

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Second Sunday of Lent

Feb 28, 2021

Wed.	March 3 rd	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	March 4 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	March 5 th	9:00am	St. John
Adoration following Mass until 11:00am (4:00pm on the First Friday of the Month)			
Sat.	March 6 th	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	March 7 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	March 7 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confession

Wednesday 11:00-11:25am St. John

Thursdays 7:45-8:15pm at St. Columbkille

Saturday March 6, 11:00am Confession at St. Columbkille is canceled

Whenever school is cancelled due to weather, weekday Masses/Adoration/Confessions are cancelled & office is closed or will open late.

Readings for the Week

Monday, March 1st

Daniel 9:4b-10 Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 2nd

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 3rd

Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 4th

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 5th

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 6th

Matthew 7:14-15, 18-20 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 7th

Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Rosary

Rosary at St. Columbkille Church prior to 10:30 Mass on Sundays.

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$2,935.00

Loose - \$65.00

Building Fund - \$25.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

93 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of Feb. 27 & 28

Saturday + Louis DePaolo

Sunday St. Joseph: St. John Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Columbkille: + John Cieslinski

Donation:

In memory of Elmer Micklash by Clare & Margorie Wehner

In memory of Elmer Micklash by Ken Micklash

In memory of Elmer Micklash by Bob & Jeanette Skipinski

In this Sunday's Reading

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is not always easy to say "Here I am," when God calls us to do something. Certainly it might be easy if it is something that is comfortable to us - if it is something that we know or understand or want to do. But what about those things that are not so comfortable? Being a disciple is not always easy. In fact, most times it is not initially comfortable. Pray to be more willing to say, "Here I am" in those uncomfortable situations.

Morning Prayer on Fridays

The Liturgy of the Hours is the most powerful, efficacious, and recommended prayer of the Church, second only to Holy Mass! It's not only for priests and nuns; millions of lay people worldwide pray it daily, as the Second Vatican Council urged. It includes five prayer times: Morning, Daytime, Evening, Night, and the Office of Readings. On Fridays following 9am Mass at St. John, join us for Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. No book required.

Station of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at St. John site on Wednesday @ 7:00pm during lent.

All are welcomed.

Please remember your parish when planning your estate

Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Tuesday & Wednesday program includes: Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (March 2, 9, 16, 23)

Ubyly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (March 3, 10, 17, 24)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)

St. Columbkille Site: March 3rd Adoration @ 7:00pm

March 24th Student led Stations of the Cross,

6:45pm, March 31st Holy week Celebration 6:00pm,

Open to anyone who would like to attend.

Youth Group

Youth Group will be meet next month on Sunday March 28, 2021 in the Parish Center. If you would like to work on making cards for the shut in's we will start that @ 4:00pm. Meeting will be from @ 5:00-7:30pm.

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

All are welcome and there is no charge.

Scripture Study

Our Scripture Study sessions will begin on Monday, March 1st. We will be gathering at St. Columbkille Church from 6:30 - 8PM. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12. We will be studying "Biblical Women in Crisis, Portraits of Faith and Trust." By Jeanne Kun. For questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088 or Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281.

Social Distancing and Masks are required.

Better Meals in Madagascar:

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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 \$47,313. 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:

March 1: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski

March 8: Charlotte Baker, Kathy Beaver, Del Czewski

March 15: Carol Beaudin Jeanette Schmidt, Shirley Piontkowski

4:00pm Saturday Mass March 6th St. John

Lector: Alger Lemke

EMHC: Alger Lemke

Ushers: Jim Czewski, Tom Murray, Glen Peruski

8:30pm Sunday Mass March 7th St. Joseph

Lector: Gordon Walsh

EMHC: Bill Izydorek

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Gordon Farrelly, Chuck Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Mass March 7th St Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Jerry Fischer

Ushers: Dennis Sweeney, Terry Sweeney

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 ☺

2021 Lenten Season

Mass Schedule

Individual Reconciliation Services

Thursday, March 11th 5:00-6:00pm - St John, Ubyly

Tuesday, March 23rd 7:00-8:00pm - St. Joseph, Argyle

Fr Nate with visiting priest

April 1st - Holy Thursday

7pm - St John, Ubyly

April 2nd - Good Friday

2 pm - St John, Ubyly

April 3rd - Easter Vigil

8:30pm Vigil - St John, Ubyly

April 4th - Easter

8:00am - St Joseph, Argyle

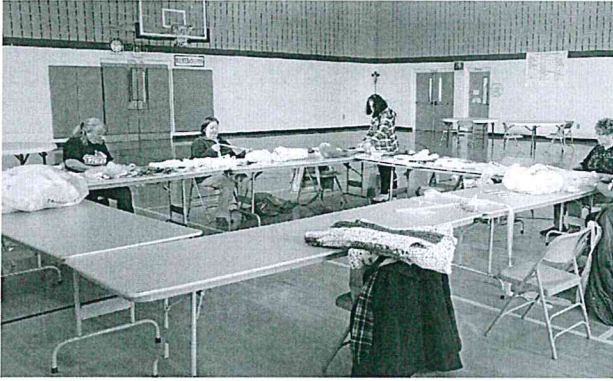
9:30am - St. Ignatius, Freiburg

11:00am - St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

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Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst? --- Fr. Nate's Update



Left: Parishioners doing the Work of Mercy of helping the homeless, while protecting the environment by creating sleeping/sitting mats for the homeless out of grocery bags, for the Homeless Coalition in Bay City

Below: Reconciliation area at St. John. Weekly Opportunities for Confession: Wednesdays 11:00am-11:25am before 11:30am Mass at St. John; Thursdays 7:45-8:15pm at St.

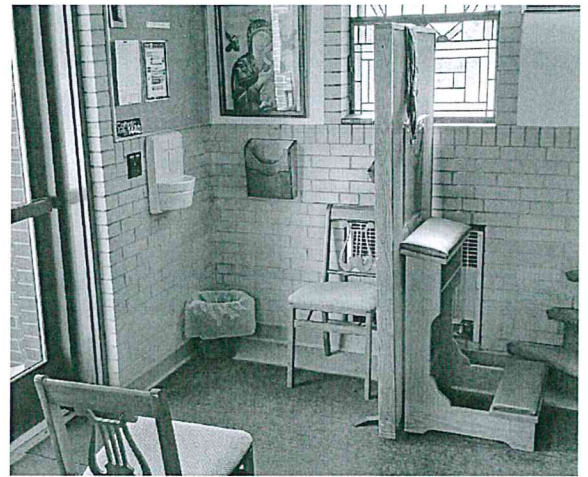
Columbkille after 7:00pm Mass; Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm at St. Columbkille

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy 2nd Sunday of Lent!

First, some humor:

1. Why can't muggers catch Catholics during Lent? They fast.
2. Lost on a rainy Friday night, a priest stumbles into a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, he's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had. After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He is met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?" Brother Michael replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar!" Father turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be...." "Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk!"



Thursday Night Prayer and Friday Daytime Prayer: The Rosary is powerful and I ask everyone to pray it daily. However, the Liturgy of the Hours is the most powerful and recommended prayer of the Church, second only to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! It's not only for priests and nuns; millions of lay people worldwide pray it daily, as the Second Vatican Council asked for.

It includes seven prayer times: Morning, Daytime (3 times), Evening, Night, and the Office of Readings. On Thursdays at 7:30pm at St. Columbkille, after 7pm Mass, join us for Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours (about 10 min). On Fridays at 10:45am at St. John, join us for Daytime Prayer (about 10 min). No book required.

Disciple Maker Survey (February 17-March 22): Please take the survey, either paper or online. It will MAKE you a better disciple (student) of Jesus, and help you to go and MAKE disciples!

Youth Group Easter Card Outreach: This Easter we will send Easter Cards to our homebound. Please contact the office to submit a name and address to our list. Also, we will send cards to parishioners at some local nursing care facilities.

Audiobook Outreach: There are many audiobooks and talks on CD available at the office. Do you know a homebound person or someone in a nursing care facility? Consider borrowing an audiobook and bringing it to them, along with a cheap \$15-20 CD player, if they need it. It's both a way to serve Christ in the homebound, and to evangelize them (if the audiobook is about the Faith!)

Praise Reports Requested:

I'd like to share "praise reports" of:

1. ANSWERED PRAYERS FOR HEALING: short testimonies of spiritual, physical, emotional, or any kind of healing of anyone you have prayed for, even yourself. It doesn't need to be "miraculous"; it could be a gradual healing or a successful surgery.
2. MISC. ANSWERED PRAYERS: any kind of answered prayer (e.g. "Yesterday the Lord took away my anxiety about my upcoming doctor's appointment!")

I will share them on our facebook page (Our page in the last 28 days has reached 1,406 people!), in our bulletin, and possibly at the announcements time at each weekend Mass

Why? For the purpose of evangelization. These praise reports remind us that Jesus is alive and healing and helping people today. It encourages us to pray for healing and other needs! It increases our trust in God!

Please email "praise reports" to nateharburg@gmail.com. Requirement: Get the person's permission to allow me to share their praise report. For confidentiality I will avoid using last names.

Why No Gloria and Alleluia During Lent? Article at aleteia.org, by Philip Kosloski: "Even the liturgy "fasts" in preparation for the glorious season of Easter... First of all, the Gloria is a hymn that celebrates the coming of the Lord using words from the angels at Christ's birth. The Church during Lent returns in spirit to a time when the people of God were in exile, waiting for the Messiah to come and save them. It is a similar season of expectation as is Advent, but instead of awaiting Christ's birth from the womb of Mary, the Christian people await Christ's second "birth" from the womb of the sepulcher.

"Secondly, following this same spirit of exile, the Church joins Moses and the Israelites as they wander in the desert for 40 years. It is a time of agony and purification, one where the faithful join together in saying, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" (Psalm 137:4) The word "Alleluia" is rooted in a Hebrew expression that means "praise the Lord" and is thus omitted during Lent.

"As a result, our focus in Lent is not in rejoicing, but in mourning our sins, looking at those things that prevent us from an authentic relationship with God. Once these are removed through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are able to rejoice again at Easter, for it is not only Christ's resurrection that we celebrate, but our own rebirth in the spirit..."

Let Us Pray: (*Pope's Feb. Intention*): Let us pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all, Lord hear our prayer!

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

February 28, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 | Rom 8:31b-34 | Mk 9:2-10

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

Oh, the gloom! The view out my window on a typical Michigan winter day can be described as “grayscale monochrome,” a technical term for black-and-white photographs. Fortunately, the sun peeks out on occasion, providing a lovely sunrise or sunset that can lift my mood and remind me that spring will come. If such an ordinary thing can provide hope, imagine what the Transfiguration provided for the disciples who witnessed it? “His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.” And even though they were so terrified, the voice of God came from a cloud, conveying comfort and truth: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” The disciples did not know what lay ahead, but this vision of Jesus and the Father’s presence in their midst would give them hope and foretell Jesus’ glorious resurrection. As we continue on our Lenten journey, we can turn to God, who will one day transfigure us in the same way Christ was, to strengthen us through the gray days ahead. And St. Paul’s powerful words that “God is for us” add solace and encouragement.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As Catholics, we are likely very familiar with the four Gospels, but I have to say I can’t get enough of Paul’s letters. Like a good coach, Paul encourages us to dig deep and trust God. In today’s reading, he reminds the Romans that God loves us so much that he did not spare his own Son. I’m struck by his assurance that Jesus not only died and was raised for us, but “indeed intercedes for us.” Lent is an ideal time to turn to Jesus in prayer, asking that he give us the grace to grow in faith and turn away from sin. At the same time, we can offer intercessory prayer for *others*, just as we do at every Mass. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can make an extra effort to pray for the needs of other people: Those we know personally, such as friends and family members; and those whom we do not know, such as government leaders or Christians experiencing persecution in other countries.

PRAY I find that I often make prayer all about me! Yet, as the Church teaches, “in intercession, those who pray look ‘not only to their own interests, but also to the interests of others,’ even to the point of praying for those who do them harm.” (CCC 2635) One way to practice intercessory prayer is to make a list and pray for the people and intentions on it once a day. For those of us who regularly pray the rosary, another practice might be to dedicate each decade to an individual in need of prayer.

“THIS
IS MY

beloved son

LISTEN
TO HIM”



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Red Cross



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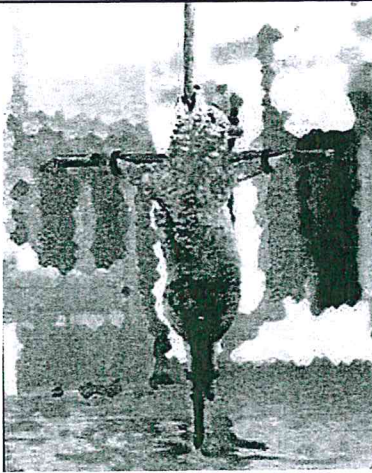
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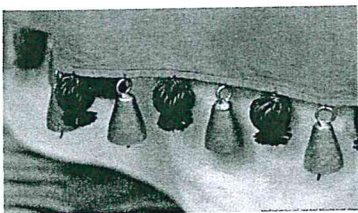
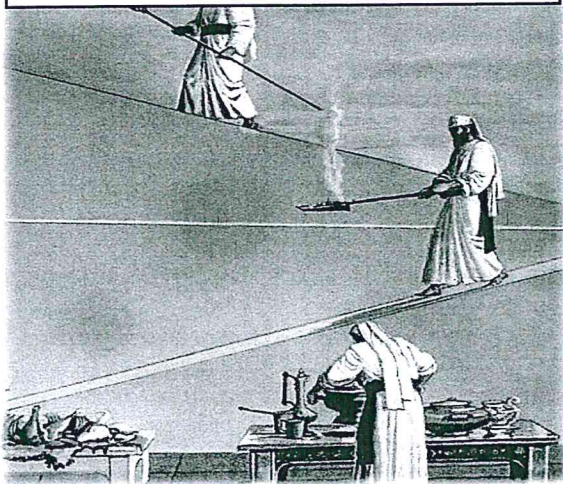
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Our Jewish Roots

Lamb displayed as Crucifixion



Butchered Sacrifice being put back together



Exodus 39:1 ... "From the blue, purple, and scarlet yarn they made woven garments for ministering in the sanctuary. They also made sacred garments for Aaron, as the LORD commanded Moses..."



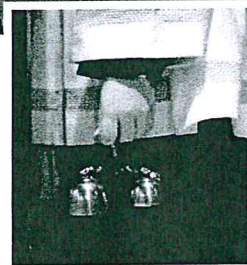
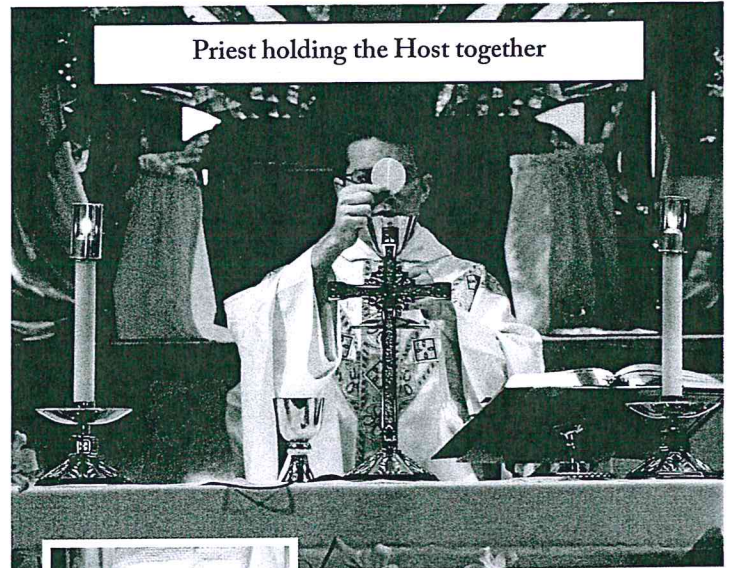
HIGH PRIEST OF ISRAEL

Our Catholic Faith

Crucifix



Priest holding the Host together



Sanctus Bells

Sanctus bells derive their name from being rung first during the Sanctus [Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...]. They have been rung as part of the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Church for more than 800 years



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