

**Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021**

Wed. June 23rd Cancelled 11:30am St. John
Thur. June 24th Cancelled 7:00pm St. Columbkille
Fri. June 25th Cancelled 9:00am St. John
(Cancelled Adoration following Mass until 11:00am)
Sat. June 26th 5:00pm St. John
Sun. June 27th 8:30am St. Joseph
Sun. June 27th 10:30am St. Columbkille

All Confessions Cancelled for this Week

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

Readings for the Week

Monday, June 21st

Genesis 12: 1-9 Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 22nd

Genesis 13:2, 5-18 Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 23rd

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 24th

Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Peter 1:8-12

Friday, June 25th

Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, June 26th

Genesis 18:1-15 Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, June 27th

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$3945.00

Loose - \$431.00

Building Fund - \$170.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

112 Envelopes used

Donations:

In loving memory of my husband, Jerome, 24th
anniversary by Eleanor Franzel & Family

Mass Intentions for Weekend of June 19 & 20

Saturday St John: + Stanley Briolat

Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners

St. Columbkille: ~ Jeffery Lipowitz

In this Sunday's Reading

"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you
not yet have faith?'" - MARK 4:40

In this Gospel passage, the disciples were fearful, even though Jesus was with them. Unlike Jesus' disciples, we have to trust that God is with us although we cannot see Him in person. This may bring up the question of how much do you really trust God. Is your faith and trust in God only something that you recognize or acknowledge during the good times in your life? Pray that you can trust in God and open your heart to Him in all times in your life



Rosaries

At 4:30 @ St. John Church

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



Newly Baptized



Please welcome into our family of faith:

Amber Ann Tordai

Daughter of Jamie & Vicki Tordai

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

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Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Have a great summer and we'll see you in the fall.
Kindergarten through 6th grade.



Looking Ahead for VBS

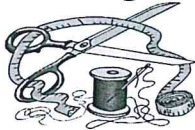
The best week of the summer!!! Good Shepherd Parish will be having there VBS week kicking off on August 8th Sunday evening from 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

It runs through Monday August 9th through Thursday August 12th from 9:30am until 11:30.

So mark your calendars and plan ahead.

Volunteers are always needed.

Haiti Sewing Project



Once again we are asking for your help. We will meet the week of June 21-25, at the Parish Center. That is Monday thru Friday from 9a.m. until 4:00p.m. Please join us - 1 day or all 5 days - whatever works for you. Bring a sack lunch, beverages will be provided. We need cutters, pressers and sewers. We could use fabric 1 yard pieces or pillowcases for dresses. We are in need of thread & are also looking for pocket toys for boys & girls to send with them. **Thank you!**
Questions call, Diane Smalley 989-658-8277

Youth Group Fun Fridays

The youth group will be having a fun Fridays this summer and would like to invite all youth to come have some fun on Friday's July 16th & Aug. 20th. Fellowship & outside fun will be held at the Parish Center in Ubly from 7pm-9pm.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

June 21: Barb Roggenbuck, Kathy Beaver, Shirley Piontkowski

June 28: Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin, Olave Bukoski

Tuesday July 6: Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Mary Jane Zurek

5:00pm Saturday June 26th St. John

Lector: Carol Beaudin

EMHC: Deb Osentoski

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Mike Briolat, Tom Murray

8:30am Sunday June 27th St. Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Paul Guza

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Gordon Farrelly, Kevin Hessling

10:30am Sunday June 27th St Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Val Fischer

Ushers: Dennis Sweeney, Terry Sweeney

Virtus Classes

Good Shepherd Parish

We will be holding a virtus class on Wednesday, June 23rd 6:30pm - 9pm at the Ubly Parish Center. If you are a teacher or a helper in our Faith Formation program, organist, boyscout leader, VBS workers or anyone who will be with children at any of our sites. You are required from the Diocese to have the virtus class. If you have not had the class within the past three years it is mandatory that you attend. Please register by June 21st by calling the office (989) 658-8824.

Happy
Father's
Day

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Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

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

(Please say a prayer for Amber Anne Tordai recently baptized at our parish and for her parents and godparents)

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy June, the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

First, some humor: Everybody knew that Pastor Jones was never paid much, so it was no surprise that when he died his family could not pay for the funeral. A parishioner went door-to-door collecting money and finally got to the home of a rabid atheist. "Would you give \$10 to bury a

pastor?" the parishioner asked. "Sure!" the atheist said. "In fact, here's \$20 – please bury two!" * * * *
 * The confirmation-class dropout was showing off a friend his new bicycle. "For a long time I prayed really hard for God to get me a bike, but then I realized that the Lord doesn't work that way," he said. With a grin he added, "So instead I stole one and then asked God for forgiveness."

Praise Report: Two parishioners told me they were blessed and touched by the visit of the students and the gift of the birdfeeders! (see below) *(Send me "Praise Reports" to share such as short descriptions of answered prayers, blessings you did not pray for such as spiritual, physical, emotional healing, or any experience of God.)*



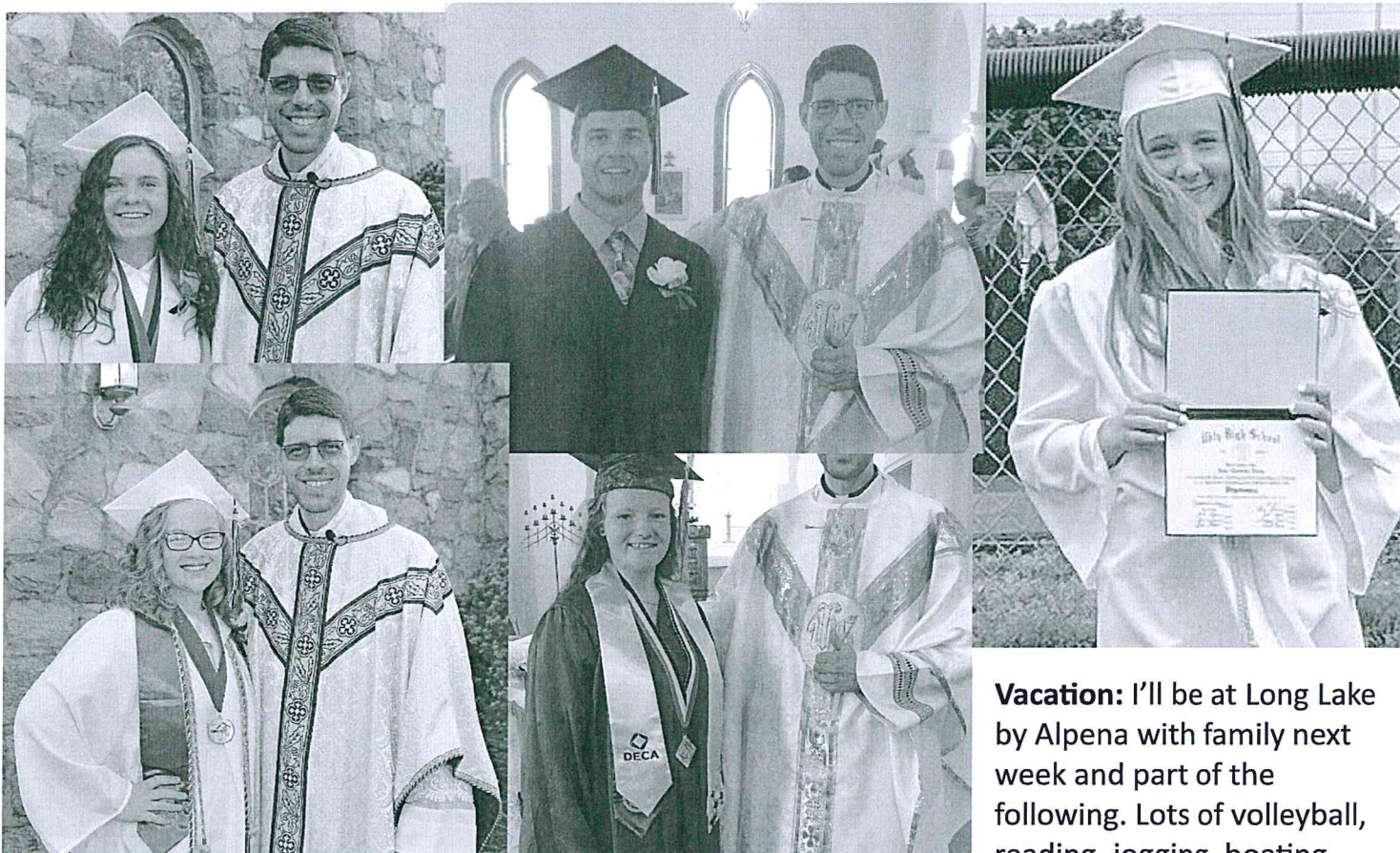
Work of Mercy: Birdfeeder Project: Area students made birdfeeders and brought them, along with birdseed, homemade cards, and smiles to area residents including many homebound parishioners. It was headed by Bad Axe Destination Imagination comprised of students from Bad Axe Public Schools and The Huron Learning Center. Rikkii Clarent (an adult leader) wrote to me and parishioner Jenny Kubacki (another adult leader): "We met the most amazing

individuals who shared their smiles, hospitality and stories with us. They inspired and taught incredibly valuable lessons. A lovely widow taught us that tears of grief are tokens of love and joy. A veteran taught us about sacrifice and a special grandma showed us that when a body part stops working that the other parts have to do extra work to ensure that we continue to give our very best each day. One beautiful soul even gave us her homemade lemon cupcakes which were the best our taste buds have ever had! We delivered about 30 of our 43 feeders and have 10 on a waiting list. We will finish the delivery of the completed 13 feeders on Sunday and early next week... I thank you immensely for connecting us to such outstanding community members. On



behalf of our student organization, we are forever grateful!" If you'd like to send a thank you: Bad Axe Destination Imagination, C/O Rikkii Clarent, 1786 N. Englehart Rd., Deford, MI 48729

Congratulations Graduates: Here are some of the graduates from our parish that we thank God for and pray for: Josie Gusa, Carson Heleski, Katie Heilig, Erin McCarty, JaCie Tyrell. God bless them!



Vacation: I'll be at Long Lake by Alpena with family next week and part of the following. Lots of volleyball, reading, jogging, boating, shootin' the breeze, etc.

Fundraiser: Electronic Bell Carillon: After permission from the Ubylly Village President, and consultation with my Pastoral Council and neighbors, I have ordered an electronic bell carillon for our St. John bell tower that will play hymns at 12:02pm and 6:02pm (after the siren), bells Saturdays at 4:55pm, and funeral tolls. Everything our parish does is for evangelization, and the carillon evangelizes by inviting neighbors to Mass and playing hymns and carols which remind us of Christ and put His life-changing Word into our minds! If you'd like to donate, please call the office or put your donation in an envelope marked "carillon." Thank you in advance!

Let Us Pray: *(Pope's June Intention): For young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.. Lord hear our prayer!*

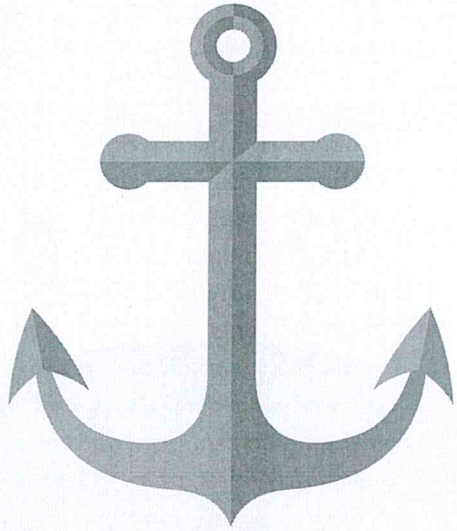
God loves you, I love you, I pray for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg

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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Jb 38:1, 8-11 | 2 Cor 5:14-17 | Mk 4:35-41



JESUS
IS OUR ANCHOR
AS WE MOVE
FORWARD

in faith

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

A number of editorials, blog posts, and other commentaries of late have declared “languishing” as the “mood,” or dominant emotion, of 2021. This is not depression, but rather a series of emotions that wear away at our sense of purpose and belonging. Those who languish experience apathy and a lack of motivation, all while participating in the daily activities of life. Yes, I said to myself, that’s it exactly! After the craziness of these last 15 months ... I think these writers are on to something! Therefore, I am particularly moved by God’s providence and grace in providing an antidote to the emptiness of languishing in today’s Scriptures. In the second reading, Paul writes with such urgency that “the love of Christ impels us” to live not for ourselves, but for the sake of Christ who died for all. The word “impel” differs from “compel,” because it implies a strong moral force *from within*. And in the Gospel, we see that for Christians, that inner force springs from faith, a faith that can endure both the violent squalls of life and the sense of being adrift that we can’t always put our finger on. Like Paul, our faith impels us to refocus our lives on our love of Christ and others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It occurs to me that we Catholics have myriad opportunities to avail ourselves of those graces, and to strengthen our faith. Languishing can be replaced with flourishing, and a recapturing of the knowledge of who we belong to: the Lord. Praying for others during Mass, reading and discussing a spiritual book with a friend, volunteering at a soup kitchen or shelter, offering to help drive refugees or senior citizens to medical appointments, or participating in a young (or older) adult parish activity – these are all actions that empty us of apathy and fill us with gratitude. The pandemic has been tragic, and terrifying, and life-altering. But God remains steadfast. We will face our share of storms, but we can rest assured that Jesus is our anchor as we move forward in faith.

PRAY Feeling blah? Re-read Paul’s letter (2 Cor 5:14-17) and ask God to help you remember that you are God’s beloved – with dignity, value, and purpose. Trust that “whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.”

Stop Taxpayer-Funded Abortion

Taxpayer-funded abortion is not a one-party issue.

- Today, the majority of Americans, including members of both parties, agree that taxpayer dollars should not go to abortion.¹
- The Hyde Amendment has been signed into law every year since 1976, whether the Congress and the White House were led by Republicans or Democrats.

It is wrong to force Americans to pay for abortions against their beliefs.

- Most Americans oppose use of their taxpayer dollars for abortion, and for many this is a matter of moral or religious conviction.
- The federal government respects conscience by staying out of the abortion business.
- Americans should not be made to subsidize the taking of innocent life.

The Hyde Amendment saves lives.

- When billions of taxpayer dollars go to subsidize abortion, more babies will lose their lives.²
- The Hyde Amendment has saved 2.4 million babies from abortion since its enactment.³

Taxpayer-funded abortion hurts women who are vulnerable.

- To offer women a government-funded abortion, but not the resources she needs to provide for her baby, is not “choice” but coercion.
- All women deserve the resources to enable them to fully care for and nurture their baby, to welcome them in a loving, stable environment. Government money would be better spent supporting women in unexpected or challenging pregnancies and struggling new mothers than paying to end the lives of their children.
- Low-income women generally are more likely than wealthier women to oppose abortion.⁴
- The Hyde Amendment has been broadly supported by the majority of low-income women, including women of color.⁵
- By reducing abortion, the Hyde Amendment also saves women’s lives. And after it went into effect, abortion complications for women affected by the policy went down.⁶

How Christians can speak out against taxpayer-funded abortion:

- Visit www.notaxpayerabortion.com to sign the petition to Congress
- Record a video for YouTube, Facebook, Instagram or other social media sites
- Write a letter to your Senators and Congressional representatives imploring them to maintain Hyde
- Write an op-ed for the local or diocesan paper
- If you do any of the above please contact Kat Talalas, Assistant Director for Pro-Life Communications, at ktalalas@usccb.org so that the Pro-Life Committee can thank you and amplify your efforts.

¹W. Saletan, “Abortion Funding Isn’t As Popular As Democrats Think,” Slate, June 12, 2019; <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/06/joe-biden-hyde-amendment-democratic-support.html>

²M.J. New, “Addendum to Hyde @ 40: Analyzing the Impact of the Hyde Amendment,” Charlotte Lozier Institute, July 21, 2020, <https://lozierinstitute.org/addendum-to-hyde-40-analyzing-the-impact-of-the-hyde-amendment/>. This site also links to Dr. New’s more complete 2016 study, which cites over 20 peer-reviewed studies showing that such laws help prevent abortions. The estimate of lives saved takes into account the fact that some states use their state tax dollars to replace federal abortion funding.

³<https://lozierinstitute.org/addendum-to-hyde-40-analyzing-the-impact-of-the-hyde-amendment/?fbclid=IwAR3Gf05YAgZ8IBEXTwegM5vp35C2ZkU4adhuMVxbX3pU189uUzm2YTfgk>

⁴https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/monograph_reports/2007/MR1114.pdf

⁵Do you support or oppose the Hyde amendment? YouGov, 2016 Poll. https://d25d2506sfb94s.cloudfront.net/cumulus_uploads/document/8bylijohx4/tabs_OP_Hyde_Amendment_20160808.pdf

⁶R.M. Selik, W. Cates, and C.W. Tyler, “Effects of restricted public funding for legal abortions: a second look,” 71(1) Am. J. Public Health (Jan. 1981): 77–81, at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1619707/>. Abortion supporters publicly cited one Texas woman in particular as “a martyr to the Hyde Amendment” until it was found that the policy was not responsible for her death. R. Grauel and F. Murray, “Facts Don’t Back Link of Abortion Death in Texas to Fund Cutoff,” Ob.Gyn. News, December 1, 1977, at 1, 26.



Priests' Retirement Fund

Support the “Priestly Fathers” Who Have Served You

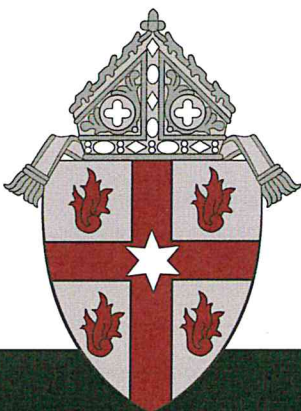
Fathers and “father figures” play such important roles in our lives. They support us, they care for us, they stand by us through the good times and the bad times. These fathers also come in many forms — parents, uncles, friends, teachers and even parish priests.

Our priests are with us and guide us during some of the most pivotal times in our lives — our weddings, the baptisms of our children, the deaths of our loved ones. They dedicate their lives to serve their “parish families” for years — and often continue presiding at Masses, celebrating sacraments, teaching, offering counsel and faithfully supporting parishioners well into their retirement years.

As priests, they live by their faith, trusting that God will provide for them in their later years.

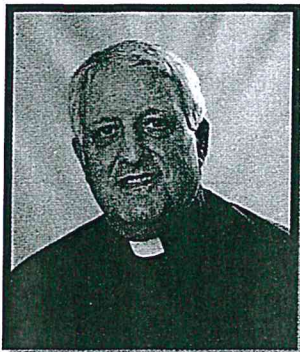
The Diocese of Saginaw Priests’ Retirement Fund provides a pension to our priests after they retire from full-time ministry. The special collection builds funds for the daily needs and medical benefits for priests who are presently retired, and for those who will retire in the future.

Your gift to the Priests’ Retirement Fund is your way to support the “Priestly Fathers” who have served you.



Your gift goes directly to the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw’s priests’ pension plan, where it is invested and held in a trust account, which is administered by the Michigan Catholic Conference.

The pension plan provides for the monthly pension and medical benefits of our currently retired priests and helps fund the future retirement of our active priests.



You are a priest forever.... (Hebrews 7:17)

Priests don't retire from priesthood, but they do retire from full-time ministry. In most cases retirement comes after more than forty years of service. Even in retirement our priests continue to serve the people of diocese. Some serve as sacramental ministers providing for the sacramental needs of a particular parish. Others help out when a priest is ill or taking some much-needed vacation time. Our diocese depends on our retired priests.

In retirement a priest is no longer paid a salary and provided housing by a parish. He has provide for himself. The pension provided by the Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund is a major source of income for a retired priest.

Your support of the Father's Day Collection for the Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement fund is a way of saying thank you to those priests who have served your spiritual needs for many years. Your donation helps to provide a pension for those priests now retired, and it helps to ensure that a pension will be available for those priests who will retire in the future.

Thank you for your support for the 2021 Father's Day Collection for the Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund. God bless you!

Fr. Peter J. Gaspeny

President, Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund

You may include the form below in the special envelope in your envelope packet and put it in your parish collection or submit in a separate envelope and mail to your parish.

— OR —

You can give online at www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement

Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund

Yes, I would like to make a donation to the Priests' Retirement Fund. Amount of my gift: _____

- I will give online at www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement
- Cash or check. (Make check payable to your parish.)
- Credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express)



Credit card # _____ Exp. ____/____ Security verification (____)

Signature for authorization to charge credit card: _____

- I would like to talk to someone about making a gift of stock, life insurance or some other method.

Phone number _____ Best time to call _____

Name _____

Street address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Thank you for your gift!

Your generosity is so important to the priests of the Diocese of Saginaw.