

Third Sunday of Advent



Dec. 12, 2020

Wed.	Dec. 16 th	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	Dec. 17 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Dec. 18 th	9:00am	St. John
Adoration following mass until 11:00am			
Sat.	Dec. 19 th	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Dec. 20 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Dec. 20 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confession

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

Readings for the Week

Monday, Dec 14th

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, Dec. 15th

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, Dec. 16th

Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18-25 Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday, Dec. 17th

Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Matthew 1:1-17

Friday, Dec. 18th

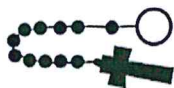
Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday, Dec. 19th

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Luke 1:5-25

Sunday, Dec. 20th

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38



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

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$7735.00

Loose - \$97.20

Building Fund - \$20.00

650 Parish Families

(300 Family envelope holders)

89 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of Dec. 12 & 13

Saturday St. John: + Frank & Lillian Peplinski

Sunday St. Joseph: Joseph DiLorenzo

Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Donations:

In memory of Lloyd Messing by Amber Langley

In memory of Lloyd Messing by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Timmons

In memory of Lloyd Messing by Bob & Marylou Thiel

In loving memory of Lloyd Messing by The Messing Family

In this Sunday's Reading

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

Rejoice, pray and give thanks. These are very important words. In this passage, Paul tells us that we should rejoice in the gifts that God has given to us and place our trust that He will provide for us. Praying unceasingly means that we should have This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means that we should have regular conversations with God, asking for direction and guidance. "Give thanks" means that we should thank God for all things - good and not-so-good

A Big Thank You!!

The new microphone and receiver at our St. Columbkille Church was funded through a donation from the family in loving memory of their parents, Stanley and Dorothy Heleski. We are grateful for their generosity!

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Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Tuesday & Wednesday program includes: Kindergarten through 6th grade. Classed will begin again starting in the New Year 2021.

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Dec. 16)

Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting Dec. 22, 2020 at 2:00pm to Christmas Caroling at Meadow Lanes. We will be outside dress appropriately. We will be returning to the Parish Center to wrap books. Please bring a mask.

Youth group is for all 7th thru 12th graders.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Thanks for giving! We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year, says a Catholic sister. Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters. Thanks you for donating to last week's collection. We have collected \$1,194. Thanks to everyone who gave.

Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held on 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 \$33,333. 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.

We are looking to borrow or buy a two stage snow blower for St. Columbkille church. If anyone knows someone that would have one please give Jerry a call @ 989-550-9664.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

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

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

Dec. 22: Barb Roggenbuck, Del Czewski, Ann Ypma

Dec. 29: Jeanene Schmidt, Carol Beaudin, Kathy Beaver

4:00pm Saturday Mass Dec. 19th St John

Lector: Del Czewski

EMHC: Luci Kubacki

Ushers: Bob Brahmer, John Guigar, Rich Trepkowski

8:30am Sunday Mass Dec. 20th St Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Mass Dec. 20th St Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek

EMHC: Kevin Romzek

Ushers: Marv Osentoski, Clarence Wolschlager



Giving Tree

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.

The Blue books are in for advent and 2021 Calendars.
You can pick one up at each church entrance.



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Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst?

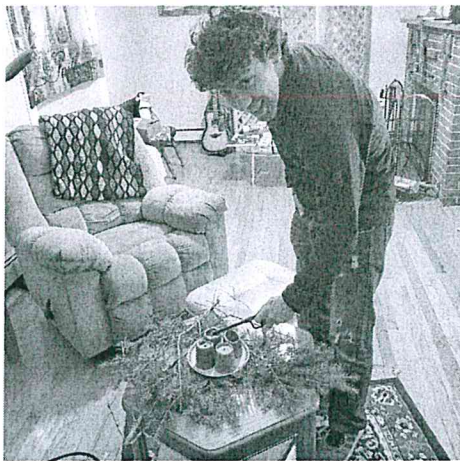
Fr. Nate's Update

(Please welcome our newest parish family member, Brynley Klee, and say a prayer for her and for her parents and godparents, that they would be shining examples of love for Jesus! Below: my brother David lighting my Advent Candles)



Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday!

First, some humor: After Mass the new pastor was shaking hands with parishioners, when one woman turned bright red and looked at her shoes as she shook his hand. "I hope you didn't take it personally, Father", she said, 'when my husband walked out during your homily.'" "I did wonder,' the pastor replied. "I hope he's not sick!" "Oh, no!" said the woman. "And it's not a reflection on you, Father. I can assure you of that. My husband's been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."



ADVENT stands for: ASK Christ into your heart daily, DO the Works of Mercy, VALUE your family, EXAMINE your conscience, NOTICE God's beauty, THANK God for His gifts! (btw, I'm grateful for you!)

Gratitude for New Microphone: The new microphone and receiver at our St. Columbkille Church was funded through a donation from the family in loving memory of their parents, Stanley and Dorothy Heleski. May God reward them for their generosity!

Excerpt from the Prosligion by St. Anselm: "Insignificant man, rise up! Flee your preoccupations for a little while. Hide yourself for a time from your turbulent thoughts. Cast aside, now, your heavy responsibilities and put off your burdensome business. Make a little space free for God; and rest for a little time in him. Enter the inner chamber of your mind; shut out all thoughts. Keep only thought of God, and thoughts that can aid you in seeking him. Close your door and seek him. Speak now, my whole heart! Speak now to God, saying, I seek your face; your face, Lord, will I seek. And come you now, O Lord my God, teach my heart where and how it may seek you, where and how it may find you.... Teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, nor find you unless you reveal yourself. Let me seek you in longing, let me long for you in seeking; let me find you by loving you and love you in the act of finding you."

PRAY WITH ME...

(Pope's DECEMBER Intention): We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer (Lord, hear our prayer!)

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

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

The prophet's words in the Book of Isaiah are bursting with hope: "The Lord ... has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord." As we enter the third week of Advent, these words may resonate more deeply for many of us as we look back on 2020. We know that for many of the world's people, struggle can be an everyday reality; however, after this year marked by pandemic, mourning, racial injustice, and mounting unemployment, the prophet's hope-filled words may hit home more acutely. Regardless of what 2020 has been like for us, Advent is a reminder that we have reason for hope: in Emmanuel, God with us. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds for Christ's coming through prayer, confident that the Lord will fulfill the promises of the prophet.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Light! Here in the Midwest in December we don't see nearly enough of it. Every year I consider purchasing a "happy lamp" and vow to "up" my Vitamin D intake. Perhaps that's why I was taken by the line in today's Gospel describing John the Baptist: "He came ... to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." As predicted by John the Baptist and the prophet, Christ came to dwell among us, and remains within us through the Eucharist and the working of the Holy Spirit. We, like John the Baptist, can "testify to the light" by sharing Christ's presence through our witness to others.

WITNESS Last week we focused on making God's kindness visible through our words and actions toward the people with whom we live and interact regularly; this week, let our witness focus on testifying to the light in our digital presence and encounters. Make your words be those that foster hope and promise rather than incite division.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SHELTERING IN PLACE DUE TO COVID-19

Fr. Steve Fillion (Saginaw Diocese)

O Compassionate Shepherd,

You gather us into your one fold, your one church: always, but sometimes in different places.

You bear us all on your generous shoulders, especially those of us home in safety from COVID-19 or shut-in from age or infirmity.

We worry that our world and our own community have become dangerous with a terrifying infection that afflicts us indiscriminately and takes some of us without warning.

We feel alone, often to the point of solitude and sadness.

We long to encounter you again in the community of faith and our celebrations of the gift of Holy Eucharist which sustains us and heals us.

Our anxiety and confusion bring us doubt.

But we know that you are with us.

There are times that we wonder whether our faith is enough; our hope is strong; or our love draws us to that often hidden mystery of your abiding presence.

We ask you to accept our loneliness, not as a contest we somehow must endure, but rather as a journey into our souls to re-discover ourselves.

Help us to let go of the frustrations that make us relive the days and nights that never seem to end.

Accept our fears and frustrations, not as complaints, but as a sincere sacrifice so that the intentions of our hearts may be true and holy.

Give us strength in mind to resist feelings of inadequacy and self-withdrawal that only deepen our solitude and seclusion. Give us strength in body to take up physical activity to lessen the severities and intensities of our own medical conditions and physical weaknesses.

Give us strength in spirit to find and celebrate our own lives, for all that we have endured both in joy and in sorrow.

But, most of all, give us peace in our souls so that the pandemic in which we now live may not defeat us physically, mentally, or spiritually.

May the Spirit of power and wisdom come upon us and overshadow us with the fortitude of resilience and determination so that we may live our life without fear.

You walk with us, carry our crosses with us, and hold us in your loving embrace.

Amen.

Advent/Christmas 2020: Schedule of Holy Day Masses and Individual Confessions

(Note: no Communal Reconciliation Services this year)

Every Saturday (except Dec. 26 & Jan. 16) Individual Confessions 11am-12pm - St Columbkille

Tues. December 15th - Individual Confessions 7-8pm - St Joseph, Argyle

Wed. Dec. 16th - Individual Confessions 5:30-6:15pm - St John, Uibly

Thurs. Dec. 17th - Individual Confessions WITH VISITING PRIEST 5-6:30pm - St John, Uibly

Thurs. Dec. 17th - Individual Confessions 7:45-8:30pm - St Columbkille, Sheridan

Tues. Dec. 22nd - Individual Confessions WITH VISITING PRIEST 7-8pm - St Joseph, Argyle

Wed. December 23rd - Individual Confessions 5:30-6:15pm - St John, Uibly

Thurs. December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass 4pm St John, Uibly (overflow in gym with livestream; livestream on Facebook)

Thurs. December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass 6pm St Columbkille, Sheridan (NO OVERFLOW; call office to confirm if seating available 658-8824; please consider Christmas DAY Mass INSTEAD at St. Columbkille, or another Mass)

Thurs. December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass 8pm St Joseph, Argyle (overflow in gym with livestream; livestream on Facebook)

Fri. December 25th - Christmas Day Mass 9am - St Ignatius, Freiburg

Fri., December 25th - Christmas Day Mass 10:30am - St Columbkille, Sheridan (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, Uibly

Fri. January 1st - (Holy Day) Mary, Mother of God Mass 9:30am - St. Ignatius, Freiburg



We are proud to introduce ourselves as the Holy Land Carvings group from the Holy Land. We have come to the United States representing the Christian wood carvers of Bethlehem that rely on the tourism to support their families.

Due to the bad situation and the interruption of the tourist trade, thousands of families in the Holy Land are in danger of having to leave their homes in search of work. Our mission is to bring and sell the Olive wood Carvings to the Catholic Churches in the United State to help the Christian families remain in their homes and support their families. These Christians who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved Olive Wood religious items are depending on us to bring these beautiful carvings, such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues, Picture of the Last Supper, and several other religious items to you.

Please look over these carvings that are available to you at the weekend of December 19 & 20 and help support this self-help project that enables to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land.

Your help and understanding in this crucial matter are greatly appreciated. Thank you