

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time October 31, 2021

Nov. 1st Mon. 7:00pm St. Columbkille Tues. Nov. 2nd 7:00pm St. John Cemetery Wed. Nov. 3rd 11:30am St. John Thur. Nov. 4th 7:00pm St. Columbkille Nov. 5th Fri. 9:00am St. John

(All day Adoration following Mass until 4:00pm) Nov. 6th Sat. 4:00pm St. John Nov. 5th Sun. 8:30am St. Joseph Nov. 5th

Confessions for this Week

10:30am St. Columbkille

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John Thursdays after 7pm Mass St Columbkille Saturday 3:15pm before Mass St. John's

Readings for the Week

Monday, Nov. 1st

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12a Tuesday, Nov. 2nd

Wisdom 3:1-9 Romans 5:5-11

Wednesday, Nov. 3rd

Romans 13:8-10 Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, Nov. 4th

Romans 14:7-12 Luke 15:1-10

Friday, Nov. 5th

Romans 15:14-21 Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, Nov. 6th

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Luke 16:9-15

Sunday, Nov. 7th

1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44



Sun.

Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our family of faith:

Ryder Stanley Weltin Son of Darrell & Katie Weltin

Congratulations and welcome into our parish. May you experience the Lord every day of your life.

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4221.00 Loose - \$234.00 Building Fund - \$170.00 650 Parish Families (297 Family envelope holders) 118 Envelopes used

Donations:

In memory of Nick & Agnes Heleski by Marvin & Lorene

In memory of Walt & Dorothy Messing by Marvin & Lorene Messing

Mass Intentions for the of Week: October 25-31

Friday St. John: + Mark Smigielski Saturday St. John: + Harold Wrouble Sunday St. Joseph: + Charlotte Romzek Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Mass Intentions for the of Week:

November 1 & 7

Friday St. John: Tony Verellen Saturday St. John: + Gladys Briolat Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners Sunday St. Columbkille: + Mark Robert Sweeney

In This Sunday Readings:

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mark 12:33 Loving our neighbor can be difficult. Sometimes our neighbors, who we are called to love and serve, have different lifestyles, cultures and beliefs than us, but we are to love them through the sharing of our gifts. It is in our sharing of our gifts from God that serve and glorify Him.

ADORATION

This coming Friday, Nov. 5th, there will be adoration following 9am Mass until 4:00pm. @ St. John.

Office will be closed Monday to observe All Saints Day.

Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Sunday.

The first Wednesday of the month is Family gathering for all students & parents.

Kindergarten through 6th grade Argyle: 6-7:30pm (Nov. 3, 9, 16, 23) Ubly: 6-7:30pm (Nov. 3, 10, 17)

Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm (Nov. 3, 10, 17)

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group next meeting is Sunday Nov. 21st and Dec. 12th at 5pm. until 8pm. at the parish center. Youth group is for all 7-12 grades

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$2079.00. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

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, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Any questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088.

St John Cemetery; St. Columbkille; St. Joseph/St. Ignatius

Fall clean-up and removal of flowers will begin on November 1st. Please do not place any winter decorations on graves until fall clean-up is completed.

Mass Time Change

Just a reminder that the 5:00pm Saturday

Mass @ St. John will be changing on Nov.

6th 2021 to 4:00pm.

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

Tuesday Nov. 2: Olave Bukoski, Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin

Nov. 8: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski Nov. 15: Judy Messing, Shirley Piontkowski, Rose

Maikrzek

5:00pm Saturday Nov. 6th St. John

Lector: Luci Kubacki EMHC: Luci Kubacki Altar Server: Kylie Keller

Ushers: Jim Czewski, Jim Osentoski, Whitey Pawlosky,

Allen Peruski

8:30am Sunday Nov. 7th St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl
EMHC: Lori Uhl
Greeter: Bruce Uhl

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Bill Izydorek, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Nov. 7th St Columbkille

Lector: Nathan Prill

EMHC: Marge Messing, DeLany Peruski

Altar Servers: Roman Heleski & Brayden Sweeney

Greeters: Marge & Ernie Messing Gift Bearers: Osentoski Family Ushers: Rob, Matthew & Jack Kubacki



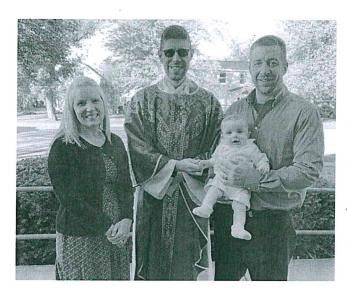
Thumb Veterans Organization Post #1

Pancake Breakfast at the TVO Hall, Ubly on Nov. 7th
serving from 8am - 12:00pm. The cost is adults \$8.00,
children (6-12) \$4.00 and free for 5 and under. Take
outs are available - Call Steve 989-315-1226
Proceeds to support area veterans!!

Knights of Columbus

Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: Wednesday 11/10/21 we will meet at 7:30pm at the Parish Center. We are always looking for New Members - call Jeff Maurer @ 989-553-4224. Our food pantry is available for anyone in need, located in Ubly. This is completely confidential and anonymous - call Jerry @989-550-9664. Jeff Maurer Grand Knight of Ubly/Sheridan Council-12850.



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**!

(Please welcome Ryder Stanley Weltin, newest member of the Body of Christ and member of our parish! Lord Jesus, thank you for baptizing him; please grow the grace of baptism in him, and may his parents and godparents be shining examples of love for You Lord and Your Church!)

First, some holy humor: Week after week, the man came to his pastor with a big problem. "When I go to bed, I can't sleep because I'm afraid of monsters under my bed. I know it's silly, but I can't help it." The pastor recommended prayer, reading the Bible, singing hymns, keeping the lights on, but nothing worked. One Sunday the man came to church happy and well rested. He got the answer from his friend, a carpenter. "He told me just to cut the legs off the bed!"

Praise Report: At a recent Youth Mass, a young boy was listening to the Gospel, in which Jesus tells the rich young man to sell all he has and give to the poor. Then he heard Fr. Nate's homily repeat these words. Later, at school, the boy gave away \$10 to his kindergarten classmates (which was meant for the book fair) because in his view they were poor, since they didn't have any money! I believe God will reward him for his generosity, and for trying his best to obey Jesus!

Ask Padre: Matthew 23:9 says "And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven." Why then do we call priests Father? (Thank you to the parish family member who asked me this)

Short answer: Jesus means, do not follow, or call "father" or teacher, those who claim to teach the Christian Faith outside of the authority Jesus himself established, which is the Catholic Church. Priests are called "Father" because they are spiritual fathers, much like other father figures in our lives. His congregation can rely upon him for instruction, forgiveness, a listening ear, and spiritual nourishment through Word and Sacrament. He is called to be a visible image or reflection of Christ.

More complete answer: from Fr. Ray Ryland at catholic.com: "Look again at the passage in which Jesus says we must call no one "father." In contrast to the attitudes of the Pharisees and others, Jesus is specifying the qualities Christian leaders must exhibit (Mt 23:1-12). The Pharisees aspired to being called "rabbi" (or "master" or "teacher"), leaders of schools of thought. Among the schools headed by teachers called "rabbi" there were divergences of belief, some of them in actual contradiction. A similar situation prevailed with regard to the term "father" (in Aramaic, abba, a title of honor). The title was given to well-known Jewish religious authorities of the past. As with "rabbi," so with "father." The term designated the progenitor [originator] of a particular, even contradictory, interpretation of the Jewish faith.

"Why did Jesus declare that no Christian leader is to be called "rabbi" or "father"? He was telling us that no leader may set up his own interpretation of the Catholic faith and seek followers for his opinions. The role of leaders in Christ's Church is faithfully to hand on Christ's teaching received through the apostles (Mt 28:19). The words of the apostle Paul [sum up] the essential attitude of the Christian teacher: "This is what I received from the Lord and in turn passed on to you" (1 Cor 11:23). Paul condemns in the church at Corinth "these slogans you have, like 'I am for Paul,' 'I am for Apollos,' I am for Cephas' (1 Cor 1:12)."

"The history of Protestantism is essentially the story of this very process—the unending proliferation of sectarian groups, saying "I am for Martin Luther" or "I am for John Calvin" or "I am for John Wesley." The World Christian Encyclopedia (David B. Barrett, ed.; Oxford, 1982) reported that in 1980 there were 20,780 distinguishable Christian denominations in the world... Every single one of these competing, contradicting denominations was formed by some person who said, in effect, "Call me 'Master,' call me 'Teacher'; I will tell you what the Christian truth is!"

"Jesus foresaw this problem and provided the means for avoiding it. In the passage under discussion, he tells us, "you have only one teacher, the Christ." And how are we to be taught by our one Teacher? By the means he provided. He founded the Church on the apostles and their successors, with a special role for Peter, the Rock, the earthly head of the Church. A Catholic knows that when the Church Christ founded speaks solemnly, Christ himself is speaking through her to each member." "Every follower of Christ wants to know the truth, for "the truth will make you free" (Jn 8:22). For acquiring that truth in its fullness, the Catholic Church established by Jesus Christ offers the only alternative to the chaos of ever-expanding denominationalism." [Fr. Ray writes these words out of love for our separated brothers and sisters, not condemnation]

"Incidentally, both Old and New Testaments associate priesthood with fatherhood (cf. Jgs 17:10, 18:19, and 1 Cor 4:15), but in this case, Jesus' command is not violated. Being a simple priest [called father] is in no way turning yourself into a guru and founding your own school of thought."

Fr. Nate's Favorite Podcasts:

Clerically Speaking- Fr. Harrison & Fr. Anthony

Catholic Latte- Fr. Eric Mah

The Daughters' Project - https://thedaughtersproject.com/

In Conversation with God - http://cwg.relevantradio.com/category/podcasts/

Divine Intimacy Radio - SpiritualDirection.com

The Word on Fire Show - Catholic Faith and Culture - https://www.wordonfireshow.com/

Sunday Gospel Podcasts- Dominican Sisters of St Joseph

Church Life Today- Dr. Lenny DeLorenzo, Ph.D., - https://think.nd.edu/series/church-life-today/

Mark Your Calendars: Advent Parish Mission with Richard Lane- Nov. 28-Dec. 1- details to come

This October, Let Us Pray: (Pope's Intention): "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" (Priest for Life Prayer): "For strong and effective pro-life homilies throughout the Church"

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



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Dt 6:2-6 | Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34



"Oh no," was my first thought when I began reading today's Gospel – "another scribe trying to trick Jesus." But this scribe agrees with Jesus: Loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself are the greatest commandments. When the scribe explains that loving God and your neighbor are worth more than all offerings or sacrifices, Jesus recognizes that the scribe took these commandments "to heart," as Moses had taught. He doesn't just know the law, he understands it. Because he understands it, Jesus assures him that he is not far from the kingdom of God. So, how can we grow in our understanding of what it means to love God and love our neighbor? We do this by spending time with Scripture and "taking to heart" his words; by prayerfully reflecting on Jesus' life and giving thanks for his sacrifice for us; by drawing closer to him through the sacraments; and by asking him to help us grow in our love for God, and for one another. An authentic love for God will show itself in love of neighbor, and the more we truly love one another, the greater our love for God will grow.

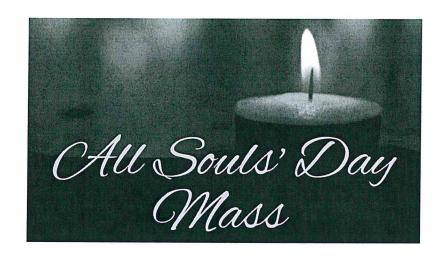
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Loving our neighbors is essential if we seek to draw them to God's love. For many of us, that's much easier said than done. It's not easy to love someone with whom we disagree or are in competition with. And these days, with so much division in society, it is all too simple to assume the worst rather than the best about others with whom we interact, or see on television. Can we commit to truly seeing others as God sees them – his beloved children, made in his own image? After all, it is through Jesus and in keeping his word that we become more like him, in thought and deed: "Whoever loves me will keep my word ... and my father will love him and we will come to him." Let us pray to see our neighbors as the Lord does; and pray that we ourselves might be the kind of neighbor in whom others may see God's image! We have the opportunity to be an example of, and a witness to, a love that forgives and is not overcome by fear or division.

PRAY As we prepare for the feast of All Souls, make an effort to see others as God sees them by reflecting on the lives of those who have loved you and what their lives have taught you about God's love. Attend Mass and give thanks for those you hold in your heart. Then pray honestly and sincerely for those with whom you know you have a difference of conviction or opinion, asking God to graciously answer all their needs and to care for them as you yourself would like to be cared for.





What? First, Holy Mass for *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*, especially those from <u>Good Shepherd Parish in 2020-21</u>. After Mass a Cemetery Service including a procession (each holding a provided candle) around the cemetery (staying on pavement), a Litany of Saints, and blessing of the graves.

When? Tuesday, November 2, 7:00pm

Where? St. John Cemetery Chapel, Ubly (if rain, St. John Church)

What to Bring?

- There are 25 chairs in the Cemetery Chapel, so in case more than 25 attend, please bring a <u>lawn chair</u> to sit just outside Chapel doors
- You're invited to bring a <u>picture of a loved one</u> to place on table by altar.

NOTE: Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints [aka All Saints Day] will be Monday, November 1, at 7:00pm at St. Columbkille Church)

