

**Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
June 27, 2021**

Wed. June 30th Canceled 11:30am St. John
Thur. July 1st Canceled 7:00pm St. Columbkille
Fri. July 2nd 9:00am St. John
First Friday of the month adoration until 4:00pm
Sat. July 3rd 5:00pm St. John
Sun. July 4th 8:30am St. Joseph
Sun. July 4th 10:30am St. Columbkille

Confessions for this Week

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

Readings for the Week

Monday, June 28th

Genesis 18:16-33 Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday, June 29th

Acts 3:1-10 Galatians 1:11-20 John 21:15-19

Wednesday, June 30th

Genesis 21:5, 8-20 Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday, July 1st

Genesis 22:1-19 Matthew 9:1-8

Friday, July 2nd

Genesis 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67 Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday, July 3rd

Ephesians 2:19-22 John 20:24-29

Sunday, July 4th

Ezekiel 2:2-5 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4025.00

Loose - \$202.00

Building Fund - \$.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

117 Envelopes used

Priest's Retirement Fund - \$2296.00

Mass Intentions for Weekend of June 26 & 27

Saturday St John: + Gladys Briolat

Sunday St. Joseph: + Charlotte Romzek

St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

In this Sunday's Reading

"...your surplus at the present time should supply their needs, so that their surplus may also supply your needs, that there may be equality."

2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

As the Body of Christ, we are called to live in communion with one another - each recognizing, growing and sharing our gifts with one another. It is important to remember that in our sharing of our gifts, we should do so without expecting anything in return.

ADORATION

This Friday, July 2nd, there will be adoration following 9am Mass until 4:00pm. at St. John.



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.



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

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Religious Education/Faith Formation

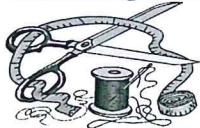
To all Faith Formation students we are sending out registration information packets this week. If you did not receive yours or you are a new family to the program, please call the office 989-658-8824 to have a packet sent to you. Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Have a great summer 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 28- July 2, 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

HAVE A MASS FOR YOUR LOVED ONE

To schedule a date to have a Mass said for your loved one, please call the Parish office at 989-658-8824. Our office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

June 28: Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin, Olave Bukoski
Tuesday July 6: Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Mary Jane Zurek
July 12: Jeanene Schmidt, Ann Ympa, Rose Maikrzek

5:00pm Saturday July 3rd St. John

Lector: Alger Lemke
EMHC: Alger Lemke
Ushers: Bob Brahamer, John Guigar, Glen Peruski

8:30am Sunday July 4th St. Joseph

Lector: Suzanne Kroetsch
EMHC: Edie Izydorek
Greeter: Bill Izydorek
Ushers: Gordon Farrelly, Kevin Hessling, Bill Izydorek

10:30am Sunday July 4th St Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek
EMHC: Kevin Romzek
Ushers: Matthew Kubacki, Rob Kubacki

The Hopeful Future Scholarship

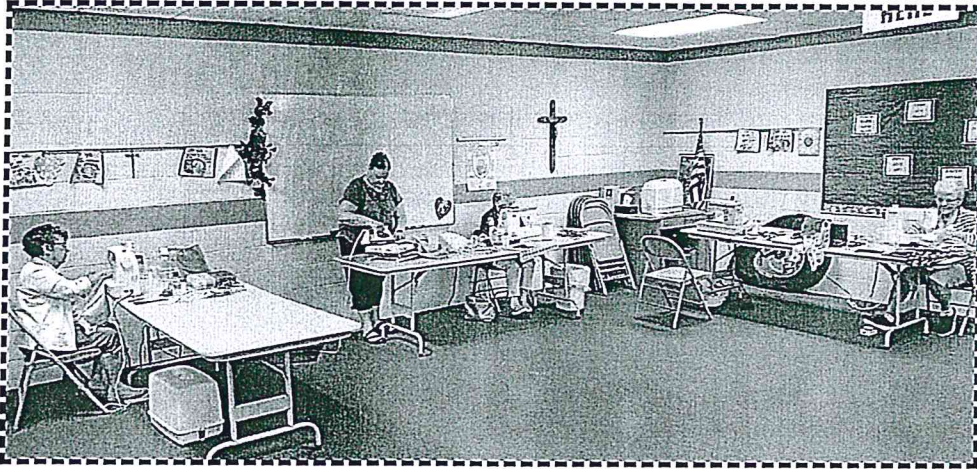
Protect Life SVSU, a pro-life student organization at the university, is partnering with the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan to start "The Hopeful Future Scholarship", a scholarship to financially assist expecting and current mothers attending Saginaw Valley State or Delta Community College. According to the Guttmacher Institute, approximately 73% of women who choose abortion do so because of financial stress. Our goal is to financially support mothers in need and help them utilize their God-given freedom by choosing life with the help of generous donors. Those who wish to donate to the Hopeful Future Scholarship fund can do so via the following link:

https://ccfmm.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1495.

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 Ubley from 7pm-9pm.

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Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst?

--- Fr. Nate's Update

(Good Shepherd Christian Mothers carrying out the work of mercy of "clothing the naked" (see Matthew 25) by making clothing to be sent to poor children)

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

First, some holy humor: Having locked her keys inside her car, the woman prayed to God for assistance. Just then a man walking by saw the situation and got her car door opened in nothing flat. "Thank you God for sending me this nice man to help," she exclaimed. The man replied, "I'm not nice. I just got out of jail for auto theft." "Thank you, God!" the woman shouted to the sky, "You even sent me a professional!"

Current Fundraisers for Evangelization:

- **St. Joseph hall sign:** is in need of being replaced. We use this to evangelize with Christian phrases, and to advertise community events. To donate, put donation in envelope labeled "sign" and drop in offering basket, or mail to office.
- **Electronic Bell Carillon:** An electronic bell carillon will be installed on our St. John bell tower to play hymns at 12:02pm and 6:02pm (after the siren), bells before weekend Mass and funerals. The carillon evangelizes by inviting neighbors to Mass and playing hymns which remind us of Christ's Presence, and which bring Scripture-based lyrics into our minds! To donate, put donation in envelope labeled "carillon" and drop in offering basket, or mail to office.

Modesty and Generosity at Mass: *The following is most of an article entitled "Summertime Virtues" by my friend Fr. Lee Acervo, who serves the St. Edward on the Lake parish in Lakeport, MI. You might wish to share it with someone, of course only after praying for that person.*

"...The Church doesn't have a list of clothes that are acceptable and not acceptable. There isn't a number that tells us what is modest (for example, you must have 67% of your body covered to be considered modest). Instead, the virtues are what guide us. A person strong in virtue is able to sense what is acceptable. That's because virtue is a habit – a good habit – and when something is habitual, we don't have to think about it. It becomes natural to us.

The virtue in this case is modesty, and if we want to grow in holiness, we need to learn how to cultivate this virtue. Modesty has the same root as the word "moderation", and that's what it does.

Modesty moderates all our thoughts, words, and actions so that they are appropriate to the given situation – not too much and not too little. So how does modesty relate to our choice of clothing?

On the one hand, the human body is a gift. God created it, so therefore it is good. And so, we don't constantly bury ourselves under layers of clothing hiding every inch of our skin. At the same time, God didn't give us our bodies so that we can display them carelessly. The dominant attitude in the culture today is "If you've got it, flaunt it". Of course when you flaunt "it," then people only notice "it" and not "you."

The Catechism tells us, "Modesty protects the intimate center of the person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden" (n. 2521). **Modesty keeps things hidden until the appropriate time.** This definition from the Catechism talks about veiling. The Church's liturgy might help us to understand this concept of veiling because the Church's liturgy makes great use of veils. There is a veil hiding the mystery of the Eucharist behind the door of the tabernacle. The chalice is veiled until it is brought to the altar and is made ready for use. Even Christ Himself is veiled under the appearance of bread and wine.

When we see a veil, whether in the tabernacle, over a chalice, or over our bodies, we know that something sacred – something that is of God – is hidden and we should treat it with great reverence. The same is true of our bodies. They are temples of the Holy Spirit and so they should be treated with reverence because they are of God. When I dress modestly, I protect what belongs to God.

Modesty, therefore, is not "old-fashioned". It is about protecting our dignity that comes from God. And so when we are choosing clothing, it is about choosing what is appropriate for the situation while keeping in mind our dignity.

As a side note, another virtue that is important to consider alongside modesty is generosity. When we dress modestly, we are being generous to others because when we dress immodestly, we become a distraction to people who are trying to pray. But that sense of generosity applies especially to God. God is infinitely generous to us. With that in mind, we need to be generous to Him in return. That means giving God the best of what we have to offer. Is what I am wearing to Church the best of what I have to offer (generosity)? Is it appropriate (modesty)? Wearing a tuxedo to Church would probably be a bit much, but are short shorts the best that I can do for God?

I know that it can be a little uncomfortable to dress nicely to Church... But sacrificing comfort and offering it to God as a gift will never go unrewarded. Modesty and generosity – two very important summertime virtues. May these become important virtues to guide all of our thoughts, words, and actions."

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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Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 | 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 |
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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

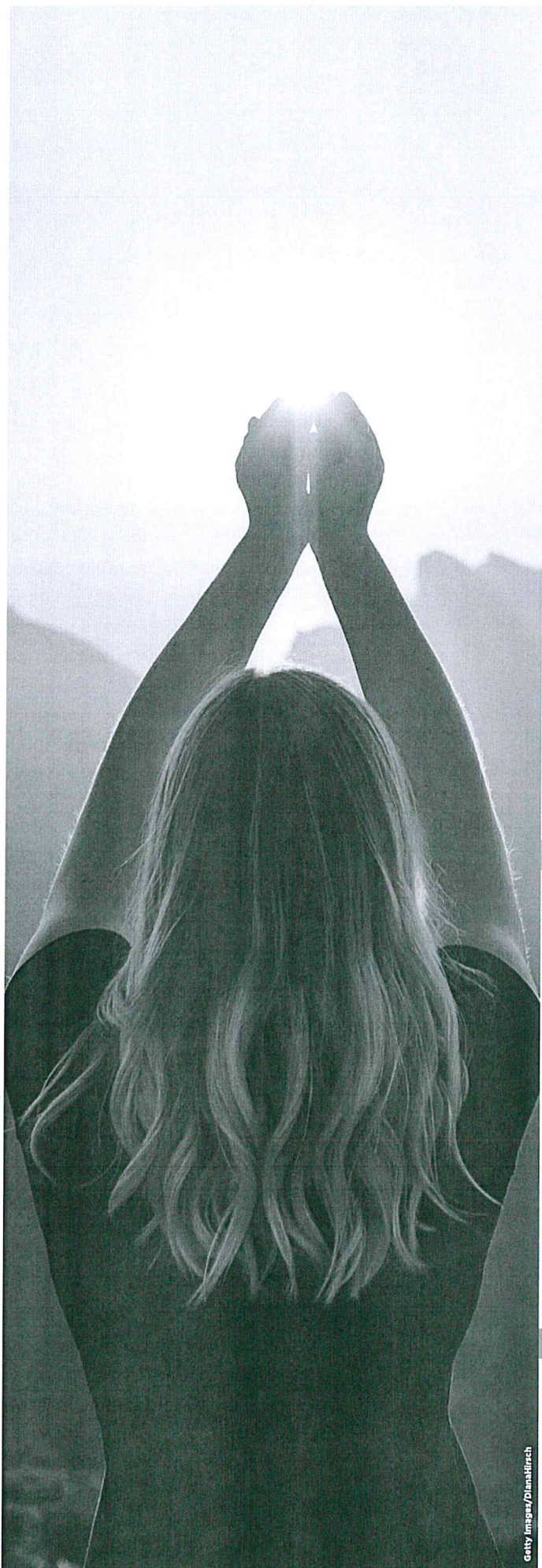
“Do not be afraid; just have faith.” It’s likely we’ve heard and seen Jesus’ reassuring words or even shared them with others. When I read the story of Jairus and his daughter, I thought of a man with whom I spoke recently. As his lungs failed him during a bout with coronavirus, doctors advised him to say good-bye to his wife and daughters before they placed him on a ventilator. “I was expecting to wake up in heaven,” he said, recalling the moment not as one of fear or panic, but of deep peace. In today’s Gospel passage, Jairus had that kind of “fearless faith” as well, placing his daughter’s life wholly in Jesus’ hands even as others in the crowd ridiculed him. When we pray or ask for God’s healing, we can’t know the outcome. But we can pray for the gifts of faith and courage, placing our lives in God’s loving hands.

GO EVANGELIZE

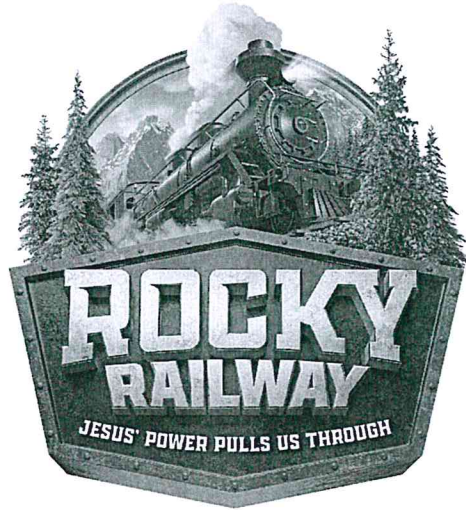
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When I was a child, my aunt would always encourage us to make the sign of the cross when we passed an ambulance or accident scene. In her concern for the strangers at the side of the road, my aunt was giving us a lesson in compassion, which stands in marked contrast to the crowds who ridiculed Jairus as he desperately sought help for his daughter. The Church has a rich tradition of intercessory prayer, encouraging us to pray for the needs of others. Today’s readings remind me that we can share our faith by praying for others who are sick, dying, grieving, or struggling in some way. Likewise, we can ask others to pray for us, trusting that God will hear our prayers.

PRAY Do you ever offer to pray for someone and then completely forget? Try writing each person’s name on a Post-it and placing it on your bedside table. Other ideas: Pray the Rosary while driving or exercising, devoting a decade to each person; include prayers for others when you say Grace before meals; as soon as you offer to pray for someone, drop everything and do it!



Climb aboard for...



The best week of the summer!

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH CENTER
(church name)

VBS will last from: Sun. Aug. 8th Kick-off, Mon. Aug. 9-12
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: Aug. 8th -6:30-7:30pm, Mon. 9:30am
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: Mon. Aug.9th - Thurs. Aug. 12 - 11:30am
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: Austin Keller 989-325-5678
(church phone number)

Register online here: _____
(web address)