



Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

Wed.	April 21 st	11:30am	St. John
Thur.	April 22 nd	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	April 23 rd	9:00am	St. John
(Adoration following Mass until 11:00am)			
Sat.	April 24 th	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	April 25 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	April 25 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confessions

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John
 Thursdays after 7pm Mass St Columbkille
 Saturdays 11:00am St Columbkille

Readings for the Week

Monday, April 19th
 Acts 6: 8-15 John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20th
 Acts 7:51-8:1a John 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21st
 Acts 8:1b-8 John 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22nd
 Acts 8:26-40 John 6:44-51

Friday, April 23rd
 Acts 9:1-20 John 6:52-59

Saturday, April 24th
 Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 25th
 Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2
 John 10:11-18

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE
AT ALL CHURCH ENTRANCES

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Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$5308.00
 Loose - \$176.00
 Building Fund - \$50.00
 Rice Bowl Collection - \$751.60
 650 Parish Families
 (297 Family envelope holders)
 100 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of April 17 & 18

Saturday St John: + Thelma Murray
 Sunday St. Joseph: + Ana Eagan
 St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Donations:

Happy 1st birthday to mom in heaven, by Dennis & Diane

In loving memory of Idge, 10yr anniversary by, Pat and family

In this Sunday's Reading

"... He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and terrified..."
 - Luke 24:36-37

The disciples did not recognize Jesus when He stood right in front of them. While we don't have the opportunity to see Jesus in person as the disciples, we can "see Jesus" in others. How often do we not recognize Him? How often do we not take the occasion to be the "face of Jesus" to others? We can start to better "see the face" and "be the face" when we live a more "God-centered" life.



We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Donald Vatter who passed away.

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 (April 20, 27)
Ubyly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (April 21, 28)
Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (April 21, 28)

Youth Group

Youth Group hopefully will be meeting for May (date to be determined) in the Parish Center. 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

We will be gathering at St. Columbkille Church from 6:30 - 8PM. April 19 & 26. 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.

Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held Sunday April 18 and 25 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.



St Ignatius/St Joseph Cemetery in Argyle

We are asking for parishioner participation to help finish cleaning up the cemetery on Saturday, April 24th beginning at 9:00am. Bring a rake.
Thanking you in advance ☺

Rosaries

At St. Joseph Church @ 8:10am before Mass and prior to 10:30 Mass at St Columbkille on Sundays.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

April 19: Carol Beaudin, Mary Jane Zurek, Jeanene Schmidt
April 26: Del Czewski, Barb Roggenbuck, Luci Kubacki
May 3: Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski

5:00pm Saturday April 24th St. John

Lector: Luci Kubacki
EMHC: Martin Kubacki
Ushers: Bob Brahmer, John Guigar, Rich Trepkowski

8:30am Sunday April 25th St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki
EMHC: Denise Kubacki
Ushers: Steve Briolat, Chuck Izydorek, Bill Izydorek

10:30am Sunday April 25th St Columbkille

Lector: Kathy Cregeur
EMHC: Marge Messing
Ushers: Dan Cregeur, Todd Gingrich



Good Shepherd Christian Mothers is offering their college textbook fund. Applications are available to all parish high school graduating seniors at all churches or by stopping by the parish office or by calling 658-8824 and getting it emailed or mailed to you. They offer three awards of \$400.00! Deadline to return application is April 29th 2021 at 3p.m. Recipients will be announced at Mass.



Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our family of faith:

Beckett Daniel Deer,
Son of Cody and Maria Deer
And

Adam Robert Osantoski,
Son of David and Erica Osantoski

Congratulations and welcome into our parish. May you experience the Lord every day of your life

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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

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

In each of our lifetimes, we can look back to a time when we witnessed history. Depending on our generation, it's likely we remember exactly what we were doing the day JFK was assassinated, on 9/11 or, more recently, when our school or workplace shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic. Even these far-reaching events pale in comparison to what the disciples witnessed when the risen Christ appeared to them. Assuring them he was not a ghost, Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures," and reminded them that they were witnesses to a different kind of history – salvation history: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name." Let us pray that we, too, may have our minds open to the eyewitness accounts in Scripture and our hearts open to repentance, so that "[our] sins may be wiped away."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm struck by the disciples' reaction when they realized Jesus really was in the room. They were "incredulous for joy" and "amazed." After this encounter with Jesus, they could not help but share the Good News. Just as the disciples in the early Church testified to Christ's resurrection, today's readings challenge us to share the Good News in a similar way. For many Catholics, this isn't at the top of our skill-set. However, in a 2019 gathering on the New Evangelization, Pope Francis reminds us not to fret over finding the right words. "The joy of the Gospel comes from the encounter with Jesus," he says. "When we meet the Lord, we are inundated by that love of which he alone is capable." This love transforms our whole life, and "the need to announce it arises spontaneously, it becomes irrepressible." The pope's words challenge us first to deepen our relationship with Jesus, then to allow it to transform us, and finally to share Christ's love through our words and actions.

STUDY The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a short document on its website from St. Paul Street Evangelization titled "Taking the First Step: Keys to Sharing Faith Person-to-Person." Give it a read: uscbb.org.



RUTH

Knights of Columbus

Invites everyone to our

Take out

SAUSAGE DINNER

Sunday April 25, 2021

2:00 PM – 6:00PM

Adults \$10.00

Serving Homemade Sausage,

*Mash Potatoes, Gravy, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad,
Coleslaw, Dessert*

7074 East Atwater Road. Ruth, Michigan

Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

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



(Please welcome our newly baptized parishioners, Adam Osantoski (top), son of Dave and Erica and brother of Adeline and Clare, and Beckett Deer (below), son of Cody and Maria)

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy Easter...
HE IS RISEN!

First, some humor: During her sermon on Jesus's teaching that we should love our enemies, Pastor Sue asked the congregation to raise their hands if they had enemies. Everyone did so except for Mrs. Watson in the front row, who had just turned 95. "Mrs. Watson," the pastor asked, "how could you possibly live for 95 years and have no enemies?" "That's easy," the senior citizen replied, "I just outlived the sons of guns!"



Catholic Church Tour: In a church have you ever seen what looks like an "A" next to an upside down "U"? "Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They are used at various times in the Church liturgical year. The alpha and omega have been used by Catholics since the fourth century as symbols expressing the confidence of orthodox Christians in the scriptural proofs of God... In the book of revelation 22:13, Christ refers to himself as the

alpha and the omega. That is, the first and the last. These two letters symbolize the fact that Christ is the beginning and the end of all creation." -owlcation.com/humanities/catholic-symbols

Praise Report: After someone prayer a rosary for her, this mother said, "I truly believe that [this person's] Rosary was the intercession that led to labor and a c-section this morning that truly saved [my child] and I from a medical disaster."

New candle stands: I am grateful to Karen Romzek for making new candle stands for the Ambo (Table of the Word) at our St. Columbkille Church. Please say a prayer for her in gratitude.

Sacrament of Mercy: We have 50 days to celebrate the fact that Jesus is risen and with each of us. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy." If you weren't able to go to Confession during Lent, I would like to invite you, on behalf of Jesus, to celebrate this sacrament of healing and JOY sometime this Easter Season! If the

regular times don't work for you, let me or another priest know for an appointment at your convenience.

Venial sins wound our friendship with God, while mortal sins destroy it and completely separate us from God. For a person to be guilty of a mortal sin, three conditions must be met: First, the deed must be "grave matter", second, the person must have "full knowledge" that it is grave matter, and third, give "full consent" of their will. We are forgiven of venial or minor sins at every Mass. But to be absolved from mortal sins, we are to make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation.



Sucker Spearing: I am grateful to Greg and Christine Guza for allowing me to join their family! This was a new experience for me. I speared about six suckers.

Leaving Christ... for Christ: St. Philip Neri taught when we turn from prayer in order to help others, we are "leaving Christ... for Christ." In other words, when we're interrupted during our prayer time and need to do something else, we are "leaving Christ" (in prayer), to serve Christ (in the person in front of us who needs our attention).

Sometimes God calls us to say no to our own plans, and YES to certain interruptions that He allows!

Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) During Eastertide, it is traditional to pray the Regina Coeli instead of the Angelus early morning, noon, and/or after Night Prayer. "A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who devoutly recite" it during Eastertide. Here it is:

L/ Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. R/ The Son whom You were privileged to bear, alleluia.

L/ Has risen as he said, alleluia. R/ Pray for us to God, alleluia.

L/ Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, alleluia. R/ For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

L/ Let us pray: All/ O God, it was by the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that You brought joy to the world. Grant that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joy of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let Us Pray: (Pope's April Intention): *We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis. Lord hear our prayer!*

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