



**Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 11, 2020**

Thurs.	Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cancelled	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cancelled	St. John
Sat.	Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	St. Columbkille

**Confession**

Saturday 11:00am -12:00pm St. Columbkille  
Cancelled on October 17<sup>th</sup>

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>**

Galatians 4:22-27, 31 5:1 Matthew 22:29-32

**Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Galatians 5:1-6 Luke 11:37-41

**Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>**

Galatians 5:18-25 Luke 11:42-46

**Thursday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Ephesians 1:1-10 Luke 11:47-54

**Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Ephesians 1:11-14 Luke 12:1-7

**Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 12:8-12

**Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b  
Matthew 22:15-21



We will be having a rosary on Wednesday's at 7:00pm in St. John's parking lot, if weather is bad we will move into the gym.

**Let Us Give Thanks!**

**Weekend Collection - \$7992.00**

**Loose - \$72.00**

**Building fund - \$270.00**

**650 Parish Families**

**(363 Family envelope holders)**

**121 Envelopes used**

**Mass Intentions for Weekend of Oct. 10 & 11**

Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Joseph: + Charles & Clarence Grifka

Sunday St. Columbkille: + Francis DellaSalla

**Donations:**

In loving memory of Shirley Kroetsch by Bob & Kathy Eager

In memory of Eileen Trepkowski by Ed Labelle

**In this Sunday's Reading**

**"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." -  
Philippians 4:19**

God does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is often very difficult for many people to believe - especially for those who do not live a stewardship lifestyle. Some think having what is needed is coincidence. There is a difference in having what we need -- and what we want. Returning to God the gifts he has given us, by being generous with our gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure can help us better see how God provides for our needs.

**World Mission Sunday**

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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### Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Wednesday & Sunday program includes:

Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Ubyly 3- 4:30pm Wednesday (Oct. 21)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Oct. 14, 21, 28)

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Sunday (Oct. 11, 18)

### Youth Group

Youth Group next meeting will be Sunday Oct. 25, 2020 from 5:00pm until 7:30pm at the Parish Center.

Youth group is for all 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders all are welcome and there is no charge.

### Envelope Survey

Thank you all who returned their survey.

If you didn't return your survey and need another copy or call in your desire to receive or stop receiving envelopes, please contact the office 989-658-8824, this will help our parish save money. You are still a parishioner even if you choose to not use envelopes.



### Christian Initiation

Do you know someone who is getting married to a Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Church? Have you been coming to church with your spouse for years and been thinking about becoming Catholic? Were you Baptized Catholic but never received any other Sacraments, only some of the Sacraments or little instruction in your faith?

Do you have children older than the age of seven who have never been baptized or older children who have been baptized but never received the Eucharist or Confirmation? Do you know someone who is simply looking for something that is missing in their life or are hearing the first stirrings of the voice of God in their life? We simply invite you to come as an Inquirer, as one who seeks, to explore the whisperings of God in your life. Inquiry Sessions will be held at St. Columbkille Church in the gathering room on Oct. 18 at 6:30 pm. For more information, please call Dana Irion @ 989-553-0585 or Fr. Nate @ 989-658-8824.

### Signs for Sale

Pro-Life Signs are for sale after each mass for a donation of \$10.00. If you have any question please call Shirley Guza @989-315-1331.

## VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULED:

### Counters:

Please remember that we are counting on Tuesday until the end of the year! Thanks

Oct. 13: Del Czewski, Ann Ympa, Barb Roggenbuck

Oct. 20: Olave Bukoski, Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin

Oct. 27: Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Mary Jane Zurek

5:00pm Saturday Mass Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> St John

Lector: Michelle Stomack

EMHC: Deb Osentoski

Ushers: John Guigar, Bob Brahmmer

8:30am Sunday Mass Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> St Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Edie Izydorek

Ushers: Gordon Farrelly, Bill Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Mass Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek

EMHC: Kevin Romek

Ushers: Terry Sweeney



### Coats for Kids

It's that time again for our Coats Kids collection. Please drop off new or gently used coats, gloves, hats, and scarves at all churches or parish center. Coats for Kids distribution will be sometime in October.

Thank you for your generosity.

### Best in the Back Yard

Come support our small businesses. Local small businesses will be set up in the back yard of B&B Winery. This will be an outdoor event, allowing for proper social distancing and safety. The Best in the Back Yard will be held on October 17th from 12:00-6:00 pm. Businesses attending include: The Bagel Lady, TVO Auxiliary, Grizzly's Wellness, Happy Hands, Chris ' Crafts, Bad Axe Soap Company, Cabin Confections, and more featuring fresh roasted coffee, chocolates, handcrafted jewelry, clothing, wool items and gift items. There will be a grilled hot dog, or a bowl of chili lunch, by donation only to support the Ubyly Community Club.

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## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10A | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

**GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

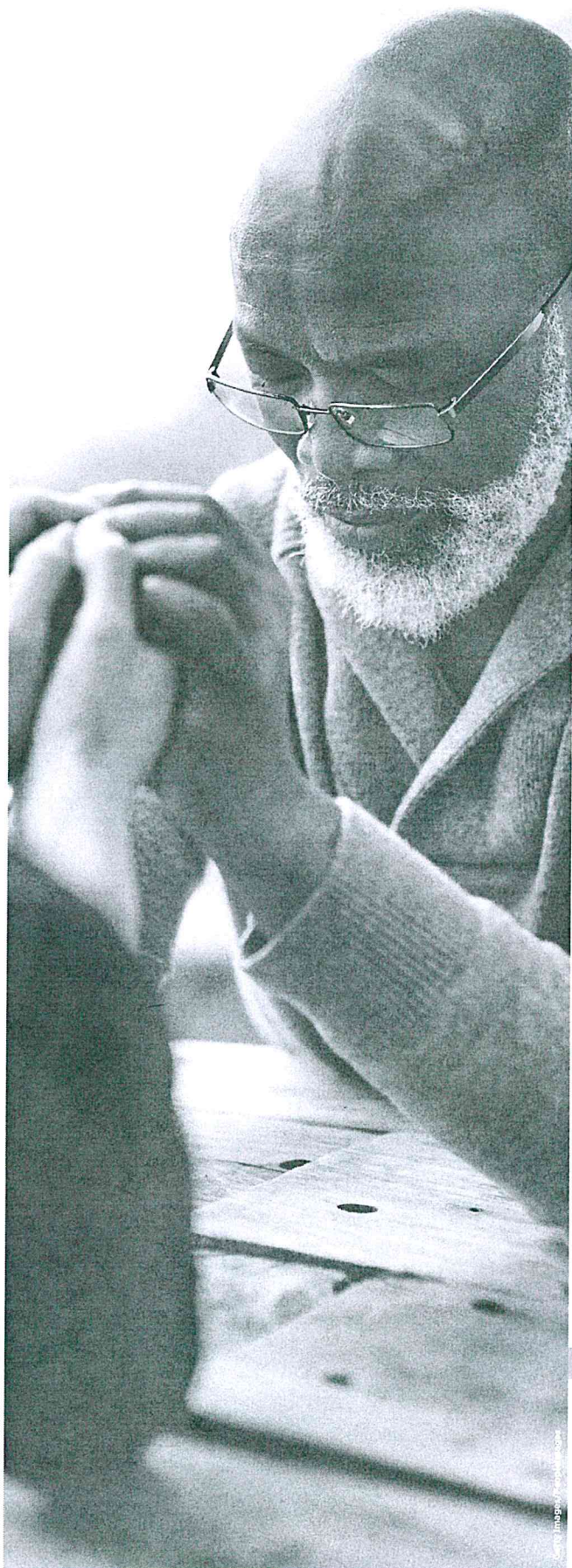
I would guess we've all experienced lean times along with better times. Ramen noodles and boxed mac and cheese in college, fine dining with "rich food and choice wines" once we got real jobs, then back to pizza and beer when balancing school tuition, car payments, and kids' growing feet. Paul has seen it all and much worse; after all, he is writing from a prison cell! Yet, rather than focus on his own troubles, he expresses gratitude for the support of the Philippians and assures them that God will provide. Paul is not writing about food, fine wine, or financial security, but the "glorious riches in Christ Jesus." No matter our circumstances, we, too, can trust that God will give us what we need.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Imagine Paul, stuck in a prison cell - hungry, thirsty, and probably in pain. And yet he seeks to bolster the Philippian Church, assuring them, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me," and *thanking them*: "Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress." What a powerful faith, and a witness to gratitude of God's gifts - including the gift of people who love us. I've been fortunate to have met people who, facing a chronic disease, the loss of a loved one, or physical challenges, still seem to be looking out for everyone else. Nearly to a person, they say they draw on their faith - and I've had the rare opportunity to hear their stories as an editor for a Catholic magazine. They inspire me to keep talking to God every day, so when that next challenge comes - and it will - I, too, can turn to my faith for strength. And it doesn't stop there. By our example, we can accompany those around us as they carry their burdens, assuring them that they don't face their trials alone.

**ACTION** St. Paul says: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Keep a gratitude journal and write down the ways God has provided for you. Thank God, and then reach out and thank the people who have supported you when things got tough.



## **B.A.K.E.R. Examen Prayer- Endnote #74 from "33 Days to Morning Glory" by Fr. Michael Gaitley**

*The examination of conscience (also called "examen") should be made sometime toward the end of the day. Most people make it shortly before going to bed. It's basically a mental review of the previous 16 hours or so of consciousness — thus, some people prefer to call the examination of conscience an examination of consciousness. To make the examen, first, we should put ourselves in the presence of God. In other words, we should begin with the attitude that the examen is a time of prayer, not just a mental exercise. Devoutly making the Sign of the Cross may be enough to do this. Next... remember one word: baker, B-A-K-E-R, baker...*

**B stands for "blessings."** According to St. Ignatius, this is the most important of the five points. Here we simply review our day, survey the many blessings God has given us throughout it, and then praise and thank him for these blessings. For instance, maybe we had a great conversation with someone at lunch. During the examen, we might want to reflect on that gift and praise and thank God for it. Of course, we don't have to go through every single blessing of the day. That would take way too much time. The key is to let one's heart roam about and settle on the particular peaks of joy and blessing of the day, what Ignatius calls "consolation." One more thing: We shouldn't forget to thank God for the crosses of the day, which are also blessings. If we get into the habit of praising and thanking God like this every day during our examen, then we'll begin to better recognize the blessings of our day as they happen, and thus, we'll develop a continual attitude of gratitude. In other words, our praise and thanks won't begin to flow simply when we make our examen — it'll flow all day long. Furthermore, as God sees our efforts to recognize and thank him for his many gifts, he'll send us more and more.

**A stands for "Ask."** Although we already placed ourselves in the presence of God when we began the examen, here we need to ask for a special grace from the Holy Spirit, the grace to recognize our sins. Without the help of the Holy Spirit, we'll remain blind to our sinfulness. Thus, when we get to this second point, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us recognize our sinfulness, which brings us to the next point.

**K stands for "Kill."** Why "kill"? Because it was our sins that killed and crucified Jesus. During this third point, sinfulness (weaknesses and attachments, too). So, again, we gaze across the conscious hours of our day. This time, however, we look not for peaks but valleys, what Ignatius calls "desolation." In other words, we pay attention to those times during our day when our hearts dropped. Why might they have dropped? Maybe because of someone else's sin. Maybe someone said something unkind to us. Fine. Did we forgive them? If so, good. If not, well, the examen is a good time to deal with it. Now, let's keep looking. Here's another time our hearts dropped. It was this afternoon at work, standing by the water cooler. Hmmm. Why did our hearts drop then? Ah, yes (thanks, Holy Spirit), that's when we stuck Bob with a verbal barb. Let's see, anything else? Yes, there's another heart dropper: We didn't accept the traffic jam on our way home as a small sharing in the Cross. We should have been more peaceful about it and offered it up as a prayer for others. Okay, so after remembering all those heart-dropping moments, we may feel pretty down. Such a feeling may make us want to run away from Jesus. Let's not. When the weight of our sinfulness drags us down, that's the best time to go to Jesus, sinfulness and all — which brings us to the next point.

**E stands for "Embrace."** This is to allow Jesus to embrace us, sinners that we are, with the rays of his merciful love. While praying over this point, it may be helpful to think of the Image of Divine Mercy. I like to imagine the rays of this image embracing me with forgiveness. I also like to remember Jesus' words that it rests his Heart to forgive and that when I go to him with my sinfulness, I give him the joy of being my Savior. I believe that at this point of the examen, we greatly console Jesus when we simply let him embrace us with his merciful love — and of course, we, too, are consoled. I recommend spending some time lingering on this point (in the embrace) before moving on to the next.

**R stands for "Resolution."** During this last point of the examen, we take what we've learned from the previous points and look ahead to the next day, ready to make resolutions. For instance, having recognized during "K" that we stuck Bob with a verbal barb at the office today, we might resolve that tomorrow morning we'll make it up to him by going to his cubicle, slapping him on the back, and congratulating him on how his football team did earlier this evening. Also, having remembered that we were impatient during the traffic jam today, we can resolve to bite our tongues if the sea of brake lights appears again tomorrow. Finally, because during "B" we realized that God was speaking to us during our lunchtime conversation with Sally, giving light on a certain problem, we can resolve to act on that light by looking up the online article she recommended. (I think we get the idea.)



## Jesus Thirsts for You!

Fr. Nate's Update- October 11, 2020

Good Shepherd Parish Office: open Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-3:30pm (also  
St. John Church open hours)

989-658-8824 - goodshepherd48475@gmail.com

Daily Mass: Thursdays 7pm @ St. Columbkille; Fridays 9am @ St. John  
and Eucharistic Adoration until 11am

Reconciliation: Tuesdays 4pm @ St John; Saturdays 11am @ St.  
Columbkille

[check BULLETIN & FACEBOOK page for cancellations]

(<--Keri Tarrant speaking after the Marian Consecration Mass Oct. 7)

Dear Reader, fellow Saint-in-the-Making, Happy 28th  
Sunday in Ordinary Time!

**First, some humor:** Greeting people at the door after Easter services, Pastor Bob was delighted to shake hands with "Seldom-Seen" Steve, and even more delighted when he complimented him on his sermon and said the service was "amazing." Faced with such evidence of faithfulness, he asked why he didn't come to church more often. "I'm just following the Lord's example," he said. "If Christ can rise up early only one Sunday a year, that's good enough for me, too!"

**Saturday Mass Time Change:** Saturday Mass time will change from 5:00pm to 4:00pm for Daylight Savings time (November 1 - March 14) So, beginning Sat. Oct. 31, Mass will be at 4:00pm

**"33 Days to Morning Glory" Consecration to Jesus through Mary:** Congratulations to all who completed the 33 day preparation and have consecrated yourselves to Jesus through Mary, whether at home or at Mass! Over 40 attended our Consecration Mass on Oct. 7, which was followed by a talk by Keri Tarrant and the Rosary. It was a moving ceremony, with music played beautifully by Kim Lemke and sung beautifully by cantor Carmen Messing. Thank you to Buds and Blossoms for providing carnations, and the Print Shoppe in Bad Axe for printing certificates. If you would like a 33 Days booklet, or completion certificate, please stop by the office. Mary please lead us to Jesus!

**Pray the Rosary- October is the Month of the Rosary:** Bishop Gruss asks us to pray it daily this month for the diocese, the Church, and the World. Recently I attended the Bay County Right to Life Banquet and a man there showed me a small brown leather bag, and said, with a glimmer in his eye, "It's my weapon... my rosary!" Entire books have been written about the power of the Rosary to work miracles, such as Fr. Don Calloway's recent book, "Champions of the Rosary." If you go to themapofhope.com and click on miracles, you can read about many miracles attributed to Mary's intercession through the Rosary. In the 15th-Century, in Vicenza, Italy, there was a terrible plague for over a decade. Mary promised an old lady that the plague would stop if the people would pray to her. No one obeyed in the beginning, but eventually they did, and the plague ended! Why pray the Rosary daily? To contemplate the face of Christ through the eyes of Mary, and to ask for her intercession for the salvation of souls and whatever other intentions- family, for an end to abortion, poverty, etc.- we have on our hearts.

**VOTE PRO-LIFE:** *Some argue that voting for a pro-abortion candidate may be better in allocating tax dollars to favor healthcare or other social programs, the environment, etc. Pope St. John Paul II answered this kind of argument: "The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights — for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture — is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." (Christifideles Laici, 1988)*

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) says, "The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself, and if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?" (February 1997 - National Prayer Breakfast)

She wrote, "America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts -- a child -- as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And, in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners..." (Mother Teresa -- "Notable and Quotable," Wall Street Journal, 2/25/94, p. A14)

*If Roe is overturned, the question of legality of abortion will return to the states. Michigan has most protective laws for the unborn of any state, and abortion would be outlawed immediately.*

### **Poem "God's Daughter-Mother-Spouse" by Fr. Nate Harburg 2017**

Our Lady's the DAUGHTER of God our Good Father (*Lumen Gentium 5*)

She's MOTHER of God for she bore her Creator (*Ibid, 56*)

And Mary is also the SPOUSE of the Spirit (*Luke 1*)

Her love is relentless for you! Why evade her?

The more one cries out to Our Lady by name

The sooner the Spirit will "fly" to that one (*St. Louis de Montfort*)

The more that a man shuns occasions of shame

The quicker will Mary draw him to her Son

Call out to this Mother each time you are tempted

Then beg her to send you her powerful Spouse

The Spirit soon helps all who ask- none exempted

Invite both these spouses into your soul's house

To pray with the Ros'ry's like holding her hand

She leads us to Jesus as our Loving Mother (*John 2:5*)

He yearns to be Spouse of our heart's hidden "land" (*Isaiah 62:1-5*)

Through Mary, the enemy's plans God will smother (*Revelation 12*)

**Pope's OCTOBER Intention:** *We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church (Lord, hear our prayer!)*

God loves you, I love you, I pray for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg