

**Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
Nov. 15, 2020**

Wed.	Nov. 18 th	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	Nov. 19 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Nov. 20 th	9:00am	St. John
Sat.	Nov. 21 st	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Nov. 22 nd	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Nov. 22 nd	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confession

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

Readings for the Week

Monday, Nov. 16th

Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov. 17th

Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov. 18th

Acts 28:11-16, 30-31 Matthew 14:22-33

Thursday, Nov. 19th

Revelation 5:1-10 Luke 19:41-44

Friday, Nov. 20th

Revelation 10:8-11 Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, Nov. 21st

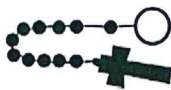
Revelation 11:4-12 Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46



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

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$6299.00

Loose - \$131.00

Building Fund - \$350.00

650 Parish Families

(363 Family envelope holders)

108 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of Nov. 14 & 15

Saturday St. John: + Cass Schefka

Sunday St. Joseph: + Barbara Sharpe

Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Donations:

In loving memory of Gary & Christopher Franzel by The Franzel Family

In memory of Mary Anna Longuski by Charlie Briolat

In memory of Nick & Agnes Heleski by Marvin & Lorene Briolat

In memory of Walt & Dorothy by Marvin & Lorene Messing

In this Sunday's Reading

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - Matthew 25:21 Long ago, the term "talent" was used as unit of weight, then later as a unit of coins. In this parable, it can be used as a term as your responsibility for your time, money and abilities. God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. We are called to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.

Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 pm at the St. Columbkille Church in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please call Dana Irion 9895530585 or Fr. Nate at 9896588145.

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Religious Education/Faith Formation

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

Kindergarten through 6th grade

Uby 3-4:30pm Wednesday (Nov. 18)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Nov. 18)

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (Nov. 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 7th thru 12th graders. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Christ's Mission Appeal 2020

Our Parish is conducting the annual Christ's Mission Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$56,548 as of this week our Parish has pledged \$17,870. 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 Leppek, 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. 17: Jeanene Schmidt, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker

Nov. 24: Kathy Beaver, Del Czewski, Ann Ypma

Dec. 1: Rose Maikrzek, Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck

4:00pm Saturday Mass Nov. 21st St John

Lector: Del Czewski

EMHC: Del Czewski

Ushers: Jim Czewski, Tom Murray, Allen Peruski

8:30am Sunday Mass Nov. 22nd St Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Ushers: Chuck Izydorek, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Mass Nov. 22nd St Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek

EMHC: Kevin Romzek

Ushers: Don McDonald, Ray Maurer

Quilt Drive

Thank you to all that have donated quilts. 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 in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

Memorials for November

Bill Peters, Dan Peters, Roy & Clara Peters, Dorothy Heleski, Nick & Agnes Heleski, Lori Krug, Stanley Heleski, Joyce Koglin, Carol Lemke, Peter Janik, Tom Lautner, Melanie Lautner, James Pallas, Barb Sweeney, James & Virginia Sweeney, Joanne Sweeney, Joseph Allore, Raymond F. Allore, Richard Beaver, John Beaudin, Robert Bukoski, Emma & Philip Fisher Cass & Virginia Kubacki, Ray Kubacki, Chris Ogryski, Dennis Osentoski, Margaret & Steve Peruski, Frank Rottman, John Hund, Lorraine Hund, Donald Hund, Dorothy Hund, Charles Kroetsch, Hilda Kroetsch, Joe Kroetsch

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Jesus Thirsts for You!

Will you quench His thirst?

Fr. Nate's Update-November 15, 2020

Good Shepherd Parish Office: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-3:30pm

989-658-8824 - 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

St. John Church open during office hours



(Above: Ugly Thumb Blessing Box. "I was hungry and you fed me" -Mt 25)

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy 33rd Week of Ordinary Time!

Happy Opening Day for Regular Firearm Deer Season! If you're a hunter, or know a hunter, make sure to ask St. Hubert (patron of hunters) for a safe and successful hunt!

First, some humor: 1. Dust Off that Ash Wednesday Joke! The pastor commenced praying with the words "Oh Lord, without you we are but dust." As he paused for a dramatic effect, a small child's voice was heard to say, "Mommy, what is butt dust?" 2. After the wedding, the little ringbearer asked his father, "How many brides can the groom marry?" "One," his father said. "Why do you ask?" Because the priest said he could marry sixteen," the boy said, puzzled. "How'd you come up with that?" his father asked. "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the priest said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

Concerns about Safety at Mass: I am grateful to a parishioner who informed me of her concerns. She was concerned about the fact that at Mass, I often have "sniffles." The truth is I have them year round, and it's not allergies; it's unknown why. If I ever have any Covid symptoms, I will get tested. Another concern was that the ciborium (metal contained with the hosts) is not within 6 feet of me on the altar, a valid concern. So, I will cover these hosts at each Mass. A concern was about a musician not wearing a face covering. Organists/cantors/readers need not wear them due to their distance. A concern was about the amount of singing. We are permitted to have singing, but reduced, for example, not all of the verses. I am monitoring what the diocese permits and recommends for our safety. Eventually, Saturday Mass will be live-streamed for those who cannot join us due to risk of infection. (If interested in donating towards a new camera, let me know)

Receiving Holy Communion: please take face covering down BEFORE you approach the priest/Extraordinary Minister distributing Communion, hold hand FLAT to receive (if not flat, minister is likely to touch your hand), pick up Host and consume immediately, rather than walking away with it and then consuming, to prevent the risk of dropping. Thank you!

Positive Country: I didn't grow up listening to country, but now that I've discovered 103.7, I'm listening to it a lot! One of my favorite songs I've heard recently: All I Ever Needed by Bruce Lee White. I love the fact that so many songs mention putting God first!

My Vocation Story, Short Version: God led me to the priesthood through many “stepping stone encounters” with God. These led me to real, physical encounters with Christ, especially in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist at Mass and Adoration. Some stepping stone encounters I had growing up include encountering Christ in my parents who are both converts to Catholicism. Also, I encountered Christ in the beauty of praise and worship music at prayer meetings where miraculous healings occurred. I encountered Christ objectively in the poor in Juarez, Mexico, who were full of joy at Mass even though they lived in shacks with dirt floors. I encountered Christ at a Steubenville youth conference in 11th grade. I heard him tell me, not with my ears but with my heart, “I’ll always be here for you; I’ll never leave you!” I was amazed that my Creator, the Savior of the World, Jesus Christ Himself, loves “little ol’ me”, Nate Harburg, personally, and is always gazing upon me with eyes of love.

I met with a priest who told me to meditate on the story of the calling of Samuel, especially Samuel’s prayer, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.” I made it a priority every single day to encounter Jesus in Mass and Adoration. Because I started going to Adoration, I read more Scripture, and Jesus spoke to me clearly and personally through the Gospels, especially Luke 18. Eventually, I joined the seminary, and was ordained in 2011. I will thank God for all eternity for choosing “little ol’ me” to be a priest, even though I’m a weak and selfish sinner. I beg Jesus to help me, and each Good Shepherd Parishioner, to cooperate with Him in His work of saving people from the hell of separation from God, for the heaven of union with God- all people within our parish boundaries, whether Catholic or not. Thank you Jesus for calling us to cooperate with You, as Your Body on earth!

The Struggles of the Saints: (from facebook) "St. Thérèse of Lisieux suffered from anxiety and over-scrupulosity after her mother passed away and her older sister joined the convent. "Saint Edith Stein suffered from depression and suicidal thoughts. "Saint Dymphna is the patron of all those who struggle with mental health, depression, and anxiety. "Saint Oscar Romero had Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. "Servant of God Dorothy Day suffered from depression and survived two suicide attempts. "Being free from any mental health diagnosis is not a prerequisite to becoming a Saint. "God loves us as He finds us. Rest in the embrace of His love. "Rest knowing that God fully understands the full spectrum of human emotion and He desires to tend to our hearts. "Rest knowing that the Saints have walked these paths and will intercede for us in powerful ways. "Rest knowing that having a mental health diagnosis doesn't make you any less worthy to God. God loves us as He finds us. Rest in the embrace of His love."

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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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | 1 Thes 5:1-6 | Mt 25:14-30

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

I'm bemused by the servant in today's Gospel who basically buries the single talent that was entrusted to him. (A talent was an ancient measuring unit of weight for silver and gold.) Meanwhile, the other two wisely invested the talents entrusted to them, and doubled their money. Building on last week's Gospel which showed those who were prepared to meet the bridegroom were invited into the wedding feast, this parable challenges us to realize that the invitation to the feast is the beginning, not the end. We are not to rest comfortably with what we have been given - the gift of faith - but to invest in the Kingdom, and to build on that gift of faith. For example, we may have a palpable experience of God's presence at a retreat or through Eucharistic adoration. However, if that goes no further than being buried as a memory or feel-good experience, we are no better than the wicked, lazy servant. Faith is a gift intended to be put into practice and shared. When we invest in it through the sacraments, serving others, and reading the Scriptures, our faith will continue to grow.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

So, I'm a bit of a hoarder. I cling to mementoes of days past, whether it's my son's first plastic Playskool vacuum (sold at a garage sale by my husband, but that's another story), a book given to me by a friend, or a treasured letter. I admit I relate to the servant who buried his money for fear he'd lose it. Sometimes I think I cling to memories - relationships and experiences that are important to me - and fail to invest in what makes those memories valuable. A similar dynamic can happen with our faith and our friendship with Jesus. We can go through the motions without giving it much thought. Today's Gospel challenges us to seek opportunities to grow in our faith and "make new memories" with Jesus - to invest in building the kingdom of God, whether that's inviting a friend to Mass, returning to the Eucharist ourselves, or spending more time with Scripture. By putting our faith into action in this way, we cannot only grow in our faith, but invite others to come along with us on the journey.

ENCOUNTER Find a Eucharistic adoration chapel near you and spend some time with Christ. Thank Jesus for the blessings in your life. Bring him your needs. Ask Jesus to give you his grace that you might grow in union with him.



“Family Breakfast”

Knights of Columbus

1028 S. Van Dyke Road

Bad Axe, MI 48413

Sunday,

November 22, 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
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Dick Learman (989) 860-1510**