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Thanks

Twenty-Seventh
Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3, 2021

Wed.	Oct. 6 th	11:30am	St. John
Thur.	Oct. 7 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Oct. 8 th	9:00am	St. John
There will be adoration following mass, until 4:00pm			
Sat.	Oct. 9 th	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Oct. 10 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Oct. 10 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confessions for this Week

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John
Thursdays after 7pm Mass St Columbkille
Saturday 4:15pm before Mass St. John's

Readings for the Week

Monday, Oct. 4th
Jonah 1:1-2, 11 Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, Oct. 5th
Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, Oct. 6th
Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, Oct. 7th
Malachi 3:13-20b Luke 1:5-13

Friday, Oct. 8th
Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2 Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, Oct. 9th
Joel 4:12-21 Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, Oct. 10th
Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

ADORATION

This coming Friday, Oct. 8th there will be adoration following 9:00a.m Mass until 4:00pm. @ 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.

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$5236.00
Loose - \$22.48
Building Fund - \$50.00
650 Parish Families
(297 Family envelope holders)
123 Envelopes used

Donations:

In memory of Richard Osentoski by Virg & Elaine Briolat

Mass Intentions for Weekend Oct. 2 & 3

Saturday St John: + Kevin Osentoski
Sunday St. Joseph: + Joseph Rudy
Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

In This Sunday Readings:

"So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name." Genesis 2:19

In the story of creation, we learn that from the very beginning of time, God gave us the world and put it into our care. We are obliged to care for those around us and use our gifts from Him to benefit others.

Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

will hold their Annual Conference on Saturday, October 30, at Holy Spirit Church (N. River Rd.) in Saginaw/Shields. All women of the diocese are invited to attend. Registration will be from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. We will have a shortened day this year and will end by 12:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated. The presenter will be Fr. Robert Byrne who will speak on the topic of The Choices We Make. The cost is \$10 (snack provided; no lunch). Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Joyce Raducha (989-875-2650) by Tuesday, October 26.

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.

Please remember your parish when planning your estate

Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. **This Wednesday is the Family gathering for all students & parents.**

Kindergarten through 6th grade

Ubyly: 6-7:30pm (Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27)

Argyle: 6-7:30pm (Oct. 12, 19, 26)

Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm (Oct. 13, 20, 27)

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group next meeting is will be Sunday

Oct. 17th at 5pm. until 8pm.

Youth group is for all 7-12 grades

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Do you know someone who is getting married to a Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic Church? Have you been coming to church with your spouse for years and been thinking about becoming Catholic? Were you Baptized Catholic but never received any other Sacraments, only some of the Sacraments or little instruction in your faith?

Do you have children older than the age of seven who have never been baptized or older children who have been baptized but never received the Eucharist or Confirmation? Do you know someone who is simply looking for something that is missing in their life or are hearing the first stirrings of the voice of God in their life? We simply invite you to come as an Inquirer, as one who seeks, to explore the whisperings of God in your life. Inquiry Sessions will be held at St. Columbkille Church in the gathering room on Oct. 3rd & Oct. 10 at 6:30 pm. For more information, call Dana Irion @ 989-553-0585 or Fr. Nate @ 989-658-8824

THE TIME HAS COME!

On Wednesday, October 13th at Holy Apostle's Parish, St. Peter and Paul Church in Ruth, Michigan will be our Eastern Region Council of Catholic Women Fall Gathering. This is an opportunity for each of you to benefit from conversations, prayer, luncheon and an engaging speaker. \$10. per person.

You need not be a member to come and enjoy!

RSVP by October 5th 989-551-2984.

Have a Blessed Day, Mary Ellen Baranski, President - Eastern Region Council of Catholic Women.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

Oct. 4: Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski

Tuesday Oct. 12: Judy Messing, Rose Maikrzek, Shirley Piontkowski

Oct. 18: Luci Kubacki, Ann Ympa, Barb Roggenbuck

5:00pm Saturday Oct. 9th St. John

Lector: Martin Kubacki

EMHC: Martin Kubacki

Altar Server: Maze Gusa

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Mike Briolat, Tom Murray, Glen Peruski

8:30am Sunday Oct. 10th St. Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Paul Guza

Greeter: Bill Izydorek

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Chuck Izydorek, Bill Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Oct. 10th St Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Dana Irion, Marge Messing

Altar Servers: Roman Heleski & Brayden Sweeney

Greeters: Ernie & Marge Messing

Gift Bearers: Keara & A.J. Langley

Ushers: Kendall Irion, Ronnie Irion, Ray Maurer

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Our Fall Scripture Study will begin on Tuesday, October 19th, Our lessons will be at St. Columbkille Church, Good Shepherd Parish, @ 6:30 - 8 pm. We will be studying "Signs and Wonders, Encountering Jesus of Nazareth from Word Among Us. Sessions are Tuesdays, October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Cost for the book will be \$6. Please RSVP by 10/10 if interested in purchasing a book. Any questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088.

FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

As human efforts fail to solve America's problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help. America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday, October 16th at noon on the steps of the Huron County Courthouse. Our prayers will include the Supreme Court decision on abortion and peace. Please join us and be sure to bring a lawn chair.

Visit anf.org for more information.

Call Susann Smaglinski with questions 989-277-8434.

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Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

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

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy October, the month of the **Holy Rosary!**

First, some holy humor: Pastor Schmitt was nervous when she cast Jimmy, the middle-school class clown, as Joseph in the Christmas Pageant. Her fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in

the pageant's opening scene. The astonished pastor, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?" Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"



Respect Life Sunday: A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

"Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen."

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A Day of FOOD + FAITH + SONG: Many thanks to the Good Shepherd Christian Mothers who provided a delicious meal, to Sheri Wohlfert (pic above) for her uplifting talk, and for local musicians who entertained including Autumn & Evan Tait, Kim & Alger Lemke, Ernie Essenmacher, Luke Roth, and Fr. Nate. To read her blog visit joyfulwords.org; to contact Sheri for PRAYER REQUESTS (she will recruit all her students to pray for you), email: joyfulsheri@gmail.com

Praise Report: Jillian is the daughter of a parish couple. She recently had a safe delivery, thanks to many prayers, and her mother wrote, "Jillian and [her new baby] Noah Patrick are doing great! Thank you Lord for safe delivery of a high risk pregnancy!"

Ask Padre: Why don't Christians celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday as the Jews do? The Catechism says, "Sunday is expressly distinguished from the Sabbath which it follows chronologically every week; for Christians its ceremonial observance replaces that of the Sabbath. In Christ's Passover, Sunday fulfills the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath . . . Those who lived according to the old order of things have come to a new hope, no longer keeping the Sabbath, but the Lord's Day. . . . The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public, and regular worship. . . . Sunday worship fulfills the moral command of the Old Covenant, taking up its rhythm and spirit in the weekly celebration of the Creator and Redeemer of his people (CCC 2175-76)."

Let Us Pray: *(Pope's OCTOBER Intention): "We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel", Lord hear our prayer!*

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

October 3, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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

Social media certainly has its downsides, but it's a wonderful way to keep up with friends and family. Lately, I've noticed a number of wedding day snapshots – with couples finally able to celebrate their “big day” as pandemic restrictions have eased. Today's readings bring these beautiful images to mind. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about marriage: “God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” While the readings focus on the relationship between man and woman, we are reminded that God created all of us – no matter our state in life – to love one another as he loves us. The capacity to love is in our DNA. Jesus invites us to be companions on life's journey, reflecting to others Christ's love for the Church.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each year in October, our diocese invites married couples to a “Wedding Anniversary Mass.” Friends and family are invited to join them as they celebrate milestone anniversaries – whether it be 5 years or 50. Just as we celebrate newlyweds, it's nice to recognize these couples – and the love that has endured well after the honeymoon ended. Just as they witnessed their love for one another on their wedding day, they have continued to do so through the ensuing years by their example. Despite the inevitable hardships, they cling to one another; through disagreements and quarrels, they find a way back to each other – and I suspect they laugh together too. By sharing their stories we, too, can witness to others a love that endures through thick and thin. In doing so, we help build up our families, our communities, and our Church.

WITNESS You may have heard of *The Moth*, a popular storytelling platform. Each of us has a story to tell, and recording family “love stories” can be a fun way to witness to our children and grandchildren what good relationships look like. Take some time to interview your parents or others in your extended family about how they met, how they've overcome the challenges they have faced as a couple, and how they have kept God at the center.





What Is This? by Joe Sixpack

The obvious questions you've got to be asking yourself are, "What is this, and who in the world is Joe Sixpack?" Well, let's begin with the last question first.

Apparently Joe Sixpack is the person who is writing this little bulletin article, but Joe Sixpack is just a pen name. The reason I use the moniker Joe Sixpack is because the name pretty much sums up everyone...it's a name used interchangeably for John & Jane Q Public. So, at the risk of sounding sexist or politically incorrect, Joe Sixpack is the average woman and man sitting in your parish pew. I'm just a regular, everyday Catholic who is just like you. I have the same financial worries, the same family concerns, the same daily struggles as you...and I want to try to live right and do what God wants so I can one day go to heaven. Perhaps the only difference between this Joe Sixpack and most of the Joe Sixpacks reading this is, I'm a convert to Catholicism. Yeah, I realize that some (thankfully not all) "cradle Catholics" sort of view converts as interlopers, but those same folks seem to overlook one thing about we interloping converts: *we became Catholics because we were struck by the irresistible truths of Jesus Christ and made the conscious decision to become Catholics.*

Perhaps another little difference between this Joe Sixpack and you is that I'm a professional writer. I'm also a highly trained Marian Catechist, a catechetical organization founded by the Servant of God Fr. John Hardon, SJ. As a Marian Catechist, convert and writer, I really delved deeply into all things Catholic. I have studied the Church's teachings to the extreme. I've read and studied all the documents of Vatican II, the lives of scores of saints and historically notable Catholics, moral theology, sacramental theology, Church history, catechetics, and a host of other things that concern our glorious 2000 year doctrinal history. Most importantly, I've struggled over a quarter of a century following Christ's command to become a holy...which is why I now understand why we say we're "practicing" Catholics. The only logical reason anyone would spend all this effort at study is because such a person would be deliriously in love with Jesus Christ and his Church. I am, and I hope to help you feel the same.

I've been a Catholic since the late 1980s. I've seen all the scandals. I've witnessed all the experiments in the Church—catechetical, liturgical, social, *et cetera*—both successful and failed. St. John Paul II was the Supreme Pontiff when I entered the Church. Some of the times we've seen have tended to be a bit confusing, and some have been downright disappointing, but all have definitely been exciting.

Something that has disturbed me over the years has been the result of one of those little failed experiments I mentioned earlier. It seems that the vast majority of us Joe Sixpacks simply do not know and understand our holy and ancient faith as we should, and that results from some of

the failed experiments in catechesis that took place (and unfortunately caught hold) in the '70s and early '80s. Some of you may be thinking that you know our faith well, and you may indeed know it well, but I still contend that you probably do not.

If you can't tell yourself off the top of your head how many sacraments there are and name them, you likely don't know our faith.

If you can't explain what Baptism is, what it does, and why we have it, you likely don't know our faith.

If you can't explain what Confirmation is, what it does, and why we have it, you likely don't know our faith.

If you don't go to confession at least once a month, you likely don't know our faith.

If you can't explain what we mean by the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, you likely don't know our faith.

If you can't explain what the Mass is, you likely don't know our faith.

If you can't tell yourself or someone else why God created you—a question any Catholic 3rd grader could answer 60 years ago—you likely don't know our faith.

Now many of you gave explanations to these topics, but I'll bet even among those of you who did, most of you have a nagging thought in your mind about whether your explanation is really the right one. Well, we're going to try to help you learn what you need to know—*what all Catholics need to know*—about the Catholic faith.

About 150 years ago, Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said that the greatest tragedy in the Catholic Church is an ignorant laity. A lack of knowledge among the laity is especially tragic today. We live in a culture and society that believes in killing babies in the womb on demand, perverts the meaning and purpose of marriage, dumbs down our children so they will be unable to use simple logic and right reason in adulthood to lead truly productive lives, is absent of a moral compass so that anything is permitted that "feels good" without concern for the eternal consequences of our actions. Apparently your pastor agrees, which is why this insert is in your bulletin.

As long as you need it, *What We Believe...Why We Believe It* will be in your parish bulletin... every week. In little bite-size portions, we will begin to look at what the Church teaches from the 12 articles of the Apostles' Creed, the 7 Sacraments, the 10 Commandments, the life of prayer and virtue, apologetics, history, approved devotions, and the lives of the saints. Everybody loves a good story, so when it's possible to do so I'll use little stories to help you better understand the truths of our holy and ancient faith. As you read and begin to grasp a better understanding of the glories of Catholicism, you'll find your chest beginning to swell with pride and you'll actually discover a new excitement for our faith.

So I hope you take time each week to read and digest these single page inserts. And let me invite you to go to www.JoeSixpackAnswers.com, visiting our contact page to let us know what you think about *What We Believe...Why We Believe It*. Your input matters to me.

By the way, to answer why God created us: He created us to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this life so that we can be forever happy with Him in the next life. Once you know Him, you cannot help but love Him. When you love God you naturally want to serve Him, and he rewards that faithful love and service with eternity in heaven. That's *What We Believe...Why We Believe It*.

Got a question? Go to JoeSixpackAnswers.com.



Christ's Mission Appeal is upon us. This appeal is the primary way for all Catholics in the region to support the ministries of the Diocese of Saginaw.

The programs and assistance the Diocese is able to provide for parishes and people throughout central Michigan are more widespread, and often more cost effective, than if a parish offered them individually.

Annually, every parish receives an "assessment" from the Diocese indicating the amount of the total goal of the appeal that the parish is responsible to raise. The assessments are based on several factors such as numbers of parishioners and demographics within the parish boundaries. While individual parish assessments fluctuate year-to-year, the overall goal of Christ's Mission Appeal (formerly Catholic Services Appeal – CSA) has not changed in 14 years.

Our assessment here at Good Shepherd Parish is: **\$52,460**. This is **7% less** than our assessment for the previous Christ's Mission Appeal.

Some of the ways that Christ's Mission Appeal helps at Good Shepherd include:

- Spiritual, practical and theological training of lay ministers
- Live and virtual youth events
- Publication of Faith Saginaw magazine – which is produced six times annually
- Assistance in securing Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness during the pandemic
- Thank you for your generosity of last years appeal

You will be receiving a packet with more information about Christ's Mission Appeal in your mail within the next few days.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge.

