

# To God *be the* GLORY



*Great Things He Hath Done!*

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

Wed.	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30am	St. John
Thur.	Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St. John
(Adoration following Mass until 11:00am)			
Sat.	Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	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. 20<sup>th</sup>

Ezra 1:1-6 Luke 8:16-18

#### Tuesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:9-13

#### Wednesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ezra 9:5-9 Luke 9:1-6

#### Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Haggai 1:1-8 Luke 9:7-9

#### Friday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

Haggai 2:1-9 Luke 9:18-22

#### Saturday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a Luke 9:43b-45

#### Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

Number 11:25-29 James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45-48



### 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 - \$5749.00

Loose - \$196.00

Building Fund - \$215.00

Haiti Collection - \$100.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

112 Envelopes used

### Donations:

In loving memory of Joseph Pichla by Beatrice Pichla

In memory of our son, Mark Robert Sweeney, by  
Beatrice Pichla

In memory of Joseph Pichla by Ron & Doreen Pichla

### Mass Intentions for Weekend Sept. 18 & 19

Saturday St John: + Richard Maikrzek

Sunday St. Joseph: + Charlotte Romzek

Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

### In This Sunday Readings:

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last  
of all and the servant of all." Mark 9:35

We are called to be servants to one other; to help one  
another; to love one another. Being a servant to others  
means that we just share the gifts that we are given  
from God. In this way, we are also serving God.

### Dear God,

Thank you for the amazing teachers and volunteers  
who have given their lives to serve our children. As  
they prepare for the New Year, fill them with strength  
to lead, grace to guide and hope to thrive in their  
classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their  
willingness to pour into the next generation  
through education. Amen

**Please keep in your prayers...**

**All Catechists at Good Shepherd Parish**

Edie Izydorek, Zita Goebel, Valerie Fischer, Kerri  
Kempisty, Kathy Cregeur, Dana Irion, Melissa Sweeney,  
Lori Uhl, Sheila Grifka, Kim Keller, Debbie Smielewski,  
Lori Osantoski, Diane Smalley, Amy Sweeney,  
Catherine Brinkman, Christy Sweeney, Annette Allore,  
Jeremy Roth, Malorey Roth, Maria Roth,  
Pauline Long, Kimmie Peplinski,  
Zoe Tyrrell, Jacie Tyrrell.

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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 6<sup>th</sup> grade

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

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

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

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will be meeting this Sunday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 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

## A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to give a big thank you to Greg Guza and his crew for putting on the roof on the rectory in Ubyly. We are so grateful for all the work they did. Thanks again for everything.

## VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

Sept. 20: Barb Roggenbuck, Rose Maikrzek, Ann Ympa

Sept. 27: Del Czewski, Mary Jane Zurek, Jeanene Schmidt

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

### 5:00pm Saturday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> St. John

Lector: Luci Kubacki

EMHC: Luci Kubacki

Altar Server: Kylie Keller

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

### 8:30am Sunday Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph

Lector: Suzanne Kroetsch

EMHC: Chuck Izydorek

Greeter: Lisa Briolat

Ushers: Kevin Hessling, Steve Briolat, Bill Izydorek

### 10:30am Sunday Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Amy Sweeney

EMHC: Val Fischer, Jerry Fischer

Altar Servers: Mayah & Broden Peruski

Greeters: Matt, Jack, Ben Kubacki

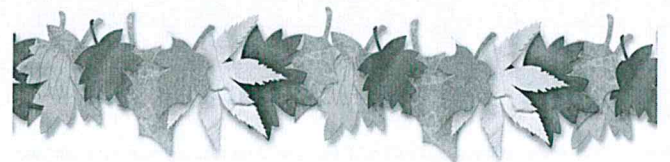
Gift Bearers: Aaron Tordia, Trent Sweeney

Ushers: Jack Kubacki, Matt Kubacki, 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.

*Give Thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good.  
Psalm 107:1*



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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!**

*(Pete Kreiner and yours truly at our St. Paul Street Evangelization table at the Fall Family Days at the Octagon Barn. We and other Good Shepherd Parishioners handed out rosaries, medals, pamphlets, and prayed over some people for healing. Please pray for everyone who took materials, that they would be open to giving their hearts to Christ and His Church!)*



**First, some holy humor:** Two enthusiastic church members were going door to door to invite neighbors to an upcoming event at the church. They knocked on the door of a woman who had a reputation for not being fond of “church” visitors. She told them in no uncertain terms that she did not care to hear what they had to say and slammed the door in their faces. To her surprise, however, the door bounced back open. She tried again with the same result. Convinced these church folk were somehow preventing her door from shutting, she reared back to give it a big slam, when one of them said, “Ma’am, before you do that again, you should probably move your cat.”

**Praise Report:** Our Good Shepherd Prayer Warriors have been praying for my mother Barb who had Covid quite seriously. Thanks to your prayers, and the expertise of her cousin, she is doing much better. My dad drove her to see her cousin, Dr. Damon Whitfield, in Columbus, OH, a Covid specialist. He has successfully treated many serious Covid patients with various treatments that are not mainstream (yet) such as blood oxygenation treatments. (His number is 614-792-2779)

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



**Holy Heroes: St. Matthew** (Feast: September 21)  
Painting by Hendrick ter Brugghen- 1621; From [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org): “No one was more shunned by the Jews than a publican, who was a Jew working for the Roman enemy by robbing his own people and making a large personal profit. Publicans were not allowed to trade, eat, or even pray with other Jews.”

“One day, while seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at Matthew and said two words: “Follow me.” This was all that was needed to make Matthew rise, leaving his pieces of silver to follow Christ. His original name, “Levi,” in Hebrew signifies “Adhesion” while his new name in Christ, Matthew, means “Gift of God.” The only other outstanding mention of Matthew in the Gospels is the dinner party for Christ and His companions to which he invited his fellow tax-collectors. The Jews were surprised to see Jesus with a publican, but Jesus explained that he had come “not to call the just, but sinners.”

“St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist, with his Gospel being the first in the New Testament. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke and was written to convince the Jews that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus.

“Not much else is known about Matthew. According to tradition, he preached in Egypt and Ethiopia and further places East. Some legends say he lived until his nineties, dying a peaceful death, others say he died a martyr's death.

“In the traditional symbolization of the evangelists, based on Ezech. 1:5-10 and Rev. 4:6-7, the image of the winged man is accorded to Matthew because his Gospel begins with the human genealogy of Christ.” He is the Patron of accountants; bankers; bookkeepers, etc.

*HOW TO CELEBRATE? Give some money to a charity; make silver dollar pancakes; text any friends named Matthew “Happy Feast Day!”*

**Ask Padre: Is Jesus half God and half human?** No, Jesus Christ is 100% God and 100% Human. Here are the words of the Nicene Creed, with my comments in brackets: Jesus is “born of the Father before all ages [he has no beginning]. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made [He always existed, and was outside of time, but took flesh and entered the experience of time when He became a human being], consubstantial with the Father [While Jesus is a separate person from the Father, He is one in being with the Father; Jesus said “the Father and I are one”]; through him all things were made.” Thank you Jesus for saving us through your divinity and your humanity! Thank you for divinizing us, sanctifying us, making us more and more like Yourself, when we say yes to You.



**Organ for Sale:** The organ works; for sale for best offer. Please contact the office if interested.

**Quote to Inspire:** In His letter Spe Salvi, or Saved in Hope, Pope Benedict XVI writes: “Man was created for greatness—for God himself; he was created to be filled by God. But his heart is too small for the greatness to which it is destined. It must be stretched...” How do we allow God to stretch our hearts? Through prayer, scripture, sacraments, and works of mercy and love.

**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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Wis 2:12, 17-20 | Jas 3:16—4:3 | Mk 9:30-37

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

I have a competitive nature. As an older runner, I strive to place high in my age group (maybe even pick off runners older than I one at a time as we near the finish of a race - of course, I can neither confirm nor deny that). Oh, to be first! There is nothing inherently wrong with healthy competition. However, constantly striving to be the “best” or the “first” in other areas of life - career, parenting, even holiness - can quickly lead to frustration and burnout. As the disciples jostled for “first place,” Jesus gently but directly corrected them: “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Like the Apostles, we tend to focus on our achievements as a measure of our worth, forgetting why we are here: to serve others. We can ask Jesus to help us gain the “wisdom from above” and the characteristics so beautifully described by Saint James: pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Reading today’s Gospel from Mark, I am struck by the image of Jesus embracing a child: “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” Most of us picture our own children, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, or nephews. Of course we would embrace them! However, Scripture scholars point out that for Jesus, the child symbolized the *anawim*, a Hebrew word for the poor, the lowly, the vulnerable, the oppressed. Picture, then, not just children but those we might be less eager to immediately embrace: ragged men on the corner, immigrants at the border, the neighbor’s son with schizophrenia, prisoners or ex-convicts. Jesus challenges us not to avert our eyes but to “embrace” them - whether that means offering a cup of coffee, becoming a pen pal, stopping to chat, or finding another way to accompany them. Scholars tell us that the *anawim* share a total dependence upon God, something we all have in common regardless of our life’s circumstances.

**ACTIONS** Seek “wisdom from above” at the beginning of each day. In the evening, reflect on the ways God has held you in his loving embrace through the kindness of others, moments in nature, simple pleasures. Say thank you.

Carve out a  
new tradition.

# Give Blood!



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