

**Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021**

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

Confessions for this Week

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

Readings for the Week

Monday, July 19th

Exodus 14:5-18 Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 20th

Exodus 14:21-15:1 Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 21st

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15 Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 22nd

2 Corinthians 5:14-17 John 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday, July 23rd

Exodus 20:1-17 Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 24th

Exodus 24:3-8 Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday, July 25th

2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$5425.00

Loose - \$67.00

Building Fund - \$130.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

77 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of July 17 & 18

Saturday St John: + Orv Glaza

Sunday St. Ignatius: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Columbkille: + Joanne Sweeney

In This Sunday Readings:

"He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." -- Mark 6:31
Very often it is hard to "listen" and "hear" what God is telling us when we are caught up in our busy schedules at work, at home and in our community. Spending some quiet time just listening to what God is calling you to do is as important as the "doing" itself. Spending this quiet time often can be difficult or even seem uneasy at first, but it is an important way to develop a deeper relationship with God. You can start small and work up to more time. The key is to start. Unless we talk and listen to God, we cannot know or understand his call for us.



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



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.

Please remember your parish when planning your estate

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 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.

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, August 20th. Fellowship & outside fun will be held at the Parish Center in Ubyly from 7pm-9pm.

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.



VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

July 19: Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski
July 26: Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck, Shirley Piontkowski
Aug 2: Olave Bukoski, Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin

5:00pm Saturday July 24th St. John

Lector: Bev Pawlosky
EMHC: Bev Pawlosky
Ushers: Jim Czewski, Whitey Pawlosky, Curly Messing

8:30am Sunday July 25th St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki
EMHC: Denise Kubacki
Greeter: Jo Izydorek
Ushers: Gordon Farrelly, Kevin Hessling, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday July 25th St Columbkille

Lector: Kathy Cregeur
EMHC: Val Fischer
Ushers: Dan Cregeur, 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.

God 
Answers
Prayers

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Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

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

(Right: prayer card given to me by a parishioner. Our Mother of Perpetual Help has helped and guided me so many times!)

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy July, the month of The Precious Blood of Jesus!

First, some holy humor: A man suffered a serious heart attack and had open heart bypass surgery. He awoke to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic hospital. As he was recovering, a nun came in to ask how he was going to pay for services. He was asked if he had health insurance. "No health insurance," he replied weakly. The nun asked if he had money in the bank. He replied, "No money in the bank." The nun then asked, "Do you have a relative who could help you?" He said, "I have only a spinster sister, and she's a nun." The nun got a little perturbed and announced loudly. "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to Christ!" "Yes, that's right!" said the patient, perking up. "Send the bill to my brother-in-law."



"Praise Report" From Fr. Patrick Collins: After he visited our parish last weekend to share about the great mission of Cross Catholic Outreach, he emailed me, telling me he was grateful for inviting Cross Catholic Outreach to visit our parishes, and said, "Your people are beautiful to be with" and he was impressed by your "intense prayerful participation in the liturgies". Thank you all for welcoming him, and for your donations to this worthy Catholic charity!

Life-saving Petition: www.notaxpayerabortion.com: Please sign this petition to help prevent the killing of babies with our tax dollars: "WHAT: Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion... The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS? Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion."

Prayer after Communion by St. Padre Pio: A Parishioner shared this prayer with me after Mass. Consider praying it after Holy Communion:

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me Lord, because I am weak, and I need Your strength, so that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me Lord, for You are my light, and without you, I am in darkness.

Stay with me Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me Lord, for I desire to love you very much, and always be in Your Company.

Stay with me Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of Love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late, and the day is coming to a close, and life passes, death, judgment, eternity approach. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You. It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile.

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers, I need You.

Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to you, if not by Communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your presence, oh yes, I ask this of You.

Stay with me Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity. Amen.

Catholic Church Tour: The Liturgical Color Green: Ordinary Time is represented in liturgies by the liturgical color green. Green is a color of hope. Think of the green sprouting seed. It reminds us of our HOPE of one day enjoying the harvest of heaven and our HOPE of rising in Glory, like the sprouting shoots of a flower, when Jesus returns.

Blessing of Candles: Traditionally, candles are brought to church to be blessed at Candlemas, the Mass of the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. Sometimes parishioners bring candles for me to bless at the office. Here's part of the traditional blessing: *"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, light of everlasting life, you have given us candles to dispel the darkness. We humbly implore you now to bless + these candles at our lowly request, and hallow + them by the light of your grace. By the power of the Holy + Cross, endow them with a heavenly blessing. May the blessing they receive be so powerful that, wherever they are placed or lighted, the princes of darkness shall flee in fear, along with all their legions, and never more dare to disturb those who serve you, the almighty God. Let the entire building in which these candles are kept, be free from the power of the adversary, and be defended from the snares of the enemy. Grant we pray, that those who will use these candles may be protected from every assault of the evil spirit, and be safeguarded from all danger. Through Christ our Lord."* (Remember to always use candles with great care. I know someone who had a house fire due to an unattended candle)

Let Us Pray: (Pope's July Intention): *...in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship, 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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Jer 23:1-6 | Eph 2:13-18 | Mk 6:30-34

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

Portrayals of Jesus as a shepherd who cares for sheep often depict him carrying a sheep on his shoulders or holding a lamb in his arms. Those images are a source of great comfort, as is today's psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." But they don't quite capture just what hard work being a shepherd involves: tending to the flock in all kinds of weather, when the pastures are anything but verdant; waking in the wee hours to care for ewes and newborn lambs; watching some thrive and others die; not to mention being the poster child for the oft-quoted "smell of sheep." The crowd in today's Gospel lacked such a shepherd to tend and care for them, and thus "[Jesus'] heart was moved with pity for them." There are times when circumstances and events can trick us into thinking that an earthly power or perfectly-principled worldview will save us. That is when we need the Lord as our shepherd the most. Only he can save us; only he has saved us. So, in those times when we may feel lost, we can bring it all to Jesus in prayer. He is the Shepherd who knows what we need.

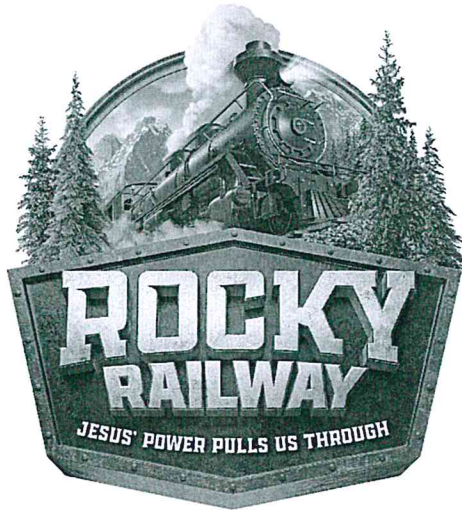
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I don't know about you, but I rarely miss a meal. When I do, I get cranky. And I don't like crowds of any kind outside of Wrigley Field. So imagine how exhausted Jesus and the disciples must have felt when, because crowds followed them day and night, they had "no opportunity even to eat." Even when they tried to get away and rest awhile, a vast crowd appeared. Rather than turn away, however, Jesus began to teach them - for they were hurting and in need of his care. Today's Gospel encourages us to be shepherds to one another, keeping others close. Pope Francis said it well during Holy Week 2013: "Following Jesus means learning to come out of ourselves ... to be the first to take a step toward our brothers and our sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, comfort and help." As we ourselves have been led by the Shepherd, we reach out to others who are in need of care.

ACCOMPANY Find ways, large or small, to "tend the flock" of your family, parish, workplace or community: Write a note to a person who is grieving, invite a quiet co-worker to lunch, provide a listening ear to children or aging parents, introduce yourself to a newcomer at your parish.

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)

THE ELDERLY HAVE EARNED RESPECT IN ALL CULTURES

"When a grandfather dies, a whole library is buried with him" (African proverb).

"Our grandmother used to tell us stories of our dreamtime. Much of our sense of being part of a people comes from her" (Aboriginal parent).

Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives

Pope Francis - Angelus, Rio de Janeiro, 26 July 2013, quoting Aparecida Document, 447.

Long Distance (Tech-savvy) Grandparents

Whats App, Facetime, Zoom...

...and a host of other apps are good but prepare for them. Have a news item or interesting fact to pass on at each video-chat. Put a prompt in your calendar to remind you at a regular time.

Texting is quick...

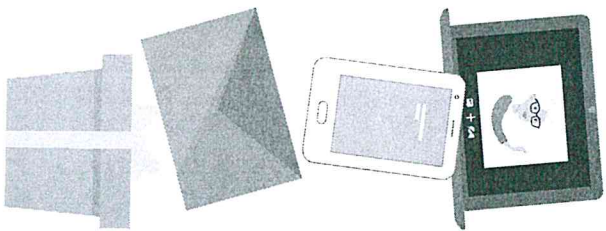
... and perfect for passing on jokes, today's photo or interesting quotes. Get your grandkids to show you how to include emojis and gifs to take it up a level.

Email is so easy...

... and perfect for sharing an attachment from a store of photos, news items or interesting family history.

Snail mail is slow...

...yet unsurpassed in communicating your personal attention and delivering the delight of a physical letter or package.



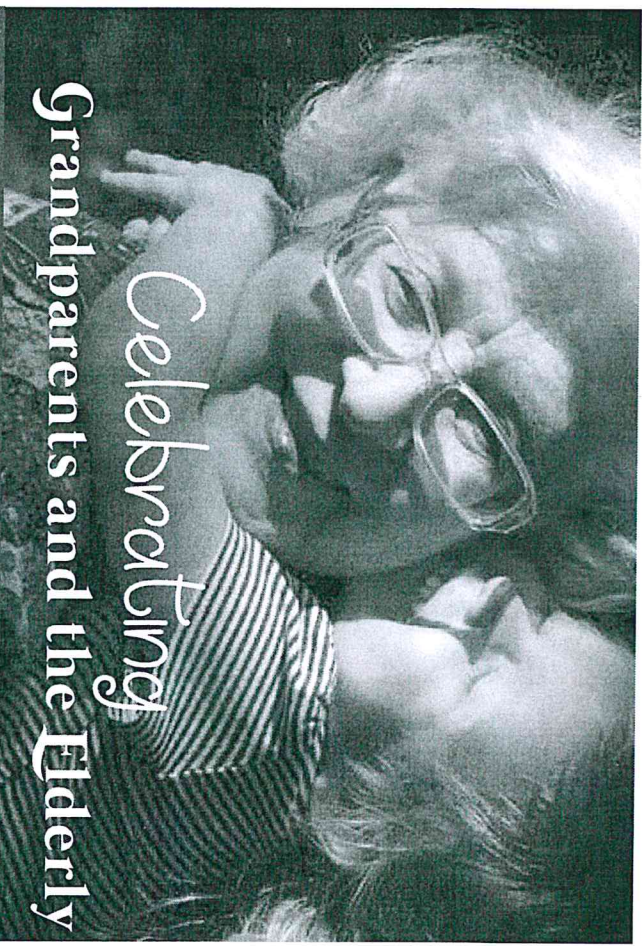
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Celebrating Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has proclaimed the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on Sunday 25 July 2021 (Feast of Sts Anne & Joachim, grandparents to Jesus).

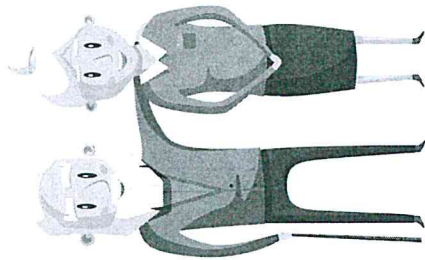
In announcing this, Pope Francis has chosen the theme "*I am with you always*" (cf. Mt 28:20) to express the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times.

This promise of closeness and hope is one that can be shared by young and old alike. Not only are young people called upon to be present in the lives of grandparents and older people, but the elderly also have a mission - to pass on their faith.

Each of us, whether married or single, religious or priest, share this mission. Let's reflect on the particular ways in which this is lived out by grandparents and the elderly.

THE OLDER GENERATION: THEY'VE 'SEEN IT ALL BEFORE'

In the confusion of a pandemic, older people are the ones with the longest experience of unpredictable and challenging times. They are survivors whose experiences often include migration, war, droughts, bushfires, financial recessions, business failures, to name just some. They can provide perspective in the face of uncertainty.



GRANDPARENTS: OUR PERSONAL BANK OF MEMORIES

Memories help us understand who we are. And when planning for the future, we call on our memories to help us to prepare. The elderly often can remember their own parents and grandparents as well as knowing the two generations that follow them. Only **they** carry with them the collective experience of five generations. That's a huge wealth on which to draw.

THE ELDERLY: GOOD FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The mental health of young people is enhanced by knowing their place in their own particular family's history. In the early days of Canberra, as young families moved there for work, a sociological challenge was the relative lack of the older generation. In today's world, the range of contacts of youth are hugely increased by modern social media but very often these are limited to their own narrow age range. The presence of the elderly can help to reduce that imbalance.

THE ELDERLY ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE YOUNG: IT WORKS BOTH WAYS.

Both generations benefit from each other. As one grandmother said, 'We enjoy playing kids' games that we would never play with friends of our age. And we enjoy taking the grandkids to movies that we would never watch on our own. So while we're teaching them things, they're helping us to keep abreast of new trends and new technologies. They keep us young.'



CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

An international movement with the mission 'to help grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer at the heart of family life'. It encourages grandparents at a local parish level to come together to help one another to pass on the faith. For more information, contact Ron & Mavis Pirota | rm.pirota@marriageic.org

We know very little about Sts Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home, faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will."

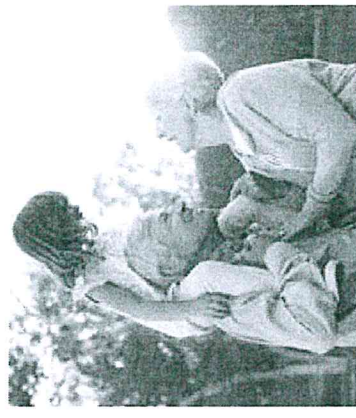


SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE,

PRAY FOR US; PRAY FOR OUR GRANDCHILDREN WHO ARE SO DEAR TO US

GRANDPARENTS HAVE THE GIFT OF 'PRESENCE'

Grandparents often have time to 'do' things, like driving kids to school or sport, playing games or teaching them cook or build things, reading stories. But their main gift is their presence - just 'being around'. Their own love and care and their observations are all part of creating a culture of security and care for the younger generations.



WHEN GRANDCHILDREN DON'T PRACTISE THE FAITH

The loss of faith practice of grandchildren can be a deep source of sorrow. Pray with trust daily for each grandchild by name.

Tell grandchildren you are praying for them, especially that they come to know the love of Jesus.

Pray for forgiveness for the times you haven't been the best grandparent.

Preach without words - be the kind of person you want your grandchildren to become: trustworthy, respectful, generous.

Be joyful - talk about the good that others do, eg care for the poor, respectful of others.