



**Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 25, 2021**

Wed.	July 28 th	11:30am	St. John
Thur.	July 29 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	July 30 th	9:00am	St. John
(Adoration following Mass until 11:00am)			
Sat.	July 31 st	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Aug. 1 st	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Aug. 1 st	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, July 26th

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 27th

Exodus 33:7-11, 34 Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 28th

Exodus 34:29-35 Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, July 29th

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 John 11:19-27

Friday, July 30th

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-6, 27 Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, July 31st

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, Aug. 1st

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$6387.00
Loose - \$442.00
Building Fund - \$155.00
650 Parish Families
(297 Family envelope holders)
156 Envelopes used

Donations:

In loving memory of Leo & Rita Walsh by The Franzel Family
In memory of Jim Gillis by GT Cabinet co-ed softball team

Mass Intentions for Weekend of July 24 & 25

Saturday St John: + Alex Marcola
Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners
Sunday St. Columbkille: + Ron Sweeney

In This Sunday Readings:

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"
John 6:9 The miracle of Jesus feeding of the multitude is mentioned in all four Gospels. While there are several things to learn from this miracle, one of them is that our gifts, no matter how big or how small, can do great things if we take them to Christ. All of our gifts are given to us for a reason.
Many may be "fed" by our gifts even though they may seem small to us.



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.

Memorial Service

For Jon Walsh and the deceased members of the Walsh and Otulakowski families on August 1, at St Ignatius @ 12:30pm.

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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.

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 Ubly from 7pm-9pm.

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:

July 26: Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck, Shirley Piontkowski
Aug 2: Olave Bukoski, Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin
Aug 9: Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Mary Jane Zurek

5:00pm Saturday July 31st St. John

Lector: Carol Beaudin
EMHC: Judy Messing
Ushers: Len Briolat, Jim Osentoski, Rich Trepkowski

8:30am Sunday Aug. 1st St. Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza
EMHC: Paul Guza
Greeter: Steve Briolat
Ushers: Steve Briolat, Bill Izydorek, Chuck Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Aug. 1st St Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski
EMHC: Harold Conley, Noel Tyrrell
Alter Servers: Roman Heleski, Brayden Sweeney
Greeters: Diane Leppok, Colleen Sweeney
Gift Bearers: Joel & Kenley McDonald
Ushers: Jeff Maurer, Dennis Sweeney, Terry Sweeney

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.

TRUST

in the Lord with all
thine heart and he
shall direct thy paths

PROVERBS 3:5-6

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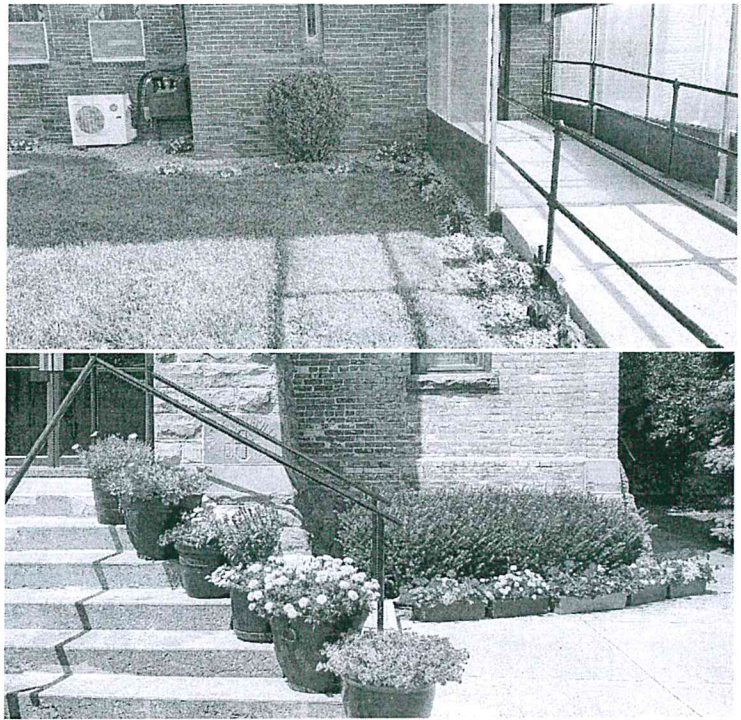
Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

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

(Right: Heavenly Father, You are the source of all beauty. Please reward those who plant and maintain the flowers at our churches, including the new flowers at St. John - top- and flowers at St. Columbkille- below)

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly! Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, July 26. This day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church.

Heavenly Father, please bless and reward all of our grandparents for the wisdom, love and service they offer to our families and communities!



First, some holy humor: *(a parishioner shared a version of this with me. Note: I don't necessarily condone everything in this...)*

"I Confess... I Have a Drug Problem"

My generation just might have been lucky! I had a drug problem when I was young:

I was drug to church on Sunday morning.

I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word.

I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields.

I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood;

and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place. ~author unknown~

Praise Report: Jeanne Gusa and I were standing outside St. John Church, discussing the property boundaries to prepare to put up a Respect Life display sponsored by our parish and Huron County Right to Life. I realized I didn't know where the property lines were. As we were discussing, Angie Guza, who is an assessor, happened to be driving by the church. She saw us, parked, got out and came to us, in order to tell me about something. This gave us the opportunity to ask her about our property lines! Later, she looked it up and sent us the info. *Dear Lord, You have perfect timing. Thank you for sending Angie, and please reward her for helping us.*

Fostering Vocations through Generosity: Vocations to the ordained life, consecrated life, and missionary life are born and nurtured within generous Catholic families. Besides praying for vocations, please pray for the virtue of generosity for married couples. The Pontifical Council for the Family teaches, "...where parents are generous in welcoming life, children will be more likely to be generous when it comes to the question of offering themselves to God [in a religious vocation]..." According to a Georgetown CARA study, 52 percent of those ordained to the priesthood in 2013 have 3 or more siblings. It has been a great blessing to have so many infant baptisms at our parish recently, and I pray we have many more to come, through the generosity of married couples. As my seminary professor taught, "God wants to populate heaven through married couples."

National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week July 25-August 1: I encourage all married couples to learn more about this "best kept secret" of the Catholic Church, by visiting: ccnfp.org: *"Learn the Catholic and natural way to postpone a pregnancy. The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) because they respect God's design for married love. In fact, the Catholic Bishops have declared that NFP represents the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives. NFP Married Couples are Joyful Couples:*

- *Learn how to maintain a healthy body, soul, and mind when it comes to fertility.*
- *Discover how the woman's reproductive system is naturally designed to have fertile and infertile phases, allowing you to avoid contraceptives that are toxic to a woman's body [and potentially abortifacient].*
- *Learn how to track a woman's cycle in order to effectively and naturally avoid pregnancy with 99% method accuracy.*
- *Discover resources to help you learn more about your body, the reproductive system, and how to communicate with your spouse about these topics.*
- *Be guided by Catholic NFP Teachers who practice NFP and can answer all of your questions..."*

NFP Testimony: Years ago, I counseled a mother about NFP (Natural Family Planning) and encouraged her to attend an NFP class. She attended, and equipped with that training, she discerned that God was calling her to stop using a harmful and abortifacient method of birth control, and to be open to the possibility of new life from God. Later, she and her husband soon welcomed another beautiful girl into their family, and they are very grateful. I'm grateful for the privilege of baptizing her!

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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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44 | Eph 4:1-6 | Jn 6:1-15

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

I once saw Tony Melendez, a musician born without arms, play his guitar for the pope – with his feet – and I knew I had witnessed something exceptional, something extraordinary. We may be feeling the same way about some of the Olympic performances taking place right now. But however amazed Tony Melendez or an Olympic medal performance might make us feel, it is hard to imagine what it must have been like to experience Jesus taking a few barley loaves and fish, blessing them, and somehow feeding more than 5,000 people. How Great Thou Art, indeed! Participating in this miracle was life-changing for those who realized what Jesus had done. They were convinced, on the spot, that Jesus was a prophet, and were ready to carry him away as a king. But Jesus did not come to be an earthly king, he came to give his life for us, that we might have life with him in abundance.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

One boy gives up his lunch and Jesus feeds thousands – and there were *twelve wicker baskets with fragments* left over! Think of how God can multiply *our* gifts. Perhaps there are times we fail to share what we have, thinking it is too small to make a difference; thinking that what we bring to feed others can't possibly be worth anything. Sure, what usually happens with us isn't on a scale like today's Gospel passage, and our offering may not be "Olympic" in nature. But in sharing our gifts as Jesus calls us to – to love our neighbor and to do "small things with great love" as St. Teresa of Calcutta is purported to have said – there is no such thing as a gift or talent too small. Ask the Holy Spirit for fortitude as you strive to share your gifts.

ACTION Perhaps it's time to contact someone who has been on your mind lately. A seemingly small gesture of concern may be just the support they need right now. With the help of the Holy Spirit, perhaps you may be a source of affirmation for them, providing a catalyst that helps them discern their path more clearly.

"DO SMALL
THINGS
WITH

great love"

Prayer card for Children and Grandchildren in School

For **PRESCHOOLERS**, pray they will:

1. Develop a well-balanced personality
2. Learn problem resolutions.
3. Play well with others.
4. Learn to obey quickly; respect authority.
5. Explore and create without fear of failure.
6. Develop a soft heart towards Jesus
7. Develop confidence and independence.
8. Learn to control their emotions and anger.
9. Develop an awareness of God's love.
10. Build positive friendships.

For **ELEMENTARY-AGE CHILDREN**, PRAY they will:

1. Discover their God-given gifts and talents.
2. Develop a sense of satisfaction and enjoy using their skills.
3. Be motivated, disciplined and challenged in their learning experiences.
4. Treat others with respect.
5. Stand firm for what is right and refuse the wrong with a positive attitude.
6. Choose friendships wisely.
7. Obey their parents.
8. Understand their need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
9. Develop a strong and healthy self-esteem and self-confidence.
10. Have a safe, healthy classroom environment.
11. Be protected from the deception of the enemy
12. Develop a hunger for God's Word.



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For **TEENAGERS**, pray they will:

1. Be motivated, disciplined, and challenged to apply themselves in their studies in order to excel academically.
2. Experience the reality of Jesus Christ in their lives, as they grow strong in their faith.
3. Recognize the deception of the world.
4. Be covered with God's safekeeping physically, spiritually, and emotionally.
5. Date wisely (which leads to a life's partner).
6. Be sexually pure.
7. Have open communication and good relationship with parents.
8. Choose friends who will have a positive influence.
9. Develop a hunger for God's Word and grow spiritually.
10. Have a balanced view of their beauty, charm and strength.

For **COLLEGE STUDENTS/YOUNG ADULTS** pray they will:

1. Be motivated, disciplined and challenged to apply themselves in their studied to excel academically.
2. Seek God's wisdom and direction in their management of time, money, and talents.
3. Think creatively and live with integrity.
4. Recognize their gifts so they can find their God-given assignment.
5. Find a spouse with a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
6. Be sexually pure.
7. Be willing to accept responsibility and make wise financial decisions.
8. Have open communication and a good relationship with their parents.



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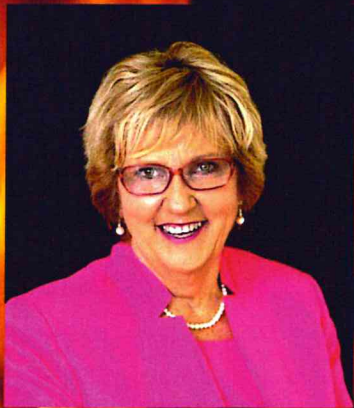
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