



**All Saints Day  
Nov. 1, 2020**

Wed.	Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St. John
Sat.	Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	St. Columbkille

**Confession**

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

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

No readings

**Tuesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 14:15-24

**Wednesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Philippians 2:12-18 Luke 14:25-33

**Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Philippians 3:3-8 Luke 15:1-10

**Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 16:1-8

**Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Philippians 4:10-19 Luke 16:9-15

**Sunday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13



We will be having a rosary on Wednesday's at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

**Let Us Give Thanks!**

**Weekend Collection - \$4283.00**

**Loose - \$134.00**

**Building Fund - \$50.00**

**650 Parish Families**

**(363 Family envelope holders)**

**107 Envelopes used**

**Donations:**

In loving memory of our precious sister Mary Anna Longuski by Virg & Elaine Briolat, Tony & Jean Grifka & Jim & Del Czewski

In loving memory of David Kroetsch by Mike & Marie Stock

In memory of Grace Goniwicha by Beatrice Pichla

In memory of Peter Janik by Beatrice Pichla

**Mass Intentions for Weekend of**

**Oct. 31 & Nov. 1**

**Saturday St. John: + Richard Beaver**

**Sunday St. Joseph: + Good Shepherd Parishioners**

**Sunday St. Columbkille: + Rina Chacon**

**In this Sunday's Reading**

**"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11**

Part of our journey in living the faith is being questioned, mocked and even ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints in heaven. Many of them faced much persecution and ridicule for the faith. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the faith.

**We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Joyce Koglin who passed away.**

The office will be closed on Monday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to observe All Saints day, if you have an emergency please call the rectory @ 989-658-8145.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Ugly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (Nov. 4, 11, 18)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Nov. 4, 11, 18)

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (Nov. 10, 17, 24)

### Youth Group

Youth Group next meeting is Sunday Nov. 22, 2020 from 5:00pm until 7:30pm at the Parish Center. Please bring a mask. Youth group is for all 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders. All are welcome and there is no charge.

### Christ's Mission Appeal 2020

Our Parish will be conducting the annual Christ's Mission Appeal. 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 Christ's Mission Appeal is a way of serving our brothers & sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.



Here in November, we look forward to the fulfillment that God has promised us through Jesus, our Risen brother. With the feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls Day, with our parish memorials for those who have died, we focus on the future fulfillment that God offers to each of us when our earthly lives come to an end.

Carol Popiel, Leonard Popiel, Glenda Cieslinski, Francis Kanaby, Dorothy Heleski, Thelma Murray, Rita Depcinski, Allen Farrelly, Eileen Trepkoski, Ervin O'Parka, Michael Leppke, Richard Beaver I, Grace Goniwicha, Karen Conley, Carol Lamke, Beatrice Micklash, Peter Janiks, Shirley Kroetsch, Joyce Koglin

## VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

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

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

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

Nov. 17: Jeanene Schmidt, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker

4:00pm Saturday Mass Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> St John

Lector: Alger Lemke

EMHC: Alger Lemke

Ushers: Curly Messing, Glen Peruski, Rich Trepkowski

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

Lector: Mary Fraley

EMHC: Chuck Izydorek

Ushers: Gordon Farrelly, Kevin Hessling

10:30am Sunday Mass Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Kathy Cregeur

EMHC: Dana Irion

Ushers: Ronnie Irion, Dan Cregeur

### Quilt Drive

The quilt drive is going great so far. We are at 40 + and still going. Thank you to all that have donated so far. For those who would like to contribute we are in need of help with the shipping. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Just put it in an envelope marked shipping and drop it the collection basket or bring it to the Parish office. Our goal is to ship them out by second weekend of November.



### Snow Removal

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

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

**Fr. Nate's Update-November 1, 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](mailto:goodshepherd48475@gmail.com)

Daily Mass: Wednesdays 11:30am @ St. John; Thursdays 7pm @ St.

Columbkille; Fridays 9am @ St. John

and Eucharistic Adoration until 11am

Reconciliation: Saturdays 11am @ St. Columbkille

*(My parents, John and Barb, and I enjoyed a fall walk on the gorgeous Petroglyph trail Wed. Grateful to dad for a few home improvements in the rectory! Please say a quick Hail Mary for them. Right: over 30 quilts, such as these, have been made by parishioners to be sent to wildfire victims on the West coast! Thank you for your stewardship of time/talent!)*



Dear Reader, fellow Saint-in-the-Making, Happy Solemnity of All Saints! Also, Happy National Vocations Awareness Week!

**First, some humor:** Pastor Paul had been advised by his doctor to lose 30 pounds or risk serious health consequences. The good pastor took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to the church building to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived for Bible study carrying a gigantic devil's food cake. The class chided him, but the good pastor's smile remained cherubic. "This is a very special cake," he explained. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a bunch of goodies. I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those cakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.' "And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

**Important Safety Reminder:** Our diocese does allow people to be seated in every pew, if needed. It is still best to have people seated in every other pew to minimize risk of infection. Please fill in every other pew when you enter for Mass by skipping a pew. If there is no more room left, you may sit in any pew, but try to keep as much distance as possible from others in front or behind you. Also, remember to keep 6 feet between your group and the people sitting next to you. Face coverings are still required by our bishop for everyone (except children 2 and younger), even when seated in a pew. Thank you for continuing to wear them for everyone's safety and peace of mind. Also, wearing them will help prevent the people around you from being distracted from worship.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis** is the first millennial to be beatified (declared a "Blessed", one step away from "Saint")! Carlo was born in 1991, grew up in Milan, Italy, and died in 2006. On the 10th of this month, he was declared a Blessed at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. Blessed Carlo, like all the saints, shows us what it LOOKS LIKE to love God with all our being, and our neighbor as ourselves. He began to be interested in Jesus and Mary at age 4. He picked flowers to place before the Virgin Mary. This surprised his parents, who weren't practicing their Catholic faith. His love for God led his mom

Antonia to return to the Church. After his first Holy Communion, he chose to pray the rosary daily. Later he attended a Jesuit school where he was known for helping everyone and for his positive attitude.



He loved technology and began to teach himself computer programming at age 9. He liked pokémon and playing video games, but set limits for himself. He wasn't perfect; he struggled with talking too much in class, and eating too much, and would go to Confession regularly. The biggest love of his life was Jesus, saying, *"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."* His love for Jesus spilled out to love for neighbor. He would gather his friends to help feed the homeless and to help in parish ministries. He became a catechist at age 11 at his parish, noticing that the kids had a tough time learning the Faith because their parents rarely took them to Mass.

Carlo was passionate about Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, and once said *"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven."* He also said, *"By nourishing ourselves on the Eucharist, we feed on the love of*

*Christ and we live in Him. In this way we can all become close friends with Christ."* Eventually he programmed a web database of all known Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world- [www.miracolieucaristici.org](http://www.miracolieucaristici.org)- including scientific evidence. He travelled to some of these sites and took photos for his database. Later, he created posters of these Eucharistic miracles for a travelling exhibition that has been seen in parishes all around the world. I've seen it and it's incredible! He believed that if people understood that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, their lives would be transformed! Lives ARE being transformed through the exhibition, AND... through the example and heavenly intercession of Carlo. There are many young people on 5 continents who carry on Carlo's work of evangelizing through the internet and social media.

When Carlo was 15, he was diagnosed with leukemia, and soon went to the hospital. He told his mom, "Mama, I would like to leave this hospital, but I know I will not do so alive. I will give you signs that I am with God. I die happy because I did not spend my life wasting my time on things not pleasing to God." He offered up pain for the Church and for the pope, trying not to complain. A week after his diagnosis, on October 12, 2006, the Lord took him home. Four years after His death, his mom gave birth to twins at the age of 44, which was a sign to her that Carlo was with God! People throughout the world began to ask Carlo for his intercession from heaven, and miracles began to happen and continue to happen. Please ask Blessed Carlo to intercede for your loved ones, especially for young relatives. "Blessed Carlo, pray for us, that we would grow in our love for the Eucharist, so that our lives will be transformed as we grow in love for God and neighbor. Amen!"

#### **PRAY WITH ME...**

*-(Pope's NOVEMBER Intention):* We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind (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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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

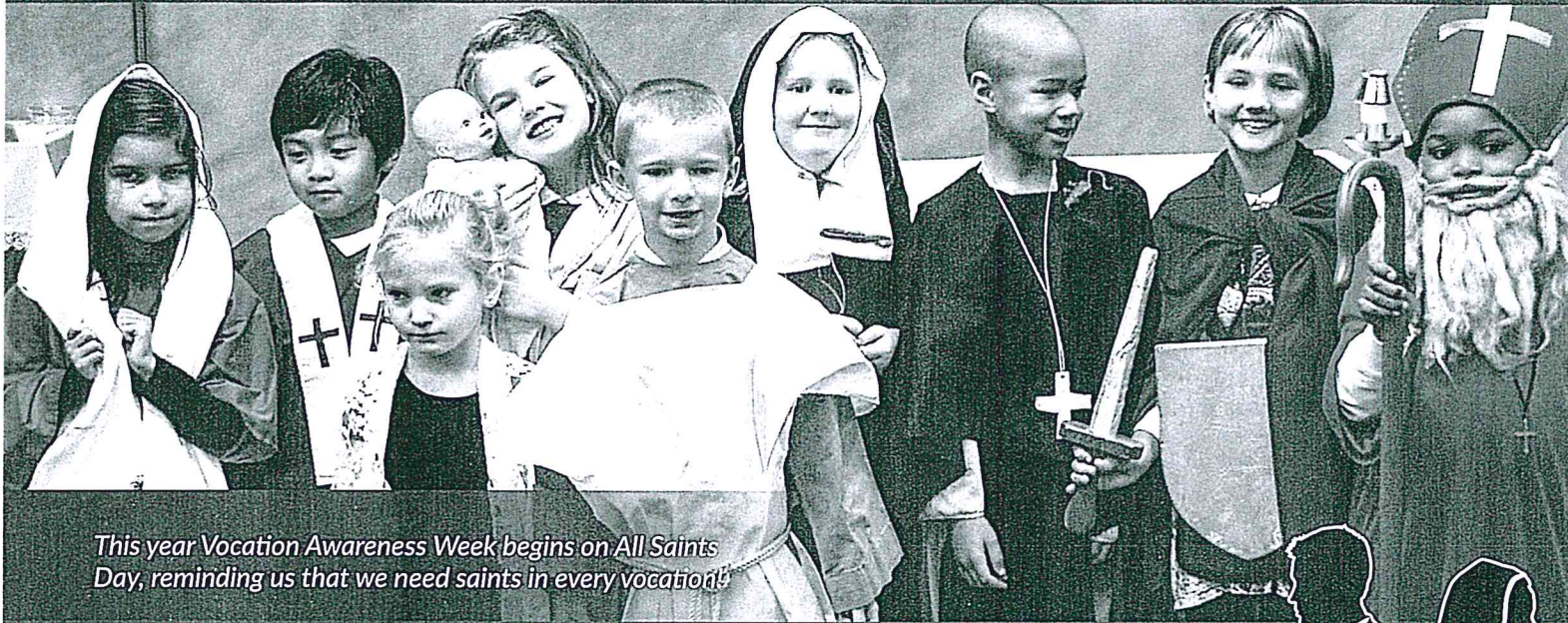
Tuesday December 2, 2020  
Saint Hubert Parish of Bad Axe 6:30pm – 9:00pm  
Contact Lorraine Beacom @ 989-269-7729

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](mailto: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](http://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.



This year Vocation Awareness Week begins on All Saints Day, reminding us that we need saints in every vocation!

# NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER  
1-6, 2020

## A VOCATION STORY

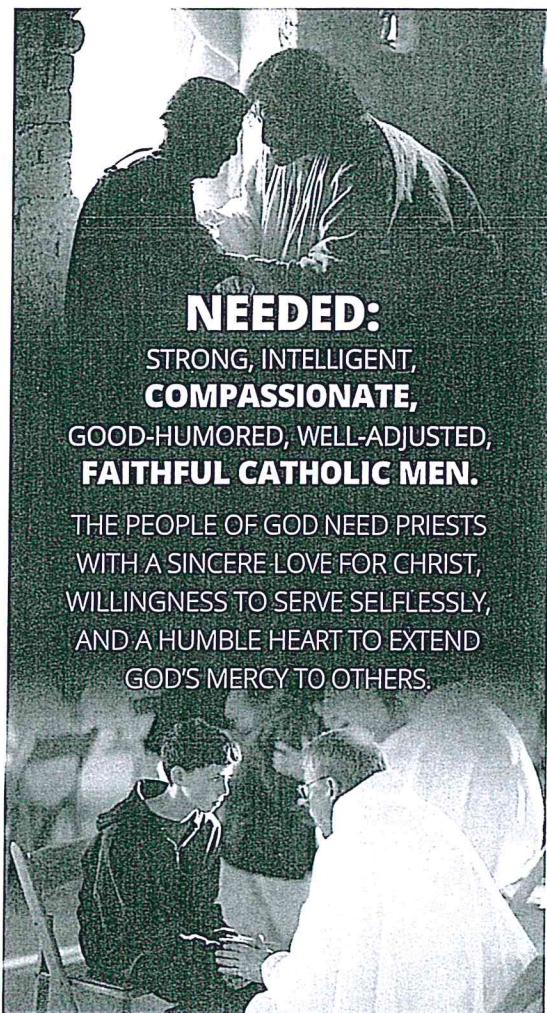
### WHO WILL YOU BRING TO HEAVEN?

I grew up in a loving Catholic family, helping out often at my parish. I got tired of hearing everyone say, "You'll make a good priest when you get older!" Everyone, that is, except my pastor.

But one day, as a senior serving one of my last Masses, just as the old monsignor and I were about to enter the sanctuary, he asked, "John, what will you be doing after graduation?" I thought to myself, "Oh boy, here it comes." But I replied, "Monsignor, I'm thinking about studying medicine." And he replied, "Good, good. And what will you do after that?" I said, "Well, I suppose I will marry and have a family." The priest said, "Good, and what after that?" Not sure exactly where this was leading, I replied, "I guess I will grow old and eventually retire. And then I guess I will die and go to heaven." The pastor nodded his head thoughtfully, then looked at me earnestly and asked, "And who will you bring with you into heaven?" Immediately, he rang the sacristy bell and we walked out to begin Mass.

I thought to myself, "How clever you are, Monsignor. How clever you are. Who *will* I bring with me to heaven?" I pondered that question for several years before answering it by entering the seminary.

Adapted from an anonymous priest's vocation story as told in *To Save a Thousand Souls*



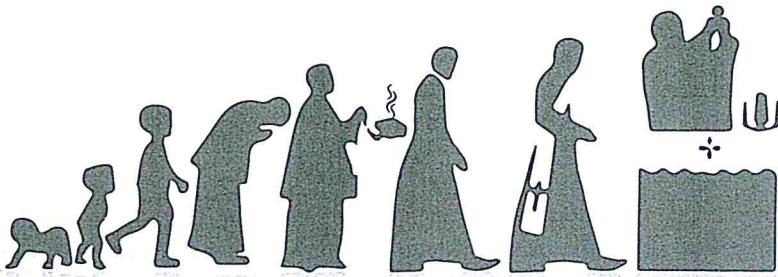
### NEEDED:

**STRONG, INTELLIGENT,  
COMPASSIONATE,  
GOOD-HUMORED, WELL-ADJUSTED,  
FAITHFUL CATHOLIC MEN.**

THE PEOPLE OF GOD NEED PRIESTS WITH A SINCERE LOVE FOR CHRIST, WILLINGNESS TO SERVE SELFLESSLY, AND A HUMBLE HEART TO EXTEND GOD'S MERCY TO OTHERS.



## BY THE NUMBERS MEN ORDAINED IN 2020



- 16** Average age first considered the priesthood
- 34** Average age when ordained
- 25%** Born outside the U.S.
- 90%** Baptized Catholic as an infant
- 40%** Attended Catholic schools
- 73%** Served as altar boys
- 72%** Freqented Eucharistic Adoration
- 70%** Regularly prayed the rosary
- 54%** Completed a degree before entering seminary
- 55%** Worked full time before entering seminary
- 51%** Participated in a parish youth group
- 29%** Participated in Catholic campus ministry

Data from *The Class of 2020: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood*, conducted by CARA and commissioned by the USCCB



Photo: Anne Mimaull/Reuters

Above, sisters in Burkina Faso, Africa. Right, a sister-turned-nurse who served in Philadelphia during the 1918 flu pandemic.

## NOW AS THEN, SELFLESS SISTERS SAVE LIVES

During the 1918 flu pandemic, thousands of religious sisters, many with no formal medical training, tended to the sick and dying, often in terrible conditions. "I have never seen a greater demonstration of real charity or self-sacrifice than has been given by the sisters in their nursing of the sick," said the mayor of Philadelphia a century ago.

Likewise, in New York City in the 1980s, during the height of the AIDS epidemic, Mother Teresa set up a house for men dying of the disease. They were tended round the clock by her quiet sisters, who in their blue-striped habits truly lived by their founder's guiding scripture: "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do unto Me."

Today sisters have once again risen to the challenge, especially in third-world countries where the Covid-stricken poor cannot afford medical care. As one sister said, "We're women who anticipate the dawn while facing the darkness... we can draw on our own spiritual resources to be nourishers of hope."

May many young Catholic women open their hearts to this heroic vocation!

## HOW YOU CAN HELP ENCOURAGEMENT IS KEY

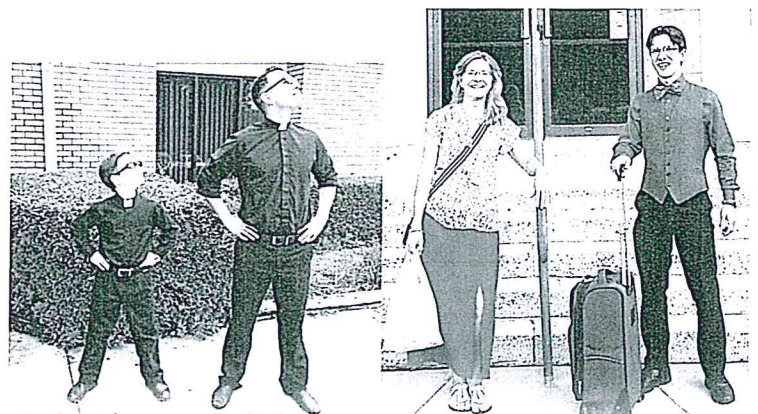
What can you do to inspire vocations? Of course, parents should create a faith-filled home environment. Teachers and catechists should teach kids about marriage, holy orders, and consecrated life.

But for ordinary Catholics, the number one thing, by far, is to *invite*. In CARA's study of the 2020 ordination class, 89% of brand-new priests said they were encouraged to consider seminary by their parish priest, a friend, or another parishioner.

*Another parishioner.* That's you. When your gut tells you, "There's something special about that young man," say something! Look for an appropriate moment to draw him aside and say, "I see the Holy Spirit in you. If God called you to be a priest, I think you'd make a great one."



I SEE THE HOLY  
SPIRIT IN YOU.



SAY NOT "I AM TOO YOUNG" JER. 1:7

Remember seeing this viral photo (left) from a few years ago? For All Saints Day in 2013, John Paul Bickerstaff dressed up as his local parish priest. His mother, Paula, who recognized a possible vocation (not hard to do, since he said he wanted to be a priest!), gently encouraged him, but never pushed. This Fall, after deeper discernment with his vocation director, John Paul entered Sacred Heart Seminary to study for the priesthood.