

# Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time August 1, 2021

Aug. 4th Wed. 11:30am St. John Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Thur. 7:00pm St. Columbkille Aug. 6th Fri. 9:00am St. John First Friday of the month adoration until 4:00pm Aug. 7th Sat. 5:00pm St. John Aug 8th 8:30am St. Joseph Sun. Aug. 8th Sun. 10:30am St. Columbkille

#### Confessions 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, Aug. 2nd

Numbers 11:4b-15 Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, Aug. 3rd

Numbers 12:1-13 Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday, Aug. 4th

Numbers13:1-2, 25, 14:1, 26-35 Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, Aug. 5th

Numbers 20:1-13 Matthew 16:13-23

Friday, Aug. 6th

Daniel 7:9-10-14 2 Peter 1:6-19 Mark 9:2-10

Saturday, Aug. 7th

Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday, Aug. 8th

1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30, 5:2 John 6:41-51

## Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4435.00 Loose - \$296.00 Building Fund - \$95.00 650 Parish Families (297 Family envelope holders) 105 Envelopes used

#### Donations:

In memory of Ron Sweeney by Kevin & Karen Romzek

#### Mass Intentions for Weekend July 31 & Aug. 1

Saturday St John: + Nancy Bussure Sunday St. Joseph: + Charlotte Rmozek Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

#### ADORATION

This Friday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be adoration following 9am Mass until 4:00pm. at St. John.

#### In This Sunday Readings:

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion. Thus, I will test them, to see whether or not they follow my instructions. Exodus 16:4 When the Israelites gathered more of the manna that God provided for them, the excess got rotten and unable to be used. In our own lives, do we use our Godgiven gifts as He intends, or do we hoard our riches? Using our gifts from God correctly means that we examine what we need, compared to what we want.



#### 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 families of Louise Stierman and Wallace Brown who passed away.

#### Religious Education/Faith Formation

To all Faith Formation students, we sent out registration information packets. 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 all 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 Monday August 9th through Thursday August 12th from 9:30am until 11:30. So mark your calendars and plan ahead. Volunteers are always needed.

#### READY TO TRAVEL AGAIN?

You are invited to join Father Marcel Portelli on a 2day spiritually edifying pilgrimage to pray at two historic cathedral basilicas, a historic shrine, and several other beautiful churches in Ohio and Kentucky. Deluxe motorcoach departs September 14 from the Diocesan Center, Saginaw. \$155 includes hotel. Info call (248) 250-6005.

#### MINI- RETREAT

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Cathilic Women will offer a Mini-Retreat for all women of the diocese at St. Agnes Church Freeland, on Saturday August 7. The half-day activities start at 9a.m. (registration begins at 8:30) and will end approximately 12:30p.m. The retreat leader will be Fr. Adam Mahner who will speak on Choosing the Better Part/Adoring Jesus & Bridal Love. The coat of the retreat is \$10 (in advance). This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, rosary, & Mass.

Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Joyce Raducha (989-875-2650) before August 3.

## **VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:**

#### Counters:

Aug 2: Olave Bukoski, Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin Aug 9: Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Mary Jane Zurek Tuesday Aug. 17: Barb Roggenbuck, Anna Ympa, Rose Maikrzek

Aug 7th 5:00pm Saturday St. John

Lector: Alger Lemke EMHC: Alger Lemke Alter Server: Maze Gusa

Ushers: Len Briolat, Jim Czewski, Jim Osentoski,

Whitey Pawlosky

Aug. 8th 8:30am Sunday St. Joseph

Lector: Suzanne Kroetsch EMHC: Edie Izydorek Greeter: Edie Izydorek

Ushers: Bill Izydorek, Kevin Hessling, Bruce Uhl

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Sunday St Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek

EMHC: Marge Messing, Kevin Romzek Alter Servers: Sarah & Laura Romzek Greeters: Matthew, Jack, Ben Kubacki Gift Bearers: Marie & Caleb Roth Ushers: Matthew, Jack, Rob Kubacki

#### 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 pm.

#### GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES

A Catholic Grief Recovery Series will be held at Our Lady Consolata, Holy Family site, 8370 Unionville Rd., Sebewaing, MI. 487590. The series runs Thursdays, August 12th - September 16th from 2:00-4:00 pm. This series is for any adult who is grieving a loss due to death that occurred three months ago or longer. The series will help those who are grieving to better understand grief, learn coping skills and develop the ability to move forward. For more information or to register, please contact Julie DeSimpelare at 989-665-1027. Presented by Our Lady Consolata Parish in cooperation with the Office of Respect Life, Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. There is no cost for this event.



## **Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!**

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

(Thank you to all who helped put up the Respect Life cross display in Ubly, sponsored by Huron County RTL and Good Shepherd Parish! In Michigan, nearly 30,000 abortions were reported in 2020. Dear Father in Heaven please change many hearts and save lives through this display! The US Bishops have encouraged parishes to implement Respect Life activities all year)

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy August, the month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary!

**First, some holy humor:** Jesus took an atheist out fishing and the atheist accidentally dropped an oar and watched it float away. Jesus stepped out of the boat, walked across the water to the oar, grabbed it, and walked back to the boat.

The next day, a friend asked the atheist if he had enjoyed fishing with the Lord. "It was okay," he replied, "but would you believe that guy can't swim?"

Liturgical Year (www.catholicculture.org): "August is often considered the transitional month in our seasonal calendar. It is the time of the year we begin to wind-down from our summer travels and vacations and prepare for Autumn — back to school, fall festivals, harvest time, etc. The Church in her holy wisdom has provided a cycle of events in its liturgical year which allow the faithful to celebrate the major feasts in the life of Christ and Mary. Most notably, during August, we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) and the feast of the Assumption (August 15)."

**Praise Report**: At Family Vocations Camp last week, swimming in Lake Huron wasn't permitted because there was a safety warning. The waves were very big. One of the mothers told me that since swimming was cancelled, she prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet (since it was 3pm, the Hour of Mercy, when Jesus died on the Cross) with her 5 year old daughter. Afterwards, her daughter told her that she would rather pray the Chaplet than go swimming!

Family Vocations Camp 2021: Once again, a wonderful time had by all at this annual day planned and supervised by the Sisters of Our Mother of Divine Grace, who serve Ave Maria Parish in Port Sanilac. At beautiful Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Camp in Port Sanilac, the day was filled with encounters with Jesus in the sacraments including Mass, Adoration, and Confession; camaraderie, fun and fellowship. Over 100 people attended, including five from Huron County. We learned about the different vocations God calls His children to; Fr. Bob Schikora and I shared our stories of Christ calling



us to the priesthood. We learned about what Mother Mary has said over and over in various Church-approved apparitions, i.e., that we need to pray the Rosary and offer up our sufferings in reparation for sins and for the conversion of sinners who are on "the wide road to destruction", as Jesus calls it. I hope to see more of our parish youth attend this life-changing camp next July!

Natural Family Planning (NFP)
Awareness Week (July 25-Aug. 1)
Have you ever read the short but
beautiful letter *Humanae Vitae*? I
encourage you to google it and read

it. From <a href="www.ccnfp.org">www.ccnfp.org</a>: "In Humanae Vitae Pope [St.] Paul VI reflects upon how God designed the nature of married love. This he draws from Sacred Scripture and the Catholic Tradition. The Holy Father writes that married love is fully human (involving the body and soul). Married love is total, faithful, and fruitful (see HV no. 9)."

#### NFP Testimonies (from USCCB.org)

"I am confident that had I not been open to life in the practice of NFP, I would not have needed to depend on God, and not have grown as a person. This growth benefits my family and the people I meet in everyday life." ... "Jesus calls us to serve others. Marriage and parenthood are ways we can immediately apply this call in our lives. NFP has led me to be more open to life, more aware of God's design for intimacy in marriage, more dependent on Him to fulfill these plans. It has strengthened my relationship with my husband, given me personal insight and it has given our children life!" (Dawn Farias, "How Natural Family Planning Changed my Life")

"Many will tell you that the responsibility of being permanently faithful to one person is too great and that being open to life is too much of a burden. They say contraception brings with it freedom and life; however, we have found that it is in openness to God, to each other, and to new life that true freedom is obtained. This is what living Natural Family Planning can help couples to experience." (Michael and Alysha Chambers, "NFP, The Theology of the Body, and Our Marriage")

**Let Us Pray:** (Pope's AUGUST Intention): "Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel", Lord hear our prayer!

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

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 | Eph 4:17, 20-24 | Jn 6:24-35



In our house, we know we've got a situation when we run out of bread. It's the staff of life, yes, but also the stuff that makes toast, goes with soup or salad, and smells so good when we bake it ourselves. So perhaps some of us can relate to the Israelites in the first reading as they "grumbled against Moses and Aaron," before the Lord promised to "rain down bread from heaven for [them]." On a deeper level, perhaps we also truly understand the importance of what Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel: that the bread from heaven which the Father gives will not only satisfy their physical hunger, but give life to the world. Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Just as the disciples heartily responded "give us this bread always," today's readings encourage us to long not only for all good gifts from the Father, but specifically for that one, unique gift of the Son whose nourishment to us in the Eucharist transforms us and "gives life to the world."

#### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like many Catholics, I attended Mass online for much of 2020 and the first half of 2021. Initially, it seemed like enough, and I was immensely grateful for the opportunity to hear the Word of God, see the Lord in the Eucharist, and to receive him spiritually. However, as we began to return to church this past spring, I truly felt the enormity of what I had been missing: receiving the Eucharist, and doing so within a community. As we hear Christ's words in the bread of life discourse over the next few Sundays, the magnitude of God's gracious gift should become ever more apparent. When we receive the Eucharist at Mass. we partake in the body and blood of Jesus, sharing in the divine banquet that leads us to everlasting life, and drawing closer to Jesus and to one another in the process. Nourished by his presence within us, we can then go out and share the bread of life with others. What that looks like will differ for each of us, but ultimately it is all for the purpose of accomplishing the works of God: believing in the One he sent and giving witness to that belief in all we say and do.

**ACTION** Paul's Letter to the Ephesians admonishes his listeners to "put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." As we begin each day this week, we can pray for the grace to "put on a new self" and let go of those things that get in the way of our own holiness.





# focus on life

2021 Annual Benefit Dinner

August 12, 2021

Knights of Columbus Hall

Bad Axe, MI



#### Thursday, August 12, 2021

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program at 7:00 p.m.

#### Knights of Columbus Hall 1038 S. Van Dyke Rd. Bad Axe, MI

#### Mailing Address

Huron County Right to Life 4639 Margie St. Ubly, MI 48475

#### For More Information

Jeanne Gusa | (989) 670-3315 huronrtl@gmail.com

Tickets will be waiting for you at the door the day of the event.



## Roger Stanwick special guest speaker

Roger Stanwick is a post abortive man who deeply regrets his involvement nearly 40 years ago. He believes abortion is also a man's issue because they

too suffer the loss, guilt, regret and sorrow that follows. After 25 years of denial, Roger now speaks at churches and prolife events. Roger was the past President of Cross Roads Ministries, a board member of New Life Pregnancy Center and President of Gaylord Right to Life. Through his testimony, he hopes to be an example to those who have been involved in an abortion by helping to find the forgiveness and peace they are seeking. Come hear his journey as he hopes to change the hearts and minds of those who are undecided or who support abortion.



### Please Reserve My Place

Please return the completed form with payment by August 5, 2021.

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All checks payable to Huron County Right to Life (not tax-deductible).

