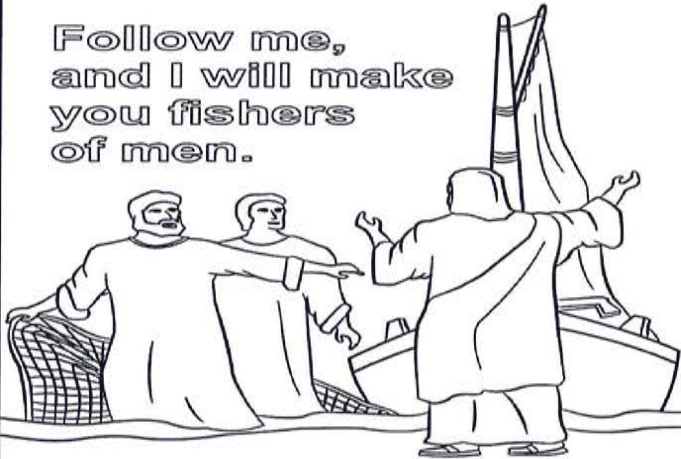


Follow me,  
and I will make  
you fishers  
of men.



Matthew 4:19

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jan 24, 2021

Wed.	Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St. John
Sat.	Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	St. Columbkille

**Confession**

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

**Readings for the Week**

Monday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>

Acts 2:3-16 Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

2 Timothy 1:1-8 Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

Hebrews 10:11-18 Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>

Hebrews 10:19:25 Mark 4:21-25

Friday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

Hebrews 10:32-39 Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28



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

**Let Us Give Thanks!**

Weekend Collection - \$3599.00

Loose - \$95.00

Building Fund - \$170.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

88 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of Jan 23 & 24

Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd

Parishioners

Sunday St. Joseph + James Tobin

Sunday St. Columbkille: + John Cieslinski

In this Sunday's Reading

"Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will  
make you fishers of men."- Mark 1:17

The invitation to follow Jesus is not one just given to  
his first disciples long ago in a faraway land. He invites  
us to follow Him every day. The first disciples did not  
have their lives in order. They were not "ready" or  
"prepared" to follow Jesus. We, too, are called to  
follow Jesus when he calls - not when we perceive  
ourselves to be ready. Jesus will lead our way.

ADORATION OF JESUS IN THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT

We will be starting Adoration in February!!! It  
will be on Friday, February 5. It will begin after 9:00  
am mass and run until Benediction at 3:50 pm.  
Adoration will be held on the first Friday of each  
month. All are welcome to join in and spend some quiet  
time with the Lord. If you are interested in helping  
out, please contact Fr. Nate or Lori at 989-658-8146

Thank you!!

Dear Good Shepherd Parish,

Thank you so very much for your donation to Eva's  
Place. Your gift is very needed and much appreciated!!

We are grateful for your generous donation and  
support for our shelter and families we serve. If you  
would please pray for our families safety, faith &  
happiness. Sincerely Eva's Place

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### Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Tuesday & Wednesday program includes:  
Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (Jan. 26)  
Ugly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (Feb. 3, 10, 17)  
Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Jan. 27)

### Youth Group

Since we will not be able to attend the March for Life in person this year we can pray for the respect for all life by: Promoting the live streaming events happening January 21-29, 2021. Encourage your parishioners to sign up to receive daily emails from Jan. 21-29 including daily reflections, interviews with local clergy & lay people and more. Plan events at your parish following safety guidelines. Suggestions and ideas are found on the website page

[www.saginaw.org/witness-to-life](http://www.saginaw.org/witness-to-life)

Daily podcasts featuring local clergy including, Fr. Pete Gaspeny, Fr. Bill Rukowski, Fr. Jose Cabrera and any others on Respect Life topics, such as Racism, Abortion/Post Abortive, Disabilities, Elderly/End of Life, Prisoners/Death Penalty, Immigration, Assisted Suicide/Suffering, Human Trafficking and Mental Illness/Suicide. See details on the website

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Youth Group will be meeting again in Feb. 2021.

Youth group is for all 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

### Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm at St. Columbkille church in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please call Dana Irion at 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 \$44,153. 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.

## VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

Jan. 25: Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski  
Feb. 1: Del Czewski, Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck  
Feb. 8: Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin, Jeanene Schmidt

4:00pm Saturday Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> St. John

Lector: Luci Kubacki

EMHC: Martin Kubacki

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Mike Briolat, Jim Osentoski

8:30pm Sunday Mass Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Kevin Hessling, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Mass Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Amy Sweeney

EMHC: Vicki Tordai

Ushers: Dennis Sweeney, Terry Sweeney

### Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Get your new year off to a great start! Enrich your marriage and your faith by attending a weekend from the comfort of your own home Jan. 29-31 or Feb. 12-14, 2021. Apply today at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). For questions or more info, contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 269-953-8287.

### Please Join Us In Remembering!!

Huron County Right to Life is holding its annual Memorial Service on Sunday January 24, 2021 1:30pm Court House steps in Bad Axe, to remember all the innocent lives lost to the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. Any questions, please contact Jeanne @ 989-658-8701

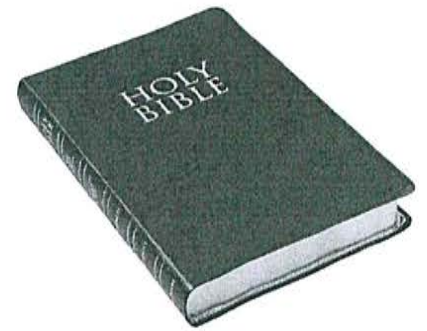


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# Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst?

Fr. Nate's Update



Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy "Sunday of the Word of God"!

**First, some humor:** *When you carry the Bible, the devil gets a headache. When you open it, he faints. When he sees you living it, he flees!*

*A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I Know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you know what the Bible means?" "That's easy, Daddy....", the young boy replied excitedly. "It stands for 'Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!'" [I chose these because of their theme, given that this weekend we celebrate...]*

## The "Sunday of the Word of God": January 23/24

A selection from Pope Francis' letter describing this new yearly tradition: "2.... I proposed setting aside "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people" (Misericordia et Misera, 7). Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. Here, we are reminded of the teaching of Saint Ephrem: "Who is able to understand, Lord, all the richness of even one of your words? There is more that eludes us than what we can understand. We are like the thirsty drinking from a fountain. Your word has as many aspects as the perspectives of those who study it. The Lord has coloured his word with diverse beauties, so that those who study it can contemplate what stirs them. He has hidden in his word all treasures, so that each of us may find a richness in what he or she contemplates" (Commentary on Diatessaron, 1, 18)."

"...May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: "This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance" (Dt 30:14)."

- I plan to bless our Lectors at all weekend Masses, as we are encouraged to do on this day
- In this weekend's bulletin, I encourage you to use the prayer ceremony called **Enthroning the Bible in the Family**. It is for all parish families, whether there are children in the home or not, whether you are retired, even if you are living alone! Please enjoy the ceremony, which will enable you "to show that God is at the center of [your] lives" and remind you to read it
- I highly recommend the Bible in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz
- Right now, I'm listening to the Audiobook of Johnny Cash (yep!) reading the New Testament
- *This week, think about: how can I incorporate more Scripture into my daily life?*

## *Let Us Pray...*

\*(Pope's JANUARY Intention): May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all (Lord, hear our prayer!)

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

January 24, 2021

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7:29-31 | Mk 1:14-20

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

On first hearing, Jonah's warning to the city of Nineveh seems a bit extreme for my modern ears: Get your act together in 40 days or your city will be destroyed! Yet, rather than panic or rail against him, the people believed and turned away from evil. We hear a similar theme in Mark's Gospel: "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Listening to the readings today, I hear these words not as a threat but as an invitation to get our lives back on track. We may not don sackcloth like the people of Nineveh, but we may need to fast from the distractions and skewed priorities that prevent us from loving God and one another. With the psalmist, we pray, "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior."

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I never understood why the middle-school track coach had my son, the shortest kid on the team, run hurdles. I'd shut my eyes and cringe a bit when he'd approach each one, occasionally catching his toe but fearlessly pressing forward. Sometimes the Christian life can feel that way - while I've never tried hurdles, I'm known to trip on the slightest crack in a sidewalk. Likewise, I often trip up on the path to becoming a better person - blurting out unkind words, spending more time online shopping than praying ... well, I won't make you cringe by oversharing my "sin list." In today's readings, the Lord invites us to repent - to turn away from bad habits and choices. By turning to the Lord, we can overcome the obstacles that hold us back from living our Gospel values and sharing them with others through the witness of our lives.

**INVITE** Through the sacrament of reconciliation, the Church offers us a standing invitation to experience God's unconditional love and mercy. Whether you go regularly or it's been awhile, consider participating in the sacrament and inviting others to do the same.





## Enthroning the Bible in the Family

To show that God is at the center of their lives, many families enthrone the Bible, the Word of God, in a visible place in their homes. By placing the Sacred Scriptures in a prominent place decorated with flowers and art, and by gathering at this spot for daily prayer, families show that God is present and active through his Word.

Enthroning the Bible in your home is easy. Simply pick a place where the Bible can be honored. The Bible should be placed where it will be seen regularly, but the location should be apart from the noise and confusion of the family entertainment. Place the Bible, opened to a favorite passage or the readings of the day (these can be found at [www.usccb.org/nab](http://www.usccb.org/nab)), on a table or shelf. Decorate the area around the Bible with a cloth, flowers, and/or a candle—whatever makes sense to you. Use the following ritual prayer when you gather as a family to enthrone the Bible.

### Things to Prepare

- Bible
- A shelf or table where the Bible will be placed (the shelf may be adorned with a cloth and candles)

### Ritual

When possible, the ritual may start outside the main door to the house or outside the main entrance to the room. One member of the family holds the Bible, raised slightly. The father, mother, or other leader begins the celebration with the opening litany:

**Leader:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Word of the Father.

**Response:** Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Leader:** You became one with us to tell of the Father's love.

**Response:** Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Leader:** You are the light that shines in the darkness.

**Response:** Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Leader:** You save us from fear and break the bonds of sin and death.

**Response:** Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Leader:** You come to guide our steps and lead us to God.

**Response:** Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Leader:** You are the Word of eternal life.

**Response:** Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Leader:** You fill us with the Holy Spirit.

**Response:** Come, Lord Jesus, come.

As everyone enters the house or room, they may sing a suitable song.

Then one of the following Scripture passages is read from the Bible:

Matthew 4:17-23      *Jesus calls and heals through the power of his Word.*  
Mark 4:1-20          *The Word is like the seed.*  
Luke 4:14-21        *Jesus proclaims the Word in Nazareth.*  
John 1:10-14         *Jesus is the Word of God and the light of the world.*

After the reading, the leader places the Bible in the place prepared for it. All bow deeply before the enthroned Bible.

**Leader:**

We have heard your words, Jesus.

They give us joy and bring light and truth into our lives.

Your presence gives us peace in our troubled and divided world.

Let your Word create in our hearts a deep desire for you.

Be with us in our hearts and homes, in our community and country.

Give us your Holy Spirit to help us to understand your Word.

We enthrone now this Holy Bible in our midst.

Make your Word the center of our lives.

May your Word inspire all that we think and say and do.

May your Word bind us together in unity with each other and with you,  
today and forever.

**Response:** Amen.

All join in saying the Lord's Prayer.

All repeat after the leader:

We promise to respect the Word of God in our midst.

We shall read and reflect on it as a family of God.

May we draw from it inspiration for our decisions,  
strength for our work,  
and comfort in suffering.

Jesus, help us to be faithful to our promise,  
you who live forever and ever.

Amen.

The celebration concludes with a sign of peace.

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