



**Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2021**

Wed.	March 10 th	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	March 11 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	March 12 th	9:00am	St. John
Adoration following Mass until 11:00am (4:00pm on the First Friday of the Month)			
Sat.	March 13 th	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	March 14 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	March 14 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confessions

Wednesday 11:00-11:25am St. John
 Thursdays 7:45-8:15pm at St. Columbkille
 Saturday 11:00am St Columbkille
 (March 20th 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 8th

2 Kings 5:1-15ab Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 9th

Daniel 3:25, 36-43 Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10th

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 11th

Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 12th

Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12: 28-34

Saturday, March 13th

Hosea 6:1-6 Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 14th

2 Chronicles 36:14-16 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4619.00

Loose - \$127.00

Building Fund - \$150.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

104 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of March 6 & 7

Saturday St John: + Olive Wong Won

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

Sunday St. Columbkille: + Virginia Sweeney

Donation:

In memory of Trevor Engler by Jeff & Amy Sweeney

In this Sunday's Reading

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the
 shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth
 below or in the waters beneath the earth." -

Exodus 20:4

Often we have the tendency to put other "idols" - like
 wealth, possessions, status, appearance, athleticism
 and talents - before God. It is important to remember
 that all of those things that we sometimes idolize are
 gifts from God. God gives us those gifts to use for the
 good of all.

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. John Church, Ugly,
 from 5pm-6pm, on Thursday, March 11.

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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 9, 16, 23)

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

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (March 10, 17, 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.

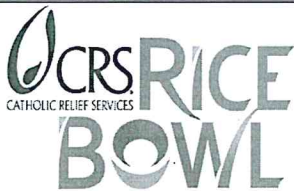
Youth group is for all 7th thru 12th graders.

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 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.



Sustainability in El Salvador:

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques - and a new generation of young farmers - are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

March 8: Charlotte Baker, Kathy Beaver, Del Czewski

March 15: Carol Beaudin Jeanette Schmidt, Shirley Piontkowski

March 22: Luci Kubacki, Barb Roggenbuck, Rose Maikrzek

5:00pm Saturday Mass March 13th St. John

Lector: Martin Kubacki

EMHC: Luci Kubacki

Ushers: Bob Brahmer, John Guigar, Rich Trepkowski

8:30pm Sunday Mass March 14th St. Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Edie Izydorek

Ushers: Bruce Uhl, Steve Briolat, Bill Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Mass March 14th St Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek

EMHC: Kevin Romzek

Ushers: Rob Kubacki, Matthew Kubacki

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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Saturday Vigil Mass Time Change
March 14 is Daylight Savings
Time, so Saturday Vigil Mass
beginning March 13 will return to
5:00pm

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.

Please remember Fr. TJ Fleming's father, Richard Fleming in your prayers, and his loved ones as they mourn his loss. Thank you.

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.

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 taking an audiobook and bringing it to them, along with a cheap CD player, if they need it. It's both a way to serve Christ in the homebound, and to evangelize (if the audiobook is about the Faith!)

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 \$47,563. 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

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

First Holy Communion

Mandatory family gathering is March 18, parent and child - 6:30pm @ parish center, Ugly

Work of Mercy Project

The plastic bag workshop was attended by 8 people. It was nice to get out of the house and do good, at the same time. Everyone wanted to do it again, so the next date will be Friday, March 12th after 9am Mass. See you around 9:45 till 11:30.

Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held Sundays, March 7, 14 and 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. **No Rosary** at St John's due to Stations of the Cross.



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FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 | 1 Cor 1:22-25 | Jn 2:13-25

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

We have rules in our house. Every family does. “No back talk. Do your chores. Bedtime. Curfews. Respect one another. Be kind.” Rules bring order out of chaos, forge a shared identity, and set standards to which everyone is held. Not surprisingly, life in God’s family has rules, too. Hence the Ten Commandments, which we hear today. They begin with these words: “I, the Lord, am your God.” If we miss that line, we miss the point of the rules – of the law. God’s law is about God’s love. Through his laws, God taught the Israelites a new way to live based on God’s values: humility, justice, love, sacrifice, simplicity, kindness, and mercy – values they rarely saw when enslaved in Egypt. This Lent, we give thanks to God for the law of love and we pray to grow in this love, and be strengthened in virtue.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today’s Gospel reminds me of the time my older son helped his younger brother understand the rules of a game we were playing. He did so by showing his own cards, which meant he would lose that round. While not done under the same circumstances, or with the same anger with which Jesus cleansed the temple, my older son did what he did for the same reason and with the same effect: love. When Jesus cleansed the temple, he did so out of love: love for God the Father, and love for those being exploited by the marketers. We have an opportunity this Lent to witness to this same love of Christ by putting the needs of others first. Sure, our kids demand our time, energy, and resources. Our spouses and parents sometimes do, too. To follow Christ means to choose to sacrifice for others with love, not simply because it has to be done. Christ infused the world with love through his sacrifice. We have the opportunity to be Christ today when we make our sacrifices out of love.

ACTION Read the Ten Commandments this week and imagine God giving you all the wisdom you could ever want in those rules. Think about the chaos those rules have protected you from in your life. Imagine telling your loved ones how to find happiness by following the way God guarantees will lead to joy. (Read John 3:16)

Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

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

Right: Woman at the Well

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy 3rd Sunday of Lent!

First, some humor:

1. Elderly folks are worth a fortune: With silver in their hair; gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.
2. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I do--all the time. No matter where I am-- in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement-- I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?" (Even at 40 years old, I can relate!)

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!

Thursday Rosary: The Rosary will be offered on Thursdays during Lent at 6:30pm at St. Columbkille



Lend Christ Your Hands! (from Laura Hunt, published in Lions Pride Magazine Vol. 49 Issue 3)
International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day was February 15. Better late than never: please lend Christ your hands by making or buying a card of encouragement and prayer for a child carrying the heavy cross of cancer. It can be simple, or go "all out" with stickers, etc. Lots of ideas on Pinterest. Make it a project for your kids or

grandkids. Send your card(s) to one of the addresses below; the Lions Club will get them to the kids:

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids, 30130 Harper Ave, St. Claire Shores, MI 48082
Kids Kicking Cancer, 27600 Northwestern Hwy #220, Southfield MI 48034

Catholic Church Tour

Parament: The parament is a colored cloth hung on the altar and/or ambo. It enhances the dignity of the altar and ambo, and reminds the faithful of the liturgical season by the color.

Altar Cloth: The altar cloth is ideally made out of linen, because the body of Christ was wrapped in a linen cloth when laid in the tomb. The altar cloth also symbolizes the righteous deeds of Christians, as scripture says, "Let us rejoice and exult and give [God] the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has



come, and his Bride [the Church] has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure'— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints." (Revelation 19)

Praise Report from Parishioner Eveyln Romzek: healing for Bob her son-in-law "who had surgery 3 weeks ago and is feeling so much better. We know God hears our Prayers."

Praise Reports Requested:

1. ANSWERED PRAYERS FOR HEALING: short testimonies of spiritual, physical, emotional 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. I will share them on our facebook page and in our bulletin. 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.

God Cares for You: There are many mothers and fathers in our parish caring for their families by spending long hours at the factory or in the fields, and then later caring for kids and grandkids. It's beautiful to see caring parents.

Early Last year, before March happened, I went to Ubly Schools to have lunch at the Youth for Christ lunch club with the high schoolers. I saw teachers in the Ubly School building caring for elementary students, shepherding them from one classroom to another. Some of you are teachers at our local schools. It's beautiful to see caring teachers.

In Texas right now, there are millions of people suffering from the loss of electricity. There are many organizations such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Catholic parishes, Knights of Columbus that send volunteers to care for these suffering people. It's beautiful to see caring volunteers.

We've all heard the phrase "God loves you". But ever heard the phrase, God "cares for you"? (1 Peter 5:7) It sounds different, doesn't it! God personally cares for you and wants to show you. What about when we are unfaithful the covenant (spiritual marriage) we have with God, established at our baptism? Jesus gave us the sacrament of Confession, which is a kind of "second baptism". Every time we receive this sacrament, we renew our baptismal promises; we reject sin and Satan and his lies. We experience God's personal care for us as He forgives us and strengthens us to fight temptation.

I love You Jesus: I visited a parish family recently, and participated in their family night prayers. The children took turns praying out loud. They each began, "I love you Jesus" and then thanked God, prayed for someone, etc. It was beautiful to see their genuine love for Jesus. *Do you and I tell Jesus that we love Him at the end of each day?*

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

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Have I neglected to do the following when circumstances obliged me?

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

Mortal Sins Must Be Confessed

You are only obligated to confess mortal sins, although confession of venial sins is very helpful in receiving the grace to avoid sin in the future and for advancing in holiness.

For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must be met (in bold): “Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent.” (CCC 1857; emphasis added)

Steps to a Good Confession

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be repentant of your sins.
3. Confess your sins to the priest in number and kind, being sure to confess all mortal sins.
4. Make an Act of Contrition, receive absolution from the priest, and resolve to sin no more.
5. Do the penance the priest gives you.

How to Go to Confession

- Begin with the Sign of the Cross.
- Then say, “Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been _____ days/weeks/months/years since my last confession.”
- Tell the priest your sins and how many times you committed each (to the best of your memory), beginning with any mortal sins and any sins your are particularly struggling with.
- The priest will give you some advice and assign you a penance.
- You then make the Act of Contrition.
- The priest gives you absolution and dismisses you.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they have offended you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to sin no more, to do penance, and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

A Guide to Making an EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE and a Good Confession

Preparing for Confession

- Find a quiet place to pray and think.
- Ask the Holy Spirit in prayer to help you remember your sins.
- Use the questions below as a guide.
- Remember to include sins of omission—that is, things you should have done but did not do.

Examination of Conscience

First, consider how well you have kept the Ten Commandments.

First Commandment

“I am the LORD your God. ... You shall have no other gods before me.” – Exodus 20:2-3

- Do I put other things, activities, or people before God?
- Have I spent time with God each day in prayer?
- Do I accept all of God’s teaching or just the parts I find convenient?
- Have I practiced or engaged in occult practices, such as consulting horoscopes, tarot cards, fortune tellers, or “Ouija” boards?
- Have I denied my faith in any ways?
- Have I received Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin?

Second Commandment

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.” – Exodus 20:7

- Do I always show respect and reverence for God’s name?
- Have I used God’s name as a curse, out of anger, or in a careless way?
- Have I irreverently spoken about God or about any sacred person, place, or thing?
- Have I done my best to fulfill any promises in which I invoked God’s name (oaths)?

Third Commandment

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.” – Exodus 20:8

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on a Sunday or holy day of obligation without just cause (for example, a serious illness)?
- Do I actively and fully participate at Mass?
- Have I carelessly arrived late or left early from Mass without a serious reason?
- Have I kept the Eucharistic fast before Mass (i.e., no food or drink—except water—for one hour before receiving Holy Communion)?

Fourth Commandment

“Honor your father and your mother.” – Exodus 20:12

- Have I failed to show love and respect to my parents?
- Have I lied to, deceived, or disobeyed them?
- Have I gotten angry, talked back, or used profanity at them?
- Have I failed to be grateful for the sacrifices they have made for my family?
- Have I fulfilled all the duties and responsibilities I have toward my parents and family?
- Have I been critical of them to others?
- Do I respect and obey others who have legitimate roles of authority in my life?

Fifth Commandment

“You shall not kill.” – Exodus 20:13

- Have I killed or harmed someone physically, mentally, or verbally?
- Am I harming myself (and setting a bad example for others) by taking drugs or abusing alcohol?
- Have I harmed someone through insults or bullying?
- Have I mutilated or harmed my body?
- Have I tried to commit suicide?
- Have I had an abortion?
- Have I encouraged, helped, or in any way participated in someone else’s abortion?
- Have I easily lost my temper or shown anger toward someone?
- Have I fostered a grudge or failed to forgive someone?

Sixth and Ninth Commandments

“You shall not commit adultery.” – Exodus 20:14

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.” – Exodus 20:17

- Do I treat the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, respecting the sexual dignity of others and myself?
- Have I willfully engaged in impure thoughts or desires?
- Have I looked at pornographic images or videos?
- Have I watched impure TV shows or movies?
- Have I committed impure acts by myself (i.e., committed the sin of masturbation)?
- Have I committed impure acts with another or led others to commit impure acts?
- Have I dressed or acted immodestly, possibly leading others to sin?
- Have I practiced any form of contraception?

Seventh and Tenth Commandments

“You shall not steal.” – Exodus 20:15

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.” – Exodus 20:17

- Have I stolen anything or helped or encouraged anyone else to steal?
- If I have stolen something, have I made restitution to its owner?
- Have I damaged another’s property without acknowledging it and making restitution?
- Have I been greedy or overly attached to the things of the world?
- Have I carelessly wasted time at home, at school, or at work?
- Have I failed to help others—especially the poor—by neglecting to share what I have?
- Have I honored my debts?

Eighth Commandment

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” – Exodus 20:16

- Have I lied?
- Have I revealed the faults of others without just cause?
- Have I gossiped about others?
- Have I failed to honor a confidence or secret entrusted to me?
- Have I damaged another’s reputation through lies or accusations?
- Have I failed to defend someone’s good name?

The Seven Deadly Sins and their Opposing Virtues

Am I guilty of any of the following sins? Consider how you can grow in the opposing virtue. (See CCC 1866.)

<u>Sin</u>	<u>Virtue</u>	<u>Sin</u>	<u>Virtue</u>
1. Pride	Humility	5. Gluttony	Temperance
2. Greed	Generosity	6. Envy	Kindness
3. Lust	Chastity	7. Sloth	Diligence (Persistence)
4. Anger	Patience (Meekness)		

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

By considering the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, we can remember times we may have committed sins of omission. We can also be reminded of ways in which we can grow in holiness. Have I neglected to do the following when circumstances obliged me?

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Comfort the sorrowful.
5. Bear wrongs patiently.
6. Forgive all injuries.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.