

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jan 31, 2021**

Wed.	Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St. John
Adoration following mass until 11:00am			
Sat.	Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	St. Columbkille

**Confession**

Wednesday 11:00am-11:20am St. John  
Saturday 11:00am-12:00pm St. Columbkille

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

Hebrews 11:32-40 Mark 5:1-20

**Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

**Wednesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24 Mark 6:7-13

**Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Hebrews 13:1-8 Mark 6:14-29

**Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 Mark 6:30-34

**Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mark 1:29-39



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

**Let Us Give Thanks!**

**Weekend Collection - \$5516.00**

**Loose - \$55.00**

**Building Fund - \$100.00**

**650 Parish Families**

**(297 Family envelope holders)**

**98 Envelopes used**

**Mass Intentions for Weekend of Jan. 30 & 31**

**Saturday St. John: + Robert Hopwood**

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

**Sunday St. Columbkille: + Kenneth Seaburg**

**In this Sunday's Reading**

"I should like you to be free of anxieties."- 1  
Corinthians 7:32 Worrying about things often does not  
help things, yet we can spend many, many hours about  
circumstances in our lives. Consider a change of  
approach. If you pray about things, rather than worry,  
you will have a very different way of approaching and  
dealing with situations in your life.

**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 Huron  
County community foundation & Huron County Safe  
Place. Your gift is very needed and much appreciated!!  
We are grateful for your generous donation and  
support for our causes and families we serve. If you  
would please pray for our families safety, faith &  
happiness. Sincerely Huron County Community  
Foundation & Huron County SafePlace.

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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 (Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23)

Ubly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (Feb. 3, 10, 17)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24)

### Youth Group

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.

### First Reconciliation Classes:

St. Joseph Hall/Argyle 6-7:30pm on Thursday's Feb. 4,  
Wednesday Feb. 10, Thursday Feb. 18.

St. Columbkille Church for 9:00-10:15 on Sunday Feb.  
7, 14, 21.

Reconciliation is on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm  
@St. John's Church Ubly.

### 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 \$44,353. 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.

### 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 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.

## VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

Feb. 1: Del Czewski, Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck

Feb. 8: Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin, Jeanene Schmidt

Tuesday Feb. 16: Shirley Piontkowski, Luci Kubacki, Barb Roggenbuck

4:00pm Saturday Mass Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> St. John

Lector: Jerry Sorenson

EMHC: Jerry Sorenson

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Mike Briolat, Jim Osentoski

8:30pm Sunday Mass Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph

Lector: Justin Faber

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Ushers: Gordon Farrelly, Kevin Hessling, Chuck Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Mass Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Marge Messing

Ushers: Todd Gingrich, Rob Kubacki

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 13, 2021; 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Virtual-online

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Workshop helps engaged couples understand what it means to get married in the Catholic Church. Among the topics covered are: Marriage as a Sacrament, Marital Intimacy, Natural Family Planning, Communication, Conflict Resolution, and Family of Origin.

#### **COST & CONTACT/REGISTRATION INFO:**

Registration fee is \$50 per couple. Registration deadline is Monday, March 8, 2022

To register: call 989-797-6660 or register online

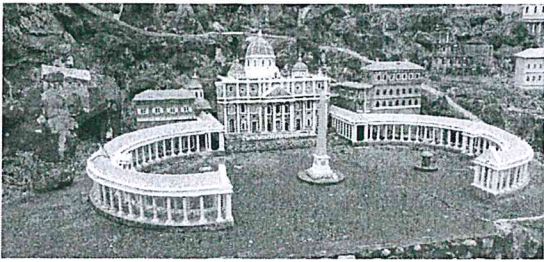
Attention all parishioners: End of year statements are now available. Please call the office if you would like yours. We are trying to conserve paper and ink and will only print statements for those who request them. Thank you ☺

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# Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst?

Fr. Nate's Update



Left: Replica of St. Peter's, at Ave Maria Grotto in Cullman, Alabama, which I visited on vacation. Over 50 years, a Benedictine monk named Brother Joseph Zoetl created many, many miniatures of various churches and buildings, from donated materials, when he wasn't praying or doing manual labor for St. Bernard Abbey. "From Montserrat to St. Peter's Basilica, guests can enjoy this labor of love and hopefully go away realizing how small acts of love, no matter how seemingly insignificant, can be so fruitful for years to come." ([avemariagrotto.com](http://avemariagrotto.com))

Right: Visiting nieces and nephew in Mobile, AL.



Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time!

**First, some humor:** A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son, Timmy, walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence, but yet know that he was safe. Her neighbor learned about the mother's dilemma and offered to follow the young boy to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.

"I'm up early with my toddler anyway; it will be a good way for us to get some exercise as well," said the neighbor. The relieved mother agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, he said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her"? Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is." The friend said, "Well, who is she"? "That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied. "And her daughter Marcy." "Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us"?

"Well," Timmy explained. "Every night, my mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, because she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life,' so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

**Enthroning Ceremony:** In last weekend's bulletin, there was an insert called "Enthroning the Bible in the Family." Were you able to pray this beautiful ceremony yet? If you lost the insert, you can find it in the bulletin on our parish website, [goodshepherdubly.com](http://goodshepherdubly.com).

**Christ's Mission Appeal:** Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous support of this diocesan appeal, which is really “Christ’s” appeal! Besides supporting our parish and diocese, it supports many wonderful charities. May I ask you to please pray about making another donation or pledge? We are still quite short of our target of \$56,548; we have approximately \$11,000 yet to go. Thank you!

**Another Rosary Group Miracle:** Recently I shared with you the miracle of a suicidal woman finding a reason to live, through Mother Mary’s prayers, by attending Diane’s (my friend’s mother in Plymouth) Rosary Group. Here’s another story from Carole, one of the group members: “For the first time, I had our Rosary group at my house. I was excited. There were only 5 of us so we sat around the kitchen table. As we were praying around the table, I saw Jesus above one of the ladies, and He was looking at her. I said nothing. He stayed there until after she finished her prayers and then He was gone. He was dressed all in white and was hovering above the ground. After our Rosary and people were starting to leave, I told Diane and this lady what I had seen. Diane told me that it was the [anniversary of the murder of that lady's daughter] but I unaware of that. I know now why Jesus was in my home. I was so happy he visited my home.”

**Disciple Maker Index (DMI):** In Lent, I will be asking our entire parish to fill out a survey called the Disciple Maker Index. This survey will: 1. help each of us to grow spiritually by reflecting on our own journey of being a disciple of Christ; 2. help our parish and diocese leaders to plan for **evangelization** for the future; 3. provide valuable information to help our diocese to create a priority plan.

**Questions about Face Masks:** I understand that it is very difficult for some people to wear face masks at Mass. It is a sacrifice we can “offer up” to God for the salvation of souls, or any intention.

“Do I need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others if I have gotten 2 doses of the vaccine?” The answer from our diocese: “Yes. Not enough information is currently available to say if or when CDC will stop recommending that people wear masks and avoid close contact with others to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Experts need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide in real-world conditions before making that decision. Other factors, including how many people get vaccinated and how the virus is spreading in communities, will also affect this decision. We also don’t yet know whether getting a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 to other people, even if you don’t get sick yourself.”

“What if I have already recovered from Covid?” In my own research, having recovered from Covid, I have learned that it is still a decision based in charity and prudence to wear an effective mask and social distance. It is still possible for recovered people to transmit Covid to others. The time period of immunity is unknown. From blogs.webmd.com: “We also know there is a possibility you can get infected more than once with the coronavirus. If that happened, you could be reinfected and not know it..” Also, the example of not wearing a mask at Mass may encourage others to not wear it. We should pray that one day, enough people will be vaccinated so that masks will no longer be required. Thank you for continuing to wear a mask, unless you have a medical exemption.

### *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*

Valentine's "Take Out"  
Dinner

Knights of Columbus

1038 S Van Dyke Road, Bad Axe, MI  
48413



Menu: Roast Beef or Chicken Dinner

With full trimmings:

Potatoes, vegetable, cole slaw,  
roll & butter, plus dessert!

Saturday, February 13, 2021

4-6 p.m., Front Door Pickup

Price: \$15.00, Cash or check only!

(Make checks out to Bad Axe Knights of Columbus)



**Pre-orders will be helpful**

**Call or text Ray @ (989) 550-1848**

**With name, phone #, how many dinners**

**& choices of beef or chicken!**

January 31, 2021

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20 | 1 Cor 7:32-35 | Mk 1:21-28

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

When was the last time you were “astonished” and “amazed”? Parents might point to the birth of their child. Space enthusiasts might recall Neil Armstrong’s walk on the moon. Perhaps we felt that sense of amazement the first time we saw the Grand Canyon or another natural wonder. For the people of Capernaum, Jesus had that effect. He taught with authority. He commanded an unclean spirit. In our modern society with the constant bombardment of news and social media, it can be easy to become numb to the wonder that surrounds us. Perhaps we think we’ve seen it all. Even Jesus and the words that turned ordinary people into extraordinary disciples of the early Church can be something we take for granted or only think about for 20 minutes on Sunday. Our Gospel challenges us to quiet the noise, and Paul encourages us to seek “adherence to the Lord without distraction.” Let us pray that the Lord rekindles our faith, so that we may hear his words again as if for the first time and engage ourselves anew in living according to his teachings.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It is very hard to keep exciting news to ourselves. We have an innate desire to share important information and extraordinary events with those whom we love. It could be the call to parents to announce an engagement. Or perhaps telling a friend that you have landed a job or been accepted to college. While these milestones are significant, they pale in comparison to what Jesus has done for us. Through him, we have experienced God’s love, mercy, and redemption, not to mention the direction and means to attain a good life: on earth and with him forever in heaven. Why not share that Good News as well? We don’t have to stand on a street corner to be effective. We can simply let our faith lives enter our conversations, just as our work and other interests do. It could be as simple as, “our priest said something Sunday that really stuck with me,” or “I just finished a remarkable book about Dorothy Day.” As we begin to talk about our faith and listen to others share their insights, we not only grow closer to one another, but can grow in faith together.

**WITNESS** Today’s psalm struck a chord: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Next Sunday, make a conscious effort to listen to the readings and music with an open heart (and ears). If something strikes you, consider sharing that with others – be it around the dinner table, on a walk with friends, or during a video call.

