

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021**

Wed.	Sept. 8 th	11:30am	St. John
Thur.	Sept. 9 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Sept. 10 th	9:00am	St. John
(Adoration following Mass until 11:00am)			
Sat.	Sept. 11 th	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Sept. 12 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Sept. 12 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Confessions for this Week

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John
Thursdays after 7pm Mass St Columbkille
Starting Saturday Sept. 11th there
will be Confession before Mass
at St. John's @ 4:15pm.

Readings for the Week

Monday, Sept. 6th

Colossians 1:24-2:3 Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, Sept. 7th

Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, Sept. 8th

Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 1:18-32

Thursday, Sept. 9th

Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 6:27-38

Friday, Sept. 10th

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, Sept. 11th

1 Timothy 1:15-17 Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, Sept. 12th

Isaiah 50:4c-9a

James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35



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 - \$4429.00

Loose - \$611.00

Building Fund - \$120.00

Haiti Collection - \$2055.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

127 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend Sept. 4 & 5

Saturday St John: Elaine Briolat

Sunday St. Joseph: + June Burns

Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

In This Sunday Readings:

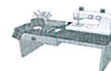
"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5 Who is rich? Those who have money and possessions, or those who are full of faith and who put God and others first in their lives? While society tells us that "things" make one rich, God has a different message. Financial wealth and material items can bring temporary "happiness," but often leave one feeling "empty" and wanting more. When we put faith over possessions, we are never left empty.

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.

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!!



Sew What Day!!

Fall is upon us so, sewing is starting again!!
Come learn to sew or bring to finish. Do something with new friends, starting up in Argyle, St. Joseph's Hall September 10th 9:00 am. Bring a dish to pass & your sewing stuff call Edie for more info (810)404-9887.

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FAITH FORMATION

The first Faith Formation meeting is for all parents and children at the parish center September 8 at 6pm. If you know of any children/families new to the program please call the parish office to give them contact information. Registration packets have been sent out.

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.

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 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:

Tuesday Sept 7: Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Mary Jane Zurek
Sept. 13: Olave Bukoski, Carol Beaudin, Del Czewski
Sept. 20: Barb Roggenbuck, Rose Maikrzek, Ann Ympa

5:00pm Saturday Sept. 11th St. John

Lector: Alger Lemke
EMHC: Judy Messing
Altar Server: Utah Gusa
Ushers: Bob Brahmer, John Guigar, Richard Trepkoski, Curly Messing

8:30am Sunday Sept. 12th St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl
EMHC: Lori Uhl
Greeter: Bruce Uhl
Ushers: Steve Briolat, Gordon Farrelly, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Sept. 12th St Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek
EMHC: Kevin Romzek, Dana Irion
Altar Servers: Sarah Romzek, Laura Romzek
Greeters: Ernie & Marge Messing
Gift Bearers: Keara & AJ Langley
Ushers: Kendall Irion, Ronnie Irion, Camden Peruski

Attention: College Students

As you embark on a new school year learning all you can. Remember to continue learning & practicing your Catholic Faith. All the Parishes offers groups to help you become the person God created you to be.

CMU: St. Mary's University Parish

Mass times: Sunday @ 5pm & Wed. @ 4:30pm
stmarycmu.org

SVSU: St. John Paul II Catholic Mini

Mass time: Sunday at 6:00pm @ Founder Hall
svcatholics.org

FSU: stmarystpaulbr.org

MSU: stjohnmsu.org

Oakland University: sjfchapel.org

G.V.S.U.: stlukegvsu.org

U of M: stmarystudentparish.org

For more information you can go to Newman Connection.

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Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

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



Addyson Kubik of the Lakeside 4-H Club from Palms with her cross breed steer, Maizey.

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy September, the month of **Our Lady of Sorrows!**

(Parishioner Addyson Kubik with her steer at the fair; yours truly checking out parishioners Tom & Julie Morneau's trike)



First, some holy humor: The doctor tells the heart-attack patient that he will die without a heart transplant, but two organs are available — the heart of a U.S. Congressman and the heart of a pastor. "I want the Congressman's," the patient says. "Why?" the doctor asks.

"It's easy," the patient replies. "Pastors are all bleeding hearts, whereas the Congressman has probably never used his."

Liturgical Year: September Highlights (www.catholicculture.org):

"During September, as in all of Ordinary Time..., the Liturgy does not focus on one particular mystery of Christ, but views the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. We follow the life of Christ through the Gospels, and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it means for us to be a follower of Christ. During Ordinary Time we can concentrate more on the saints and imitate their holiness as Christ's

followers. This month the main liturgical feasts are *St. Gregory the Great (September 3), Birth of Mary (September 8), St. Peter Claver (September 9), St. John Chrysostom (September 13), Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14), Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15) Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian (September 16), St. Robert Bellarmine (September 17), St. Andrew Kim and Companions (September 20), St.*

Matthew (September 21), St. Pio (September 23), St. Vincent de Paul (September 27), Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (September 29) and St. Jerome (September 30).



Praise Report: our parishioner Annette Allore was diagnosed with P.A.D. (Peripheral Artery Disease) in her leg. A few weeks later, a priest prayed over her and asked Jesus to lay His healing hands upon her leg to heal it. The next time Annette was checked, the doctor told her amazing news: she no longer has P.A.D., and she has good cholesterol! Thank you Jesus

Venerable Fr. Placido Cortese: (Article from The Pillar weekly email, subscribe at pillar.catholic.com. His picture on left)

"Pope Francis on Sunday moved to its next step the canonization cause of Fr. Placido Cortese, a Conventual Franciscan who died in 1944, at 37 years old. He was a journalist, running a Franciscan magazine until 1943,

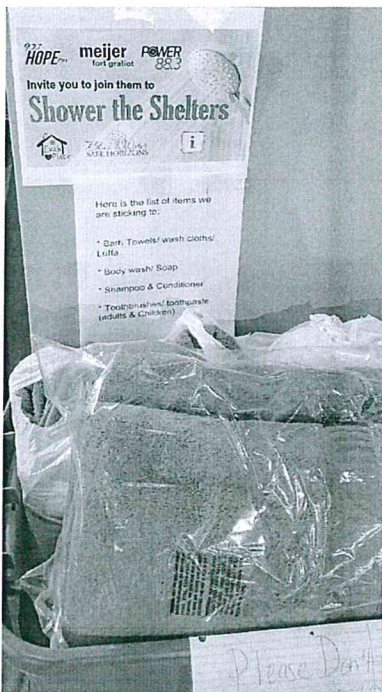
writing articles and taking photos of the Church's work, especially as the Second World War ravaged Italy.

"His network of contacts eventually made him an organizer; he helped funnel hundreds of Jewish families to safe houses and obtain for them forged passports, he helped smuggle them, along with British prisoners of war and other political prisoners, out of Italy and into Switzerland. He built up stores of cash, clothing, and documents, and he got them where they needed to go.

"Fr. Cortese ran his underground network from his confessional. He'd sit for hours in a confessional in the Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua, and from there, he'd put plans into motion. "Penitents" would enter, give him information in coded language, and he'd give them instructions in the same. Except that eventually, he was reported to the Gestapo.

"He left the basilica on October 13, 1944, and was ferried off the street into a waiting car. He was taken to a Gestapo bunker by the Italian seaside. He didn't die until sometime in November. For weeks before that, he was tortured for information. He endured unspeakable physical and psychological torture, and then he may have been buried alive.

"In those last few weeks, he turned to the cross. Prisoners of war recounted that he never broke silence, never gave up information, and kept faith in Christ until his final breath. May the Venerable Fr. Placido Cortese pray for us."



Shower the Shelters: At "The Well" coffeehouse downtown Sandusky, you can drop off items to help the shelters Eva's Place and Blue Water Safe Horizons. They are accepting: bath towels, wash cloths, luffa, body wash, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste

A Day of FOOD + FAITH + SONG

WHEN? Sunday September 26, 2021, 12pm-3pm

WHERE? Good Shepherd Parish Center Gym, 1935 Hamilton St., Ugly, MI

WHAT IS IT? 12:00pm: free meal provided (PLEASE RSVP to 989-658-8824 or goodshepherd48475@gmail.com);

1:00pm: Catholic speaker Sheri Wohlfert;

2:00pm: music performed by local musicians including Fr. Nate (if you'd like to perform a song contact the office 658-8824 or goodshepherd48475@gmail.com)

WHY? 1. To "renew & reconnect" and build community; 2. To evangelize by inviting friends/family

"Ask the Padre" Q&A: Have questions about our Catholic faith, morals, how to grow as a disciple of our King, etc.? Submit Q's by emailing: nateharburg@gmail.com or write Q on a paper and drop in offertory basket. Some Q's will be answered in the bulletin.

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

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH INVITES YOU TO

A DAY OF FOOD ≠ FAITH ≠ SONG

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Sunday September 26, 2021

WHAT IS IT?

*12:00pm: FOOD: free meal provided by the St. Joseph Altar Society

*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



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)
989-658-8824 OR
goodshepherd48475
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Sept. 5, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a | Jas 2:1-5 | Mk 7:31-37

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

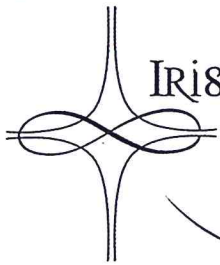
Our oldest son is deaf. I vividly remember watching him notice sounds for the first time in the days after his cochlear implant was activated: the “caw” of a crow, a doorbell, the low rumble of the furnace kicking in. Our job as parents was to provide a running commentary to help him understand the meaning of each sound that so many of us take for granted: “See the birds? That is a crow!” “Your dad is home.” “The heat is coming on.” I’m reminded of those early days when I read Mark’s account of Jesus restoring hearing to the deaf man. While most of us can hear, so often we take the sounds all around us for granted or relegate them to background noise – including the Scripture we hear at Mass each week. As Bishop Robert Barron writes, “This deaf man stands for all of us who do not hear the word of God, who have grown oblivious to it.” As we listen to today’s readings, we can ask Jesus to open our ears and our hearts to the word of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Mark spares no detail in describing Jesus’ encounter with the deaf man who had a speech impediment. Jesus places a finger in his ear and spits, touching his tongue, then utters the word “*Ephphatha!* (“Be opened”) Immediately, the man can hear and speak clearly. When listening to this reading, I often focus on the man’s hearing. But Jesus also cured the man’s speech impediment, which I think indicates we’re not supposed to just hear God’s word, we are to speak to it, and speak of it. Once we allow Jesus to open our ears and hearts to the Good News, sharing it will begin to come naturally. There may still be times when our Catholic tongues feel tied, but “Be strong, fear not!” Jesus will give us the words.

ACTIONS Next time you take a drive, listen to the day’s Scripture readings. Ask Jesus to open your ears and hearts to his words and show you how best to share them with others. And most teachers would agree: The more senses we engage, the more we take in. If you have trouble following the readings at Mass, open your missalette and read along silently.



IRISH PALLOTTINE MISSIONARY CENTER

Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Mother of Divine Love Province)

Tanzania: Siuyu Rehabilitation Center for children with special needs

Pope Francis talks about bringing the Gospel of Joy to the peripheries of society and I have experienced it during my three years of pastoral work as a Pallottine in the Diocese of Singida in central Tanzania. All this happens in a small remote village called Siuyu in East Africa where Fr. Tommy Ryan has lived and work for over 30 years.



Having read correctly the signs of the times, and having experienced the need to protect the rights of children and in particular those with special needs, Fr. Tommy opened a Rehab Center for them. In this Center all children with various mental and physical needs are invited for care, those who were rejected by society and those who could not find a home. To all of them Fr. Tommy gave shelter. This is truly a "Pallottine mission in the peripheries."

The Center continues to receive

an enormous number of children, indeed more than it can afford to support, but Fr. Tommy, in collaboration with the other Pallottine entities in the area are doing everything possible to find a place for them.

He is true to his principles that 'no fee is charged and no child is turned away'. The children call him "babu" meaning, grandfather. Not because of his age but rather because he reflects an image of a good and generous grandfather who has an undivided love for all his grandchildren in the way he cares for all.

The Center was described as a "Cradle of God's mercy in the Diocese of Singida", when Cardinal Polycarp Pengo visited the Diocese during the centennial celebrations of evangelization in 2007, and for a decade now this Center remains a place where



mercy comes into action, through Fr Tommy, the Pallottine Missionary Sisters, and their collaborators.

Siuyu Rehabilitation Center is a unique and special apostolate of our Province in East Africa; where all Pallottine entities concretely collaborate in day to day basis running of this apostolate. Several Pallottine Missionary sisters work in the Center and Sr. Rose Ombay, CSCA, an occupational therapist, is resident in

the Center. Our Pallottine confreres in the Parish of Siuyu give ministerial service to both children in the Center and to the other members of the Union of Catholic Apostolate. Lay members of the UAC give invaluable service to ensure these children with special needs can live a more dignified life. This is what St. Vincent Pallotti called us to do. I strongly believe that St. Vincent's dream has found its realization and manifestation today in this little East African village of Siuyu, where the Center is located.

The success of this Center depends entirely on Divine Providence which is manifested in the form of the generosity of the Parishes in Singida Diocese, the Mother of Divine Love Province, and small Christian Communities in the area, individual donations, donors, volunteers as well as very many people of good will.

I personally consider the Center as an Apostolate where Pallottines have gone to the periphery in order to minister to the "forgotten" in this part of Tanzania.

Thanks to Fr. Tommy Ryan, to the Pallottine Missionary Sisters and to all who have collaborated in order to implement this mission in Siuyu.

Fr. Allan Bukenya, SAC

Director of Promotion in East Africa



Mission of the Pallottine Missionary Sisters in the periphery

Our Challenging Mission among the Maasai



cially among young women. We felt that this is an incredible gift and particular invitation. How can then we refuse to reach out to these Maasai people, who have not yet been evangelized and to these women and children who need education? We realize it will not be easy to begin a mission and that it will involve many sacrifices but it is God's work. We believe it is what Pope Francis is calling us to do. In February 2017 sisters Veronica Ghuliku and Theresa Gurti began our new mission in Dakawa Parish working at the parish kindergarten, and soon they will start a school at Morogoro.

Sisters are kept busy every day experiencing life in the bush and helping the Maasai people.

A special invitation of the parish priest from Dakawa, in the Diocese of Morogoro, was given to our Pallottine Missionary Sisters in Tanzania, during the Year of Mercy. Most of the people who reside in this particular area are Maasai, a tribe which is known world-wide for its strong culture and tradition. The Maasai are mainly nomads with little education, who put great value on cattle, goats and sheep. For them the cows are more important than even human beings!

They need our help to raise the education in the pastoral tribes, espe-

Most Maasai are intelligent and have a desire to study, but some of their customs deprive them of their education; only the third child is allowed to go to school.

Thus both Sisters are kept busy every day experiencing life in the

bush and helping the Maasai people. Their apostolate varies from day to day.

They visit the people, just to get to know them and give them a chance to learn about their concerns, especially in regard to the mothers and widows, who mostly experienced early and forced marriages. Our sisters meet with young mothers to teach them how to read and write. Some women have cell-phones, but are unable to ring their friends or husbands, because they do not know numbers, they only know how to press the answer button. Regularly Maasi women share with the Sisters the difficulties they have experienced due to early or forced marriages. Their conversations often continue late in the night.

The sisters also take time to visit the sick and elderly people in their homes. The Maasai have no idea of gardening, but one of the sisters is teaching them the skill.

This missionary life is hard and demanding, like the life of the Maasai.

*Pallottine Missionaries Sisters
Tanzania*

