & Jeanne McFarlane
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, February 18	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners



Please note the change in Mass time on Wednesday this week.

To accommodate as many as possible, Mass will be celebrated at 5pm.

Fr. Michael will be available in the Confessional Room from 4 to 4:45pm that night.

LENT IN OUR PARISH: In addition to each one's personal journey through Lent, marked by **fasting, prayer** and **works of love**, there are a couple of Parish based events which you may wish to use as part of your Lenten retreat this year.



Every Wednesday at 2pm, the **Rosary** will be prayed in the Parish Church. This is sponsored by the Catholic Women's League of our Parish.

Every Friday, also at 2pm, the **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in the Parish Church.

In today's bulletin, you will find a **Lenten Calendar** with a brief reflection based on each day's Mass readings, for those who wish to use this.

In the entranceway, there are copies of a **Lenten Devotional Book for Seniors** (large print, for your convenience). Please take one, if you find it useful this Lent.

Also in today's bulletin, you will find the **Pray40 Challenge** link sponsored by Hallow, for those inclined towards the techie side. These might be the cards you give to some of the younger people in your life, as the Hallow App tends to attract the younger demographic. A gentle suggestion to 'check it out' might lead one on the path to a relationship with God.

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 11, 2024**

Pastor
Fr. Michael Williams
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Michael Williams	Pastor - ex officio
Myron McCormick	Finance - ex officio
Marie Bardswich	St. John's
Sue Quackenbush	St. John's
Barb Pineau	St. John's
Pamela Schofield-Adams	St. John's
Jim Murphy	St. John's
Sheila Lapierre	St. John's
Trudy Hinds	St. Bernardine's

(There is 1 vacancy for St. Bernardine's 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
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838

Communion to the Sick



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 inside for this week's schedule

RECONCILIATION

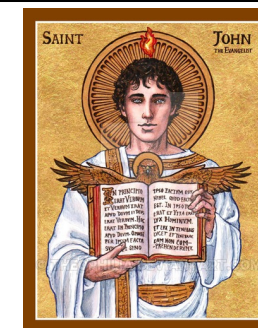
Wednesdays 9:05 - 9:25am (before Mass)
in the Reconciliation Room
- And any time upon request -

CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

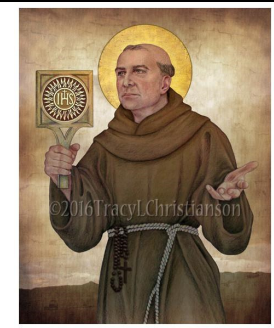
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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

Online Lenten Spiritual Reflection presented by Betsy Currier, Diocesan Spiritual Development Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Catholic Women's League. Monday, February 12th at 7:30pm.



MEETING LINK: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86370566495?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86370566495?pwd=MnljZU1FOEBZME91eW9MSXNjemJrZz09)
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JOIN US AS WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR LENT ... ALL ARE WELCOME!

May we be open to God's invitation during this season of Lent and a renewed desire to live an outward-looking, self-emptying, kind of love.

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"HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON"

Food Bank Blitz sponsored by the Catholic Women's League - Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. Saturday February 17th and Sunday February 18th 2024.

Hunger is not exclusive to the winter months or holidays. Everyone is encouraged to donate to this Blitz. In greatest need are protein items such as canned fish, chicken, turkey, ham, lentils, beans and kidney beans. Please donate. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Christ the King prayer community is holding its annual Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Hope Church beginning Saturday morning, February 17, and continuing another four Saturdays. The theme this year is "Experiencing Jesus." It will begin with confessions available at 7:30 a.m., Rosary, Morning Prayer, a presentation and will end with each individual, who wants, being prayed with every week. Mass will end at 11:30. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know more about Jesus and improve our personal relationship with Christ. All are welcome!



CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE: Following every Friday Mass, everyone is invited to gather in the parish hall for a cup of coffee. It is an informal time to sit for a bit with other parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere.



Parish Bulletin Emailed Upon Request: 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. It will be sent BCC so that your email address will not be disseminated to others.

Join Our Email List

Your Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday, February 7th. The minutes of that meeting are now posted on our Parish website. Some of the highlights are:

- All the feedback from the Advent Giving Tree was positive; we will repeat it this year.
- 56 parishioners have confirmed their attendance at the Appreciation Dinner. Everything is in place for this event.

- Easter Memorial Flower donations will be earmarked for the Hospice this year; Easter Sunday Mass celebrated for those remembered.
- We will obtain quotes for repairing the front stairs and make some preliminary inquiries regarding an eventual furnace replacement.



Please see the minutes for the full report.



Donations of non-perishable items to the food bank are always gratefully accepted, and may be left in the entranceway of St. John's Church before any Mass. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of this needed service to the poor in our community.



GRAMMA'S SOUP-A-STARS are again walking this year on February 24th, to raise funds for the Samaritan center in Sudbury. We welcome any new walkers and appreciate donations from all who have faithfully donated in the past, as well as those wishing to donate for the first time. Kim Monaghan is the contact for this.



This Lent, let's work toward Reaping our Rights

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by:

Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!

Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/len/resources.

Meeting our solidarity visitors and **participating in the [campaign launch webinar](#)** on **February 17 at 1:30pm**.

LOOKING FOR A CATHOLIC PODCAST?



The Catholic Buzz Podcast is a weekly Catholic podcast recorded in our own Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie! Hosted by Fr. Daniele Muscolino, Josh Sullivan and Mat VanMilligen, these three tackle all sorts of Catholic topics, news and answer your questions too. You can watch the podcast on YouTube, or listen on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music and more!

Visit <https://linktr.ee/thecatholicbuzz> for all the links, or follow on Facebook (@thecatholicbuzz) or on Instagram (@thecatholicbuzzpodcast).

2023 Parish Financial Report: Inserted in today's bulletin.

YOUR OFFERINGS on February 4th

Thank you for your ongoing support

<u>St. John the Evangelist</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 1,557.00	PAD:	\$ 823.50
	Loose:	\$ 79.80	Interac:	\$ 255.00
	Heat:	\$ 90.00		
	Initial:	\$ 15.00		
			Total: \$ 2,820.30	
<u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 1,145.00		
	Heat:	\$ 20.00		
	Initial:	\$ 20.00		
				Total: \$ 1,185.00



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.