

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021**

Wed. Sept. 15th 11:30am St. John
Cancelled Sept. 16th 7:00pm St. Columbkille
Fri. Sept. 17th 9:00am St. John
(Adoration following Mass until 11:00am)
Sat. Sept. 18th 5:00pm St. John
Sun. Sept. 19th 8:30am St. Joseph
Sun. Sept. 19th 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, Sept. 13th

1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, Sept. 14th

Numbers 21:4b-9 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

Wednesday, Sept. 15th

1 Timothy 3:14-16 John 19:25-27

Thursday, Sept. 16th

1 Timothy 4:12-16 Luke 7:36-50

Friday, Sept. 17th

1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, Sept. 18th

1 Timothy 6:13-16 Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, Sept. 19th

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16 --- 4:3 Mark 9:30-37



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 - \$4656.00

Loose - \$184.00

Building Fund - \$165.00

Haiti Collection - \$50.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

119 Envelopes used

Donations:

In Loving memory of Marvin & Mary Anna Longuski, by
Jim & Delphine Czewski

In memory of our son, Mark Robert Sweeney, by
Robert & Carol Sweeney

Mass Intentions for Weekend Sept. 11 & 12

Saturday St John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Joseph: + Meinard Guza

Sunday St. Columbkille: + Tom Lautner

In This Sunday Readings:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34 Living our lives as followers of Jesus means caring for others as well as ourselves. We are called to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given to us - and to share them generously. It is important to remember that living a stewardship lifestyle is not just for when it is convenient, but any time that others need my help through my God-given gifts.

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.



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

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Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation education program of Good Shepherd Parish has started. Please pray for all who come together on Wednesdays and Sundays (youth group). Our Wednesday program includes children:

Kindergarten through 6th grade

Ubyly: 6-7:30pm (Sept. 15, 22, 29)

Argyle: 6-7:30pm (Sept. 14, 21, 28)

Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm (Sept. 15, 22, 29)

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will be starting on Sept. 19th at 5pm. until 8pm. Youth group is for all 7-12 grades. We will start with sharing a meal, working on our schedule, so come hungry & bring your schedule so we can plan dates that work for everyone. Hope to see you all.

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. 3 & Oct. 10 at 6:30 pm. For more information, please call Dana Irion @ 989-553-0585 or Fr. Nate @ 989-658-8824

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

Sept. 13: Olave Bukoski, Carol Beaudin, Del Czewski
Sept. 20: Barb Roggenbuck, Rose Maikrzek, Ann Ympa
Sept. 27: Del Czewski, Mary Jane Zurek, Jeanene Schmidt

5:00pm Saturday Sept. 18th St. John

Lector: Del Czewski

EMHC: Del Czewski

Altar Server: Maze Gusa

Ushers: Len Briolat, Jim Czewski, Jim Osentoski, Whitey Pawlosky

8:30am Sunday Sept. 19th St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Greeter: Rod Walsh

Ushers: Chuck Izydorek, Gordon Farrelly, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Sept. 19th St Columbkille

Lector: Kathy Cregeur, Katie Sweeney

EMHC: Jerry Sweeney, Vicki Tordia

Altar Servers: Luke Roth, Brayden Sweeney

Greeters: Aaron Tordia, Paige Sweeney

Gift Bearers: Marie & Caleb Roth

Ushers: Dan Cregeur, Marv Osentoski, Clarence Wolschlager

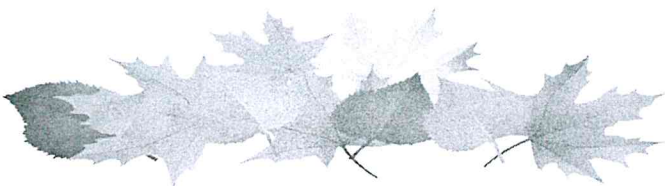
Upcoming Safe Environment/VIRTUS Training

An on-site Safe Environment/VIRTUS training session will be conducted at Saint Hubert Parish of Bad Axe, 311 Whitelam St., Bad Axe, MI 48413 on Monday, September 13, 2021 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Lorraine Keller 989-269-7729 st.hubertparish@yahoo.com with questions.

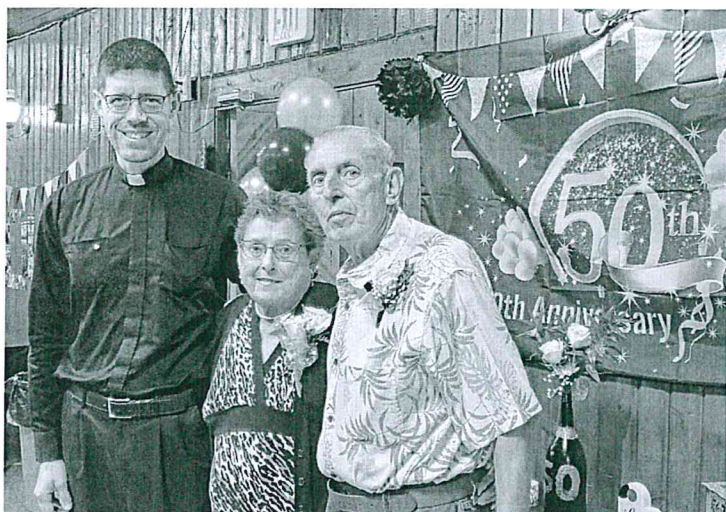
CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The first meeting for Christian Mothers is Sept. 15th 2021 at 7:00pm. Election for officers at this meeting if you are interested in keeping this group going

PLEASE ATTEND!!



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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 September, the month of **Our Lady of Sorrows!**

(Happy 50th Anniversary to Frank and Marie Lasceksi! Heavenly Father, bless them!)

First, some holy humor: There was a knock on the door this past Saturday morning. I opened it to find a young, well-dressed man standing there who said: "Hello sir, I'm a Jehovah's

Witness. So I said, "Come in and sit down." I offered him a fresh cup of coffee and asked, "What do you want to talk about?" He said, "Beats me. Nobody ever let me in before."

Praise Report: As I was buying a coffee at the Metamora General Store, the cashier noticed I was wearing a Christian T-Shirt. She asked me, what denomination is that? I said, I don't know, I'm actually Catholic, I got this shirt at a thrift store. I said I'm the pastor of a Catholic parish in Uby called Good Shepherd Parish. Then another customer came, and I sat down at the table to enjoy the coffee. After a few minutes, the cashier walked over to me and asked me a question. She said her 20 year old friend had just died, and she was worried she would be lonely in heaven. I said, you don't need to worry about that, because Scripture tells us that in heaven, we will be with God who will satisfy every one of our desires. She will not be lonely since she'll be surrounded by the saints and our Mother Mary. She will have all eternity to get to know them. The cashier told me that what I said gave her peace. I told her that as Catholics we pray for those who have died, in case they are in need of purification if they're not ready for Heaven. I promised I'd pray for her friend and offer a Mass for her, in case she needed any purification. She was very grateful. Then she asked me other questions about God, etc. I'm grateful to the Lord I was wearing that Christian T-shirt from the thrift store!

New Opportunity for Reconciliation/Confession: Saturdays 4:15pm at St. John, before 5:00pm Mass



Holy Heroes: St. Peter Claver (Feast: September 9)

(Picture: Photo from James Martin, SJ- Twitter) From www.catholicculture.org: "Peter was born of a distinguished family in Catalonia, Spain in 1581. He joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and after his novitiate in Taragona was sent to the college of Montesione, at Palma in Majorca. There he met Brother Alphonse Rodriguez (also a saint), the humble porter of the convent. Alphonse set Peter's soul on fire to save the souls of the African

slaves — thousands being lost because there was no one to minister to them. His superiors finally sent Peter to New Granada in April of 1610. He was never to return to his native Spain.

“By 1615 Peter finished his studies and was ordained a priest in Cartagena [Columbia]. When he made his final vows, he added a personal one: Peter, slave of the slaves for ever. Here in this busy seaport city, in a hot, humid, tropical climate, Father Claver spent most of his priestly life. Cartagena was the principal slave market for the New World. Thousands of blacks were brought there, herded into warehouses and auctioned to the highest bidder. Captured in Africa, these slaves were chained in groups of six and crammed into the lower holds of ships designed to hold 100-200, but holding 600-800 humans. Their treatment was so inhumane that 1/3 of the slaves died in the sea journey.

“It was to these people that Peter would minister. He would meet each slave ship as it arrived. Peter would go to the warehouses and bring them food, water, medicine and clothing, for, as he said “We must speak to them with our hands, before we try to speak to them with our lips”. But most of all, he brought them God. While nursing them back to health, he would teach them of Christ, explain to them that they were loved by God more than they were abused by man, and that evil outraged God. He offered their only consolation: hope in the promises of God. Nearly three hundred thousand of them received baptism at his hands.

“After twenty-seven years of devotion to the black slaves, St. Peter Claver died at Cartagena on September 8, 1654. Leo XIII canonized him on January 15, 1888, proclaiming him special patron and protector of the negroes.”

From a letter by St. Peter Claver: “Yesterday, May 30, 1627, on the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, numerous blacks, brought from the rivers of Africa, disembarked from a large ship... Then we sat, or rather knelt, beside them and bathed their faces and bodies with wine. We made every effort to encourage them with friendly gestures and displayed in their presence the emotions which somehow naturally tend to hearten the sick.

“After this we began an elementary instruction about baptism, that is, the wonderful effects of the sacrament on body and soul. When by their answers to our questions they showed that they had sufficiently understood this, we went on to a more extensive instruction, namely, about the one God, who rewards and punishes each one according to his merit, and the rest. We asked them to make an act of contrition and to manifest their detestation of their sins. Finally, when they appeared sufficiently prepared, we declared to them the mysteries of the Trinity, the Incarnation and the Passion. Showing them Christ fastened to the cross, as he is depicted on the baptismal font on which streams of blood flow down from his wounds, we led them in reciting an act of contrition in their own language.”



Home Made Cards: Some young and talented parishioners made these beautiful blank cards for me to send to people. If you're interested in making cards, thank you and get-well-soon, please let me know, and I can give you materials.

Let Us Pray: (Pope's SEPTEMBER Intention): “that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this”, 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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Is 50:5-9a | Jas 2:14-18 | Mk 8:27-35

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

I think it can be easy to romanticize faith: the post-retreat high, the inspirational homily, even the motivational wall art that pops up on Pinterest. But *keeping* the faith can be hard sometimes. And living it out? Even harder. Today's readings both challenge and encourage us, as they so often do. The Letter of James pulls no punches: Faith without works is "dead." And in today's Gospel, right after Peter says, "You are the Christ," Jesus tempers that Good News, telling him that even the Son of Man must suffer greatly. We who follow Jesus must also be willing to take up our cross. This is a daily challenge to choose life over death; to choose the transformative power of Jesus over sin that creeps into our lives; to make the choice to put others' needs before our own. None of this is easy. But as the prophet Isaiah reminds us, we don't have to do it alone; indeed, the Lord God is our help. We can choose well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm inspired when the young people in our parish assist with the Sunday liturgy and do service projects in the community. As a working parent (and back when I was a "stay-at-home" mom), I tell myself, maybe someday when things slow down, I'll do more. But honestly, I think the teens in the youth group - between work, school, and sports - are busier than I am. As we listen to today's readings, wherever we may be in life and faith, what stands out? Is it James' entreaty to pair faith with works? Or Jesus' words that "whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it"? Or the prophet Isaiah's rock-solid faith? Today's readings give us many ways to witness to our faith in Jesus - through prayer, service, generosity, perseverance, works, and words. We can ask the Holy Spirit to show us which of these gifts we can share with others this week.

ACTIONS Brainstorm new ways to witness to your faith. It could be as simple as picking up extra food for the pantry in the back of church or changing up "Grace" at dinner to add prayers for others.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH INVITES YOU TO

A DAY OF FOOD ≠ FAITH ≠ SONG

WHEN?

Sunday September 26, 2021

WHAT IS IT?

*12:00pm: FOOD: free meal provided by our parish

*1:00pm: FAITH: Catholic speaker Sheri Wohlfert will help us fall in love with God and with our Catholic Faith

*2:00pm: SONG: music performed by local musicians including Fr. Nate Harburg (if you'd like to perform a song, instrumental or sung, religious or non-religious, original or cover, contact the office 658-8824

WHERE?

Good Shepherd Parish Center Gym,
1935 Hamilton St., Ubly, MI

WHY?

1. To allow us to "renew & reconnect" and build community
2. To evangelize by inviting friends/family to a fun parish event

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Sheri Wohlfert is a Catholic wife, mom, speaker and teacher. She uses her great sense of humor and her deep faith to help others discover the joy of being a child of God.

**PLEASE RSVP (for food count)
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