

First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 6, 2020

Wed.	Dec. 2 nd	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	Dec. 3 rd	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Dec. 4 th	9:00am	St. John
Adoration following mass until 11:00am			
Sat.	Dec. 5 th	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Dec. 6 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Dec. 7 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confession

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

Readings for the Week

Monday, Nov. 30th

Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday, Dec. 1st

Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd

Isaiah 25:6-10a Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec. 3rd

Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec. 4th

Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31

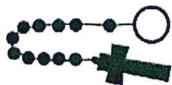
Saturday, Dec. 5th

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35, 10:1, 5a-8

Sunday, Dec. 6th

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8



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

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4660.00

Loose - \$29.02

Building Fund - \$120.00

650 Parish Families

(363 Family envelope holders)

97 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of Nov. 28 & 29

Saturday St. John: + Johanna Osantoski & Stanley Osantoski

Sunday St. Joseph: + Jack Arthur

Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Donations:

In memory of Shirley Kroetsch by Donna & Michael Dziedzic

In memory of Lloyd Messing by Beatrice Pichla

In memory Karen Colney by Beatrice Pichla

In this Sunday's Reading

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We can take so many things for granted. Time is one of those things that we often do not think about as limited - or as a gift from God. Although we plan days, weeks and months ahead, our time on earth is not promised or guaranteed. We should thank God for the time that he has given us today - and listen to Him about how he is calling us to use our gift of time to honor Him right now.



We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Marie I. Wasierski & Earl A. Roberts who passed away.

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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

Ugly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (Dec. 2, 9)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Dec. 2, 9, 16)

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (Dec. 1, 8)

Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting in Dec. scheduled to do Christmas Caroling date to follow. Please bring a mask.

Youth group is for all 7th thru 12th graders. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 pm at the St. Columbkille Church in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please call Dana Irion 989-553-0585 or Fr. Nate at 989-658-8145.

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 \$31,108. 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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$982 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit

www.usccb.org/cchd/nationalcollections

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

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

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

Dec. 7: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evenly Peruski

Dec. 15: Charlotte Baker, Shirley Piontkowski, Mary Jane Zurek

4:00pm Saturday Mass Dec. 5th St John

Lector: Bev Pawlosky

EMHC: Bev Pawlosky

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Mike Briolat, Jim Osentoski

8:30am Sunday Mass Dec. 6th St Joseph

Lector: Mary Fraley

EMHC: Edie Izydorek

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Bill Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Mass Dec. 6th St Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Jerry Fischer

Ushers: Todd Gingrich, Rob Kubacki



Giving Tree

The giving tree will start the first week of Advent and run the four weeks of Advent. Envelopes will be at the entrances of each church. Please take an envelope, place a monetary donation in the envelope and return it to the Sunday collection basket. The total money collected will be divided up into four and donated to the Homeless Coalition in Bad Axe & Sandusky, the Womens Shelter in Bad Axe and Eva's Place in Sandusky. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Snow Removal

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

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Jesus Thirsts for You! Will you quench His thirst?

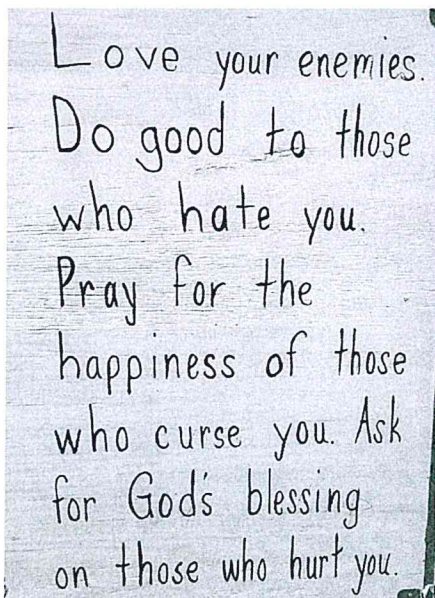
Fr. Nate's Update- November 29, 2020

(Left: my sister Stephanie and brother in law Clint adopted this precious 3 year old girl, Lorelei, this past Friday. Please say a prayer for them. Is God calling you to think about adopting or fostering a child? Below: Sign in Parish Center)

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy First Sunday of Advent!

First, some humor: At the congregation's annual Thanksgiving Dinner they invited the poor of the community for a free meal. Year after year there was never enough turkey legs for everyone who wanted one, so a local turkey farmer attempted to breed a turkey with more than two legs. One year, as the church was preparing the

Thanksgiving Dinner, the farmer told the pastor that he finally succeeded in breeding a bird with six legs. "Wow!" the pastor exclaimed. "Let me see it!" "I have a small problem," the farmer said. "I can't catch the dang thing!"



Have a Blessed Advent! What are some of your family Advent traditions? Our family had a Jesse Tree, and a wreath with candles on the dinner table. Every night before dinner, we'd use the Jesse Tree to learn about Jesus' ancestors, and pray sing a song and light the Advent candles. These two traditions made it exciting for us kids to prepare for Jesus' coming into our hearts at Christmas. Inspired by Denise Kubacki's creative idea last Advent at our St. Joseph church, I will be "lighting" Advent "candles" (bushes with purple/blue Christmas lights) on them each week. The third week, the bush will be rose, to match the candle. Check it out when you drive by the rectory, and say a prayer for your pastor, I humbly beg you.

New Bundles of Joy: Congratulations to Nick and Alison Heleski for their new son Moxen, to Adam and Pam Klee for their new daughter Brynley, and to Bryan and Nicole Talaski for their new son Kipton, who will all be baptized soon at our parish! Please pray for them!

Seeking Donations for New Microphone: If you're willing to donate to help cover the cost of a new ear microphone and transmitter at St. Columbkille (\$550), please send donation to office or drop in collection in an envelope marked "microphone." Write check to "Good Shepherd Parish"

Live Streamed Masses: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday evening Masses will be streamed on our parish Facebook page. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be streamed at 10:50am Fridays.

"Put yourself in their shoes": Many parishioners, friends, and family have underlying medical conditions that increase their risk for, "Severe illness from COVID-19" which "is defined as

hospitalization, admission to the ICU, intubation or mechanical ventilation, or death” (CDC). Do those of us without such underlying conditions put ourselves in the shoes of those who do, in the way we talk about Covid? Do we minimize the risk of severe illness for others? Some people with underlying conditions have heard others talking or posting on social media about Covid in a flippant way that makes them feel like they don't really care about their risk, or feel like their life has no value. Tweets like, 'Stop worrying, we're probably all young and healthy here' are not helpful to those with compromised immune systems, who are wondering: “Will I get it? Is it in my community? If I do, can my body fight it? Should I quit my immunosuppressants? Should I stock my house and stop going into work?” These questions can be agonizing. The anxiety can be intense, even for those with deep faith.

A question I have been wondering about: Is it Christ-like to make light of Covid as if it's no big deal, even if the vast majority of cases do not result in serious illness, even if the number of Covid deaths has been over-reported, even if there is harmful government overreach in response to Covid? Is it Christ-like to make light of the flu? For many people, the flu can cause serious, life-threatening illness. During the 2019-2020 influenza season, CDC estimates that influenza was associated with 38 million illnesses... 405,000 hospitalizations, and 22,000 deaths. That is why a Sister of Mercy who works at the hospital urged me to get the flu shot, to decrease the risk of infecting the elderly and those with underlying conditions. Let's all put ourselves in the shoes of those who have underlying conditions, pray daily for them. *Lord Jesus, please protect all people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions who are at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, Amen.*

“Thanksgiving after Communion”: “Thanksgiving after Communion is a spiritual practice among Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Communion bread, maintaining themselves in prayer for some time to thank God and especially listening in their hearts for guidance from their Divine guest. This practice was and is highly recommended by saints, theologians, and Doctors of the Church.” (Wikipedia)

Here is a traditional prayer after Communion, the Anima Christi:

“Soul of Christ, sanctify me - Body of Christ, save me - Blood of Christ, inebriate me - Water from the side of Christ, wash me - Passion of Christ, strengthen me - O good Jesus, hear me - Within Thy wounds hide me - Suffer me not to be separated from Thee - From the malignant enemy defend me - In the hour of my death call me - And bid me come unto Thee - That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee - Forever and ever. Amen”

At least until Christmas, Holy Communion will immediately follow the final blessing, to minimize the risk of infection by: 1. removing the need to return to the pew; 2. reducing the amount of time inside the building. Please exit the church after you receive Communion. While we are a “living tabernacle”, for the few minutes Christ's sacramental Presence remains inside of us, please take a few minutes of quiet prayer in your vehicle, to pray your “Thanksgiving after Communion.”

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!)

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

**Advent Season 2020: Schedule of Holy Day Masses
and Confessions**

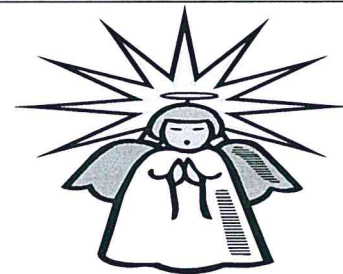
Tues. December 8th - (Holy Day) Immaculate
Conception Mass 11am - St. Columbkille Church
Tues. December 8th - (Holy Day) Immaculate
Conception Mass 7pm - St. John Church, Ubly
Every Saturday (except Dec. 26 & Jan. 16) Individual
Confessions 11am-12pm - St Columbkille
Tues. December 15th - Individual Confessions 7-8pm -
St Joseph Church, Argyle
Wed. Dec. 16th - Individual Confessions 5:30-6:15pm -
St John Church
Thurs. Dec. 17th - Individual Confessions W/
VISITING PRIEST 5-6:30pm - St John Church
Thurs. Dec. 17th - Individual Confessions 7:45-8:30pm-
St Columbkille Church
Tues. Dec. 22nd - Individual Confessions W/
VISITING PRIEST 7-8pm - St Joseph Church, Argyle
Wed. December 23rd - Individual Confessions 5:30-
6:15pm - St John Church
Thurs. December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass 4pm
St John Church, Ubly (overflow in gym)
Thurs. December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass 6pm
St Columbkille Church, Sheridan Corners
Thurs. December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass 8pm
St Joseph Church, Argyle (overflow in hall)
Fri. December 25th - Christmas Day Mass 9am
St Ignatius Church, Freiburg
Fri., December 25th - Christmas Day Mass 10:30am -
St Columbkille Church, Sheridan Corners (Due
to spacing limits, please consider this Mass INSTEAD
of Christmas Eve Mass)
Thurs. December 31st - (Holy Day) Mary, Mother of
God Mass 4pm - St. John Church, Ubly
Fri. January 1st - (Holy Day) Mary, Mother of God
Mass 9:30am - St. Ignatius, Freiburg

IPDL Board Members Needed:

The Interparish Deposit and Loan program (IPDL) now
belongs to the parishes and a few Catholic
organizations within the Diocese. As such, diocesan
CFO Debbie Bierlein would like to add a few members
to the Board, so it is more representative of our
parishes. She is looking for some accounting or
business folks as loan officers or committee members.
They meet quarterly on the second Wednesday of the
month: February, May, August and November from
2:00 - 4:00pm. If any interest call
Debbie (989.213.5192) or email
at dbierlein@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

Memorials for November

Bill Peters, Dan Peters, Roy & Clara Peters, Dorothy
Heleski, Nick & Agnes Heleski, Lori Krug, Stanley
Heleski, Joyce Koglin, Carol Lamke, 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, France & Opal Hund, John Hund, Lorraine
Hund, Donald Hund, Dorothy Hund, Mark Hund, Louise
Pankowski, Izydorek, Pauline Izydorek, Valerian
Izydorek, Charles Kroetsch, Hilda Kroetsch, Joe
Kroetsch, Faron Alexander, Norma Beaver, Bob
Beaver, Tim Beaver, Barb Beaver, Marshall & Rose
Briolat, Stanley & Gladys Briolat, Dorothy Depcinski,
Eugene Depcinski, Molly Depcinski, Art Fischer, Esther
Fisher, Glen & Emma Franzel, Mark Gwisdalla, Deb
Heilig, Beatrice Lamke, Carol Lamke, Wayne, Arnold &
Frances Lapeer, Paulette Maurer, Ted Middleton,
Margaret Miller, Clarence Partaka, Shirley Partaka,
Hank & Grace Peruski, John (Jack) Peruski, Jeanette
Peruski, Fred Peruski, Ron Peruski, Scott Peruski, John
& Delphine Peruski, Eugene Romzek, Richard Rutkowski,
Douglas R. Smith, Mary Jane Sweeney, Thomas J.
Timlin, Doug & Barb Walsh, John Walsh, Lee & Rita
Walsh, Marvin Warchuck, Bernice & Jim Weber,
Agnes Zawilinski



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.

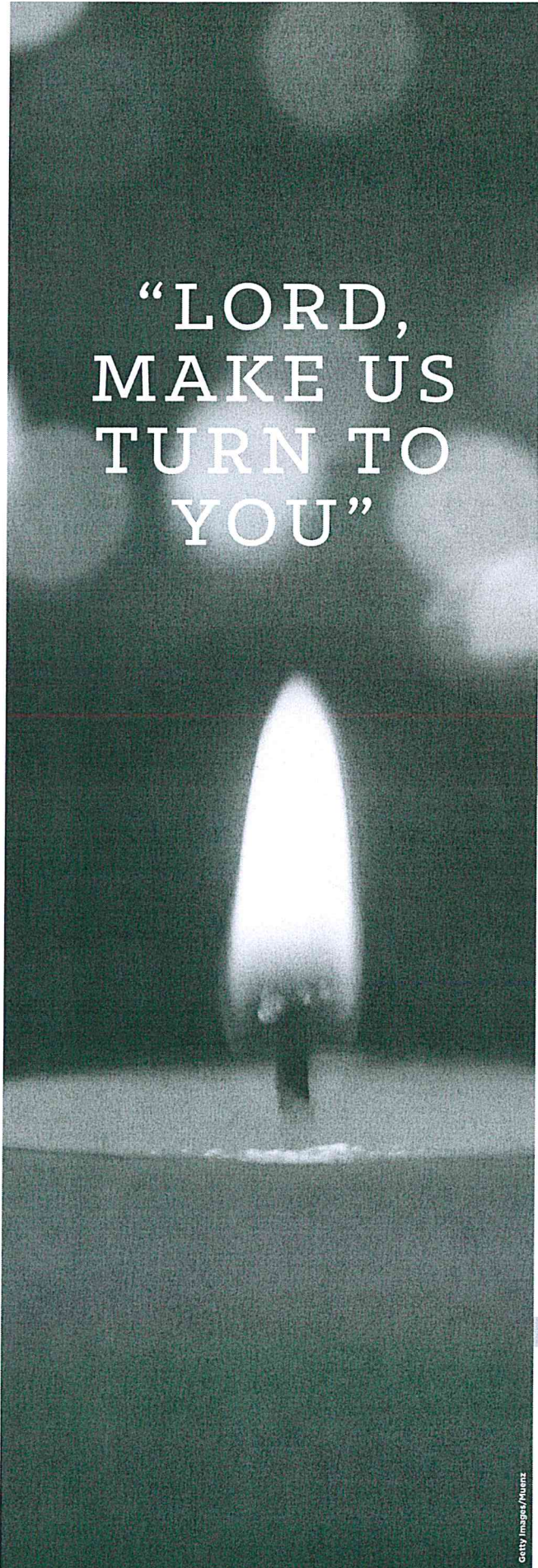
Carol Popiel, Leonard Popiel, Glenda Cieslinski,
Francis Kanaby, Dorothy Heleski, Thelma Murray,
Rita Depcinski, Allen Farrelly, Eileen Trepkoski, Ervin
O'Parka, Michael Leppok, Richard Beaver I, Grace
Goniwicha, Karen Conley, Carol Lamke, Beatrice
Micklash, Peter Janiks, Shirley Kroetsch, Joyce Koglin

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Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | 1 Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37



“LORD,
MAKE US
TURN TO
YOU”

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

Sometimes I grow nostalgic for the laid-back Advents of my childhood: making a list for Santa, digging into the perforated cardboard Advent calendar for chocolate for breakfast, and lighting the Advent wreath (fire!) each Sunday. We all know, however, that the season can quickly become usurped by things to do - shopping, family, cleaning, etc. Today's readings remind us that this is not what Advent is about. The tone in our Scriptures which begin the Advent season is not subtle. Isaiah asks God to return, to "rend the heavens and come down" - to save and deliver his people. The psalm is equally adamant: "Lord, make us turn to you." We, as a Church, are waiting for the fullness of the Kingdom on earth, and we must prepare.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm a cradle Catholic, but for me, Advent was always about waiting to celebrate the birth of Christ. I love pulling out the Nativity scene and lighting the candles each week leading to the celebration of Christ's birth. Only in recent years have I grown in awareness of the dual meaning of Advent - that we Christians also are waiting for Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. I admit, it's always seemed to me something far into the future and perhaps not applicable to my lifetime here on earth. However, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, "You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming." And while this is true, it not something to fear, but something to prepare for and look forward to! We wait in joyful hope, asking for the grace to remain faithful to our baptism and to live in a way that makes Christ's presence known to others.

STUDY Remember the pre-pandemic holidays? Chances are, you've got some extra time on your hands this season. Why not use it to take a deeper dive into Advent this year, by participating in an online Bible study or reading and praying with the Scriptures each day of Advent.