



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2020

Thurs.	Oct. 29 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Oct. 30 th	9:00am	St. John
Sat.	Oct. 31 st	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Nov. 1 st	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Nov. 1 st	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confession

Saturday 11:00am -12:00pm St. Columbkille

Readings for the Week

Monday, Oct. 26th

Ephesians 4:32-5:8 Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, Oct. 27th

Ephesians 5:21-33 Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, Oct. 28th

Ephesians 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-16

Thursday, Oct. 29th

Ephesians 6:10-20 Luke 13:31-35

Friday, Oct. 30th

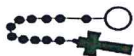
Philippians 1:1-11 Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, Oct. 31st

Philippians 1:18b-26 Luke 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, Nov. 1st

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a



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 - \$3132.00

Loose - \$92.21

650 Parish Families

(363 Family envelope holders)

92 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of Oct. 24 & 25

Saturday St. John: + Richard Maikrzek

Sunday St. Joseph: + Lori Perez

Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

In this Sunday's Reading

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." - Matthew 22:37

In today's world, it can be easy to put some things before God in our life priorities. Other "gods" might be things like money, power, status and possessions. It is important to recognize and remember that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God.

World Mission Sunday

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$1518.00. You may stay connected Year - round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSION.org.

A Big Thank You!!

Parishioners donated \$1,471.74 to this year's Baby Bottle Boomerang. Half goes to the Huron County Right to Life. Half goes to Positive Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Bad Axe. Thank you for your extremely generous outpouring. Go to RLT.org/vote for your personalized pro-life ballot. Please continue to pray for all of the unborn and their parents.

Please remember your parish when planning your estate

Religious Education/Faith Formation

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

Kindergarten through 6th grade
Ugly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (Nov. 4, 11, 18)
Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Oct. 28)
Argyle: 6-7:30pm Sunday (Nov. 1, 8, 29)

Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting this Sunday Oct. 25, 2020 from 5:00pm until 7:30pm at the Parish Center. Please bring a mask. Youth group is for all 7th thru 12th graders. All are welcome and there is no charge.



St John Cemetery; St. Columbkille; St. Joseph/St. Ignatius

Fall clean-up and removal of summer flowers will begin November 1st. Anything left in the cemetery will be removed and discarded. Please do not place any winter decoration on graves until fall clean-up is completed.



Snow Removal

Looking for someone to do snow removal at the Argyle site for the winter season. If interested please call the Parish office 989-658-8824.

CMA 2020

Our Parish will be conducting the annual Christ's Mission Appeal. Our Commitment Weekend is this weekend. Our goal for this year is \$56,548. Please be generous to the Christ's Mission Appeal by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to CMA is a way of serving our brothers & sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

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

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

Nov. 3: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski

Nov. 10: Judy Messing, Shirley Piontkowski, Mary Jane Zurek

4:00pm Saturday Mass Oct. 31st St John

Lector: Jerry Sorenson

EMHC: Jerry Sorenson

Ushers: Tom Murray, Curly Messing

8:30am Sunday Mass Nov. 1st St Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

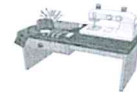
Ushers: Kevin Hessling, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Mass Nov. 1st St Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Jerry Sweeney

Ushers: Todd Gingrich, Rob Kubacki



Sew What Day!!

Come learn to sew or bring to finish. Do something with new friends, starting up in Argyle, St. Joseph's Hall Nov. 7 @ 10:00 am. Bring a dish to pass, & your sewing stuff. Will be doing a Thanksgiving theme for the meal that day. Call Edie for more info (810)404-9887.



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Jesus Thirsts for You! *Will you quench His thirst?*

**Fr. Nate's Update- October 25,
2020**

*Good Shepherd Parish Office: open
Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-3:30pm
St. John Church open during office hours
989-658-8824 -
goodshepherd48475@gmail.com
Daily Mass: Thursdays 7pm @ St.
Columbkille; Fridays 9am @ St. John
and Eucharistic Adoration until 11am
Reconciliation: Saturdays 11am @ St.
Columbkille*

(Above: My brothers David (32), Joseph (30), and Mark (28), chilling out at the rectory. They came to visit me recently! Please say a quick Hail Mary for them, thank you!)

Dear Reader, fellow Saint-in-the-Making, Happy 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time!

First, some humor: "BULLETIN BLOOPERS"

- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.*
- The Associate Pastor unveiled the church's new stewardship campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge— Up Yours"*
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*

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

Pray the Rosary Daily during October (and beyond!) Bishop Gruss asks us to pray it daily this month

New Weekly Daily Mass: Wednesdays at 11:30am at St. John Church, Ubyly. This time was chosen based on an online survey of parishioners. It will be a short Mass, ending around noon. All welcome!

Christ's Mission Appeal: "God has made every grace abundant for you so you can glorify God through your generosity." (2 Corinthians 9)

This weekend is our kick-off for our annual diocesan appeal, which is no longer called CSA (Catholic Services)! Instead, Bishop Gruss, in order to emphasize the reason for the appeal, has renamed it "**Christ's Mission Appeal**"! What is the reason for the appeal? To support the **mission** of our Living Lord Jesus Christ in our diocese. Christ is always on a mission to help form us into saints in love with God, and to send us out on mission!

This appeal supports many different Works of Mercy in our diocese. I'd like to highlight a couple items funded by this appeal: the FAITH Magazine, and Cathedral live-streaming. This helped many during the lockdown, and continues to help those unable to join us on the weekends. Our staff and I have benefitted from diocesan services in many ways. We regularly call diocesan staff for priceless,

vital help with various administrative and financial questions. They even visit our parish occasionally to assist us!

God has been generous to us, and cannot be outdone in generosity. Our parish target this year is \$56,548, less than last year. Last year we fell short of our target, but thanks be to God, we paid it off through savings in operating expenses and funds in our savings account. Thank you for your generosity to the diocesan appeal in the past, AND thank you in advance for your generosity to **Christ's Mission Appeal!** How should you and I discern how much to give? First, we thank God for everything. Gratitude chases away hopelessness and other evil spirits, fills us with hope and joy, and makes us more like Christ. Second, we ask the Lord to show us what He is calling us to give. It may be more or less than last year. Third, we remember that He always calls us to give sacrificially, in imitation of Him who gave Himself sacrificially for our salvation. He continues to do so at every Mass, saying to you and me, *"This is my Body... given up for you." When we give sacrificially "from our need", rather than "from our leftovers", we will experience the surprising joy of "[glorifying] God through [our] generosity."*

Pope Francis' Opinion on Same-Sex Civil Unions

Pope Francis is reported to have commented in the film Francesco, "Homosexuals have a right to be part of the family. They're children of God and have a right to a family." Points to remember:

1. Persons who are attracted to other people of the same sex are God's beloved ones! Jesus died for them and offers membership in His Church.
2. Marriage is a permanent union between a man and a woman that is open to the procreation of children. "Same-sex marriage" is an impossibility [just like a "square circle" is an impossibility] so the Catholic Church could never approve of it.
3. The Catechism says, "The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. They do not choose their homosexual condition; for most of them it is a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided." While Pope Francis has suggested that same-sex civil unions could be acceptable [possibly to provide for issues like hospital visitation, pastoral outreach, etc.] he is not condoning homosexual behavior.
4. The Pope has NOT changed the teachings of the Church. He has expressed his opinion, and Popes are sometimes wrong in their opinions. He was not speaking "infallibly."

Mother Mary, we pray for the gift of purity for all people, especially those suffering addictions to any form of impure behavior, and for the transformation of our culture, in Jesus' Name, Amen!

PRAY WITH ME...

-(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!)

-(Fr. Michael Gaitley's daily consecration prayer from 33 Days to Morning Glory): Mary, I want to be a saint. I know that you also want me to be a saint and that it's your God-given mission to form me into one. So, Mary, at this moment... I freely give you my full permission to do your work in me, with your Spouse, the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26 | 1 Thes 1:5C-10 | Mt 22:34-40

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus has just silenced one group of religious leaders, the Sadducees (which seems to be quite a feat, if we look at their behavior in the Scripture!) and is now speaking to another group of religious leaders, the Pharisees. Jesus says that the greatest commandment in all the law is actually two: love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself. These two groups of religious leaders like to test him a lot, and while I might want to tell people like them to take a hike, Jesus never does. He always speaks the truth to them, in love, even if he is frustrated with their behavior.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes it's hard to see how three particular readings fit together on a Sunday, but I was struck by how well these do. The first reading, listing ways that we should *not* behave, can easily be summed up as: love your neighbor as yourself. We all are, or have been, some form of what the Lord mentions: an outsider (alien), vulnerable (widow/orphan), in financial need (loan recipient), or requiring some other assistance (needing a cloak). How do we want others to treat us in those times? Then we should behave the same. It seems like the Thessalonians understood this, for Paul praises them for being a model for other believers. They have a reputation for being truly loving; of turning to God from idols, and serving him. We can be discouraged by our human failings, as all of us living in lockdown/quarantine these recent months know. It may not take much to set us off. But this is where God's grace can help us to speak truth in love, and be a model for those around us.

ACTIONS Reflect on any obstacles to truly loving God with full heart, mind, and soul. Then think creatively about how to love God, and in turn, others.

- *How I can love God with my whole heart?* After spending time in prayer, write down how you see God in your family and friends. And then go tell them!
- *How I can love God with my whole mind?* Use "online time" to engage with a faith-related website such as Bishop Barron's wordonfire.org, or follow Pope Francis on Twitter.
- *How I can love God with my soul?* Pray the litany of humility.

Love
THE LORD
YOUR GOD
WITH YOUR
WHOLE HEART
AND

Love
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AS YOURSELF

On-site VIRTUS training will be conducted at the following locations in the coming months:

Thursday November 5, 2020
Saint Hubert Parish of Bad Axe 1:00pm – 3:30pm
Contact Lorraine Beacom @ 989-269-7729

Wednesday November 18, 2020
Holy Family Parish of Sandusky 3:00pm – 5:30pm
Contact Suzanne Guttkowsky @ and
810 – 648-2968 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Tuesday December 2, 2020
Saint Hubert Parish of Bad Axe 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Contact Lorraine Beacom @ 989-269-7729

Masks and social distancing protocol will be required at all on-site trainings. Pre-registration is required and no late admittance will be allowed.

If your parish is interested in hosting a live session, please contact Verna Murawski at Annunciation of the Lord Parish (989-738-7521) or Jane Sills at the diocesan offices (989-797-6657 or jsills@dioceseofsaginaw.org)

The diocese is also offering a combination online and virtual training format to fulfill the live training requirement of the diocese. Please go to www.virtus.org or the diocesan website for a schedule of these trainings.

Please remember that all church personnel who have regular and frequent contact with children and youth must complete this training by December 30, 2020.

“Family Breakfast”

Knights of Columbus

1028 S. Van Dyke Road
Bad Axe, MI 48413

Sunday,

October 25, 2020

Serving from 9:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m.

Menu: Eggs, Sausage Links, Ham, Hash Brown
Potatoes, Pancakes, French Toast & More!!
Coffee, Milk & Orange Juice included as well!

**Adults: \$9.00; Kids 12-5: \$4.00;
Kids 4 & under are Free!!**

Questions, Call Phil Peyerk (989) 550-9176
or Brian Boyce (989) 553-0412;
or Don Bredow Jr. (989) 975-0021;