



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021**

Wed.	March 24 th	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	March 25 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	March 26 th	9:00am	St. John
Adoration following mass until 11:00am (4:00pm on the First Friday of the Month)			
Sat.	March 27 th	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	March 28 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	March 28 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confessions

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John
Thursdays 7:45-8:15pm at St. Columbkille
No Saturdays 11:00am St Columbkille

**Confessions on the weekends of
March 27th & April 3rd.**

Readings for the Week

Monday, March 22nd

Daniel 13:41c-62 John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 23rd

Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 24th

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-95 John 8:31-42

Thursday, March 25th

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Friday, March 26th

Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42

Saturday, March 27th

Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56

Sunday, March 28th

John 12:12-16 Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 15:1-39

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$3506.00

Loose - \$138.00

Building Fund - \$520.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

91 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of March 20&21

Saturday St John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Joseph: + Olive Wong Won

Sunday St. Columbkille: + Alvin Navock

Donations:

In loving memory of Walt Glaza 12th anniversary by
Wife & Family

In loving memory of Don Grifka by Delores Glaza

In loving memory Mary Anna Longuski by Delores Glaza

In this Sunday's Reading

**"I will be their God and they shall be my people."-
Jeremiah 31:33**

Do I think of myself as "God's person?" Do I recognize that I am not really an "owner" for my gifts and talents? That is at the heart of stewardship. I am a steward of the gifts that God has given to me and I am called to use my gifts for the care and benefit of others - those who I know and those whom I do not know.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at St. John site on Wednesday @ 7:00pm during lent. St Columbkille site on Wednesday @ 7:30pm. All are welcomed.

Confessions with Visiting Priest

Along with Fr. Nate, a visiting priest will be available for individual confessions at St. Joseph Church, Argyle from 7pm-8pm, on Tuesday, March 23.

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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.

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (March 23)

Ubly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (March 24)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (March 24, 31)

St. Columbkille Site:

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.

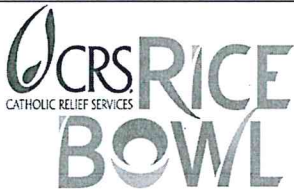
Youth group is for all 7th thru 12th graders.

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 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.



Community In Madagascar:

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planning and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others?

Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

March 22: Luci Kubacki, Barb Roggenbuck, Rose Maikrzek

March 29: Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski

April 5: Ann Ympa, Rose Maikrzek, Shirley Piontkowski

5:00pm Saturday Mass March 27th St. John

Lector: Bev Pawlosky & Del Czewski

EMHC: Bev Pawlosky

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Curly Messing, Whitey Pawlosky

8:30pm Sunday Mass March 28th St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki & Lori Uhl

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Kevin Hessling, Chuck Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Mass March 21st St Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski & Debbie Powell

EMHC: Val Fischer

Ushers: Todd Gingrich, Ray Maurer

2021 Lenten Season Mass Schedule

Individual Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, March 23rd 7:00-8:00pm – St. Joseph, Argyle
Fr Nate with visiting priest

April 1st – Holy Thursday

7pm – St John, Ubly

April 2nd – Good Friday

2 pm – St John, Ubly

April 3rd – Easter Vigil

8:30pm Vigil – St John, Ubly

April 4th – Easter

8:00am – St Joseph, Argyle

9:30am – St. Ignatius, Freiburg

11:00am – St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

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Thursday Night Prayer and Friday Daytime Prayer

The Liturgy of the Hours is the most powerful and recommended prayer of the Church, second only to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! 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.

Youth Group Easter Card Outreach

This Easter we will send Easter Cards to our homebound and those in nursing homes. Please contact the office to submit a name and address to our list.

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 \$47,613. 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 RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Service Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. We collected \$2761. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Just visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

First Holy Communion

Mandatory family gathering is March 25, parent and child - 6:30pm @ parish center, Ubly

Please return your survey by March 23 if you haven't already. Thank you for all that returned your survey.

Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held Sundays, March 28 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.

Rosary

Rosary at St. Columbkille Church prior to 10:30 Mass on Sundays. Rosary at St. Joseph Church Sunday @ 8:10am before mass. No Rosary at St John's due to Stations of the Cross.



St. John Cemetery - St. Columbkille Cemetery
St. Joseph / St. Ignatius
Spring clean-up and removal of winter grave blankets will begin April 1st. Please do not put new flowers on grave before cemetery clean-up is completed. Any decorations remaining on graves during this time period will be discarded as part of the clean-up process.
Thank you.



Ubly/Sheridan Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

For Boys & Girls 9-14 years old as of January 1st competition will be held at Good Shepherd Parish Center 1935 Hamilton St, Ubly (Behind St. John's Church) on March 23rd @ 5pm. 1st place boy & girls from age group will have the opportunity to advance to the regional level on April 11th. Please show up between 4:30pm and 5:00pm to sign up and practice. Everyone at the contest will be required to wear a mask. Event is typically over by 6pm.



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Good Shepherd Parish of Ubly: Mass Intention Request Form

Please complete one form for each Mass Intention you are requesting. Review Guidelines on the back.

Mass Intention is for (Name of individual or family): _____

Is the individual living? ___ deceased? ___

Contact person requesting Mass: Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Requested date of Mass (Mass are offered Wednesday-Sunday):

1st choice _____ **2nd choice** _____

If we cannot schedule your 1st or 2nd choice, we will schedule the next available Mass. If you wish, call the office to check availability of date(s): (989) 658-8824

Requested location: St. John, Ubly ___ St. Columbkille, Sheridan ___ St. Joseph, Argyle ___

Print Mass Intention in Bulletin? Yes ___ No ___ (will be printed as "Private Intention")

The suggested offering/donation for a Mass intention is \$10. However, no offering is required, or a larger offering can be given. Why is an offering/donation suggested? In the fourth century we find references to people requesting Masses to be offered for the deceased. The custom began of making a sacrificial offering/donation. This is because Holy Mass is the making present of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. A financial offering is not only a gift for the parish; it is ALSO a sacrificial gift by which we join ourselves more completely with the sacrifice of Christ. These are the same reasons we make a sacrificial offering each weekend in the "collection."

Please return completed form (along with sacrificial offering/donation if desired):

Good Shepherd Parish- 4470 N. Washington St. Ubly MI 48475

For Office Use Only:

Date Form Received _____

Mass Intention No. _____

Assigned Date of Mass _____

If Offering/Donation, Date Received: _____ *Cash* _____ *Check #* _____

Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

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

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy 5th Sunday of Lent!

First, some humor: The hospital nurse was filling out the paperwork to admit an 87-year-old Lutheran church goer who had taken ill. "Has your diet changed?" she asked. "Yes," the woman said. "For Lent, I gave up whipped cream on my Jell-O, hard candy, and my two beers a night." She paused, then added with a sigh, "And look where it's gotten me!"

Disciple Maker Survey (February 17-March 22): Please take the survey, either paper or online by March 22. Drop off at office or in collection. It will make you a better disciple (student) of Jesus, and help me as your pastor, and help our parish leaders to plan discipleship opportunities!

Catholic Church Tour

Ablution Cup: The small glass container of water by the tabernacle, into which the priest dips his fingers to purify them (ablution means purification) after distributing Holy Communion, in case there are any small pieces of the Body of Christ clinging to His fingers. These particles dissolve in the water, and then they are no longer the Body of Christ. This water is poured down the sacrarium (sacred sink). Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion do not use this cup; instead, they purify their fingers by rubbing them together over the ciborium after they have finished distributing Holy Communion.

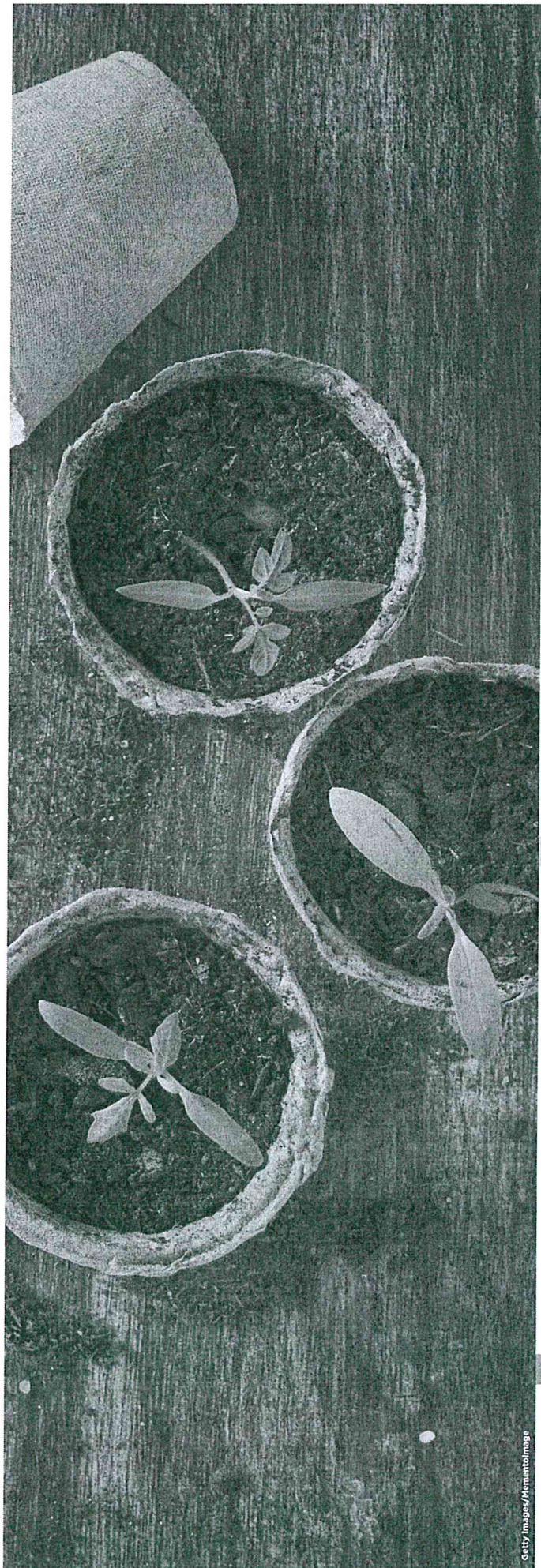
Parishioner Praise Report: "I have been praying for those who are human trafficked. Criminals have found you can sell drugs once, but people you can sell over and over. I pray the Hail Mary in the mornings while getting ready for work for the people who are human trafficked and the criminals who do so to have a change of heart. I have been blessed by the revelation, through various media sources, of several local, national and international victims who have been found, rescued and saved. Over the past several months, it has been shown to me people are being saved and it validates that my prayers are answered. Thank you Mother Mary for your intercession and prayers answered." - Debbie

The Goal of Lent Is Conversion: Conversion for ALL, for those preparing for the sacraments for the first time, and deeper conversion for all Catholics. Conversion FROM sin, and conversion TO God. Conversion from misery, conversion to happiness. What does conversion have to do with happiness? Deeper conversion leads to deeper intimacy with God, and deeper intimacy with the Source of joy leads to deeper happiness and joy!

Those of us who are already baptized are preparing for a powerful yearly opportunity for conversion, the opportunity to RENEW our baptismal promises at Easter. Penance prepares us to do so. The sacrament of Penance, also called Reconciliation or Confession, also prepares us to RENEW our baptism. This RENEWAL can be the greatest moment of our entire year, IF we prepare.

Let Us Pray: *(Pope's Mar. Intention): Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God. Lord hear our prayer!*

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



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THE
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March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

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

Recent news warned of a shortage of seeds this spring, as home gardeners carry on a hobby borne of the coronavirus pandemic. Even those of us not exactly known for our green thumbs jumped in, seeing home gardens as a way not only to stock our pantries, but to sow hope during a time of isolation and, for too many, mourning. In today's readings, we are reminded of an even larger hope – one that transcends optimism and feeling, and is centered in the theological virtue of Hope. God holds us close even on the most challenging of days. We see this in Jeremiah's prophecy of a new covenant, where all shall know God and our sins will be washed away. And today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus, like the grain of wheat, dies so that we may have new life. As we plant our seeds this spring, we will undoubtedly remember the people and things we have lost. Yet, as shoots break through with the warmth of spring, we can be reminded of Jesus, the source of all hope, and his promise that "I will draw everyone to myself."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we approach Holy Week, the Gospel prepares us by reminding us that Jesus, like a grain of wheat, must die so that we may have new life: "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." I don't think that John is telling us to wallow in sadness or live joyless lives. Instead, perhaps he is encouraging us to "lose" those things that are not life-giving and instead focus on what draws us closer to Jesus – such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can identify the obstacles that get between us and Jesus, or that divide our families and communities. By letting those go, we free ourselves to be more like Christ, and to share the Good News of God's great love for us with others.

ACTION Buy a packet of seeds (if you can find one). Plant seeds in memory of loved ones who may have died this past year, or in remembrance of any type of loss you or your loved ones may have suffered. Offer prayers of thanksgiving for Jesus, the source of our hope.



Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

Bulletin Insert: March 15, 2021

Incorporation of Diocese of Saginaw parishes nearing completion

As was first announced on June 18, 2020, the Diocese of Saginaw has moved forward in the parish incorporation project with each parish now established as a nonprofit corporation. The formal legal name for each parish adds a geographic designation to its current name: for example, Resurrection of the Lord Parish of Standish.

Throughout the months of September 2020 – January 2021, each parish's board of directors held initial board meetings. The board of directors consists of 4 individuals: the pastor, the chair of the parish finance council, the chair of the parish pastoral council, and the regional vicar. The pastor also serves as president and chief executive officer of the parish corporation. In a parish entrusted to a Director of Parish Life, this individual assumes the role of the regional vicar.

After extensive property research – sometimes with deeds dating back to the 1800's - Bishop Robert D. Gruss is transferring legal title of real estate to each parish corporation. These transfers were especially welcome among parishes that experienced mergers in the past. Bishop Gruss reflected:

Throughout the Diocese, whenever I visit parishes, the mergers are mentioned. In 2013-15, 109 parishes were compressed into 56. Mergers and closing of churches are painful memories for many parishioners. Parish incorporation helps stabilize each parish community and further demonstrates that each parish, not the diocese, is entrusted with parish resources.

The bishop maintains reserved powers over matters according to current practice, as well as canon law and civil law.

Incorporation highlights the direct involvement by the laity in stewardship of parish resources and reinforces parish finance and pastoral councils - the main advisory groups in pastoral outreach and financial operations. While the finance and pastoral council chairs individually serve, decisions of major importance should be evaluated by the respective parish councils prior to reaching the Board of Directors. Employees of a parish may not serve on these councils, and employees of the Diocese may not serve on the parish's Board of Directors.

Incorporation does not have a substantial impact on the normal operation and administration of a parish. Pastors, parish staff, councils, and committees will continue to function as before.

For additional information on the civil incorporation of the Diocesan parishes, please contact the Chancellor: Sister Mary Judith O'Brien, R.S.M. via mobrien@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

An Important Message from Bishop Gruss

PLEASE CONTACT OUR SENATORS

You may have heard about a legislative proposal called the Equality Act that will soon be before the United States Senate. While a date has not yet been set, it will be soon be brought forward for debate and a vote. The bill was passed by the House of Representatives on February 25th.

The proposed Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5) forces Americans to conform to government-mandated beliefs about human sexuality that are contrary to Catholic social teaching and pose a great threat to religious freedom.

The Equality Act claims to ban discrimination based on “sexual orientation” and “gender identity.” However, it actually *codifies discrimination* against anyone with a different belief about human sexuality and forces them to conform to government-mandated beliefs about sexual orientation and gender identity under threat of criminal and financial penalties.

If the Equality Act is signed into law, the Catholic Church’s social teaching on human sexuality will be effectively outlawed as discriminatory and many of the Church’s institutions and faithful could be accused of violating this law. The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from discrimination. But instead, the bill represents the imposition by Congress of novel and divisive viewpoints regarding “gender” on individuals and organizations. This includes dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting “gender” as only a social construct.

Tragically, this Act can also be construed to include an abortion mandate, a violation of precious rights to life and conscience. Rather than affirm human dignity in ways that meaningfully exceed existing practical protections, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith.

If passed, this legislation would:

- punish faith-based charities such as shelters and foster care agencies, and in turn their thousands of beneficiaries, simply because of their beliefs on marriage and sexuality (§§ 3, 6);
- force both people and organizations in many everyday life and work settings to speak or act in support of “gender transitions,” including health care workers and licensed counselors, even when it’s against their professional judgment (§§ 3, 6, 7);
- risk mandating taxpayers to pay for abortions, and health care workers with conscience objections to perform them, ultimately ending more human lives (§§ 3, 6, 9);

This bill would also:

- force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in school sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who claim to identify as women (§§ 6, 9);
- expand the government’s definition of public places into numerous settings, even forcing religiously operated spaces, such as some church halls and equivalent facilities owned by synagogues or mosques, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their broader communities (§ 3);
- exclude people from the careers and livelihoods that they love, just for maintaining the truth of their beliefs on marriage and sexuality (§ 3); and
- discriminate against individuals and religious organizations based on their different beliefs by partially repealing the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, an unprecedented departure from that law and one of America’s founding principles (§ 9).

The Equality Act does not promote human dignity and equality, rather it divides our country and codifies discrimination against Catholic faithful, religious communities, and others with different beliefs on human sexuality and marriage. It is imperative that Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs, especially Catholics, contact their U.S. Senators to vote against the Equality Act H.R. 5. The future of America’s first and most sacred right depends on it.

As lawmakers consider the measure and their vote, share your opposition to the so-called Equality Act:

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/80967/Respond>

The Person and Identity Project provides formation, resources and pastoral guidance on issues of faith, “gender” and sexual identity:

<https://personandidentity.com/>