

**First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021**

Wed. Dec. 1st 11:30am St. John
 Thur. Dec. 2nd 7:00pm St. Columbkille
 Fri. Dec. 3rd 9:00am St. John

There will be adoration following Mass, until 4:00pm

Sat. Dec. 4th 4:00pm St. John
 Sun. Dec. 5th 8:30am St. Joseph
 Sun. Dec. 5th 10:30am St. Columbkille

Confessions for this Week

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. 29th

Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8: 5-11

Tuesday, Nov. 30th

Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22

Wednesday, Dec. 1st

Isaiah 25:6-10a Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec. 2nd

Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec. 3rd

Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, Dec. 4th

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a

Sunday, Dec. 5th

Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
 Luke 3:1-6

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

"Signs and Wonders, Encountering Jesus of Nazareth from Word Among Us. Sessions are Tuesdays, November 30 no class Parish Mission. Last Class Dec. 7.
 Any questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088.

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Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$3512.00
 Loose - \$512.00
 Building Fund - \$.00
 650 Parish Families
 (297 Family envelope holders)
 100 Envelopes used

Donations:

In loving memory of Roberta Gibb by Michael Cammarata

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:
November 22-28**

Friday St. John: No Mass
 Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners
 Sunday St. Joseph: ~Sr. Beatrice Costagliola FMM
 Sunday St. Columbkille: +Warren Hennessey

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:
November 29-December 5**

Friday St. John: ~Edmund Verellen
 Saturday St. John: +Joseph Rudy
 Sunday St. Joseph: +Victoria Lazarich
 Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

In This Sunday's Readings:

But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." -- Luke 21:28

As we begin Advent, we start into the season of preparation of the birth of Jesus. But how do we prepare? Do we get so caught up in the preparations for the celebrations of the Christmas season that we don't really "prepare" for the celebration of Christ's coming to earth? What can you do differently this year? Can you spend more time in prayers? Can you help spread the love of Jesus with others? Can you invite others to share this Advent journey of faith with you?

Faith Formation

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

Kindergarten through 6th grade

Argyle: 6-7:30pm (Dec. 1, 7, 14)

Ubly: 6-7:30pm (Dec. 1, 8)

Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm (Dec. 1, 8, 15)

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group next meeting is Sunday Dec. 12th at
5pm. until 8pm. at the parish center.

Youth group is for all 7-12 grades



Here in November, we look forward to the fulfillment that God has promised us through Jesus, our Risen brother. With the feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls Day, with our parish memorials for those who have died, we focus on the future fulfillment that God offers to each of us when our earthly lives come to an end.

Wallace Brown, Joeva Bukoski, John Cieslinski, Donald Glaza, Donald Grifka, Catherine Melink-Heck, Willard Kroetsch, Donald McIntrye, Lloyd Messing, Elmer Micklash, Glenn Peruski, Gladys Pickering, Linda Pionk, Earl Roberts, Charlotte Romzek, Joseph Rudy, Louise Stierman, Robert Sutton, Ronald Sweeney, Donald Vatter, Marcella Vatter, and Marie Wasierski

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$1333.00 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit

www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources"

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

Nov. 29: Kathy Beaver, Del Czewski, Ann Ypma
Dec. 6: Luci Kubacki, Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck
Dec. 13: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski

4:00pm Saturday Dec. 4th St. John

Lector: Bev Pawlosky

EMHC: Bev Pawlosky

Altar Server: Utah Gusa

Ushers: Bob Brahmer, John Guigar, Dennis Smalley, Richard Trepkowski

8:30am Sunday Dec. 5th St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Greeter: Rod Walsh

Ushers: Kevin Hessling, Steve Briolat, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Dec. 5th St Columbkille

Lector: Amy & Brayden Sweeney

EMHC: Zoe & Jacie Tyrrell

Altar Servers: Myah & Broden Peruski

Greeters: Kubacki Family

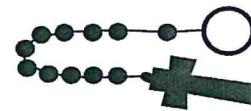
Gift Bearers: Sadie & Jocelyn Fischer, Trent Sweeney

Ushers: Rob, Matthew & Jack Kubacki

Knights of Columbus

Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12/8/21 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



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.

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Christian Mothers

Christian Mothers Christmas party, Tuesday, December 14th @ 5:30pm. Short meeting before dinner. Catered by Catering Connection. \$6 per person to be paid at the door. A \$10 gift exchange (optional) come and have a fun night. Call for reservations, Cathy Stacer 989-551-3877 or Debbie Sadro 658-8325 by December 9th.

Your prayer is needed to support the Supreme Court Case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. Huron County Right to Life is holding a Prayer Vigil at the Bad Axe Free Methodist Church on Tuesday November 30, 2021. The Sanctuary will be open from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Please stop in at your convenience and pray for our Supreme Court Justices as they address this very delicate case. Help us fight this battle on our knees.



Giving Tree

The giving tree starts this week and will run the four weeks of Advent. Please take an envelope, place a monetary donation in the envelope and return it to the Sunday collection basket. The total money collected will be divided up into four and donated to the Homeless Coalition in Bad Axe & Sandusky, the Womens Shelter in Bad Axe and Eva's Place in Sandusky. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

RCIA MEETINGS FOR CHILDREN

"Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held on Sunday, Nov. 28 at 4:00 pm at St. Columbkille church in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please call Dana Irion at 9895530585 or Fr. Nate at 9896588145.

ADORATION

This coming Friday, Dec. 3rd there will be adoration following 9:00a.m Mass until 4:00pm. @ St. John.

Advent Parish Mission Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Please anoint your servant Richard Lane to preach your wisdom and share your love at our Advent Parish Mission.
Show each one of us who we can invite to attend.
Grant that our Parish Mission may be: a time of bonding for families, a time of healing for the broken, a time of challenge for the complacent, a time of forgiveness for the sinner, and a time of renewal for all.
Dear parish patron saints, St. John, St. Columbkille, St. Joseph, and St. Ignatius, and Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Please pray for us,
Through Christ our Lord, Amen!

Christ Mission Appeal 2021

Our Parish is conducting our annual Christ Mission Appeal. Your gift to CMA is used for educational, vocational, and Christian Service outreach. Thousands of people depend on your generosity. Our target goal is \$52,460 and pledged to date is \$23,995.
Thanks to all that have pledged so far.

All youth in the thumb are invited to:

"LEARN TO DISCERN" with Fr. Adam Maher
When: Saturday, December 4, 2021, Fr Adam Maher is coming to Annunciation of the Lord Parish to spend some time with our youth and families and to stir within our youth more interest in their Faith.
Location: St Mary's Church and Hall, 1709 Moeller Rd, Kinde, MI
Time: 10:30am Mass and then ice breakers, lunch and Fr Adam will chat with the families, ending at 1:30pm. Faith Formation, Youth Group members and their families are encouraged to attend. This event is open to all! Please RSVP by Nov 30th as seating is limited. For more info, contact Cynthia Tait 989-550-4083.

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November 28, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 | 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 | Lk 21:25-28,34-36

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

As the days grow shorter and darker, I am especially ready for Advent wreaths and nativity sets; sparkling lights and singing angels. More than ever, I eagerly anticipate the joyful celebration of Christ's birth. But today's readings for the first Sunday of Advent point us to the end of time, when Jesus returns in glory. Wait a minute, what? I don't want to think about the dismay and fright that Jesus foretells in the Gospel, I want to think about shepherds and holy nights. We really can't do one without the other, however, and the underlying message of the readings is one of hope and reassurance: Our God keeps his promises. He is faithful to the covenants he makes. He loves us so much; he offers us new beginnings. Our God became one of us, died to save us, and will give us the strength to be ready to greet him when he comes again. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand," Jesus says. Pray that our preparation for Christ's birth will make us all the more ready for his return.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We are a society and culture that focuses a lot on the outward signs of preparation, and there is a lot of pressure to make it all perfect. Pinterest boards, social media groups, magazine photos, clothing catalogs: all show perfectly dressed people with perfectly adorable dogs standing in front of exquisitely perfect Christmas trees, on perfectly unblemished snow. But perfection on the exterior is not the Christian goal. Our interior preparation - how we make ourselves ready for Christ now, and at the end of time - is the focus of Advent. It is an opportunity for repentance, and a joyful new beginning in our relationship with God. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the covenant he made with us, and the psalm and the second reading offer assistance in doing so. Make time each day to dive in and explore what Scripture reveals about "conducting yourselves to please God."

PRAY Pray the psalm from the first Sunday of Advent each morning. Ask God to open your heart to ways you can be more just. He will teach you, guide you, and strengthen your heart so that you can stand upright to face whatever challenges come your way.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior,
and for you I wait all the day.



Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst?

--- Fr. Nate's Update

Dear Reader, fellow
Saint-in-the-Making, Happy
ADVENT!

*(Parish family members and their
friends from Cass City making*

dresses for poor girls in Haiti. We thank God for a woman who recently donated lots of material. One day, Jesus will say to them, "I was naked and you clothed me..." (Mt 25)

First, some holy humor: The pastor recalls, "After a recent worship service the mother of a fidgety seven-year-old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, 'If you don't be quiet, the preacher is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!' It worked!"

Happy Belated Thanksgiving! I thank God for you and for every parish family member. May our Lord help you to continue to grow in self-giving love for each of your family members and friends.

Christmas Anticipation Prayer: On November 30, the following prayer is traditionally recited multiple times a day until Christmas... perhaps, pray it once a day?

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment, In which the Son of God was born, Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Advent Media Detox: Consider a "media detox" this Advent as a way to prepare for Christ coming into your heart in a new way this Christmas, and in your daily life. It's an appropriate time to turn off (or reduce) the media/news/facebook and spend more heart to heart time with God in prayer and Scripture meditation. One of the "love languages" is "quality time" spent with someone. Extra "quality time" spent with Jesus brings true peace. Try this: For a few minutes each day, close your eyes and imagine yourself laying your head on His Beating Sacred Heart, like St. John did at the Last Supper.

Prepare for Mass with the Hymnal: The new hymnals have the Sunday Mass readings in them. If you get to Mass early, meditate on the readings by reading through them slowly. If a word or a phrase jumps out at you, stop and slowly re-read it. Close your eyes and ask, "[Father, or Jesus, or Holy Spirit] what are you saying to me?" This is how God wants to speak to each of us. Scriptures are our heavenly Father's love letters to His children. It is best if you meditate on the upcoming readings throughout the week in a quiet place. If you do this, the readings will transform your life when you hear them at Mass.

Praise Report: Recently I went with two parish family members to the Holly Berry Fair in Caseville to set up our St. Paul Evangelization table. We handed out medals, brochures, spoke with and prayed with people. From parish family Christian Godel: "I had two beautiful experiences praying with people who were enduring a great deal of suffering: one whose grandson was severely sick in hospital with Covid and with another whose nephew was dying of cancer. Both were in tears while and after we prayed. Looking back it seems surreal, especially knowing it all took place so serenely amidst all the chaos that was going on in the background. We prayed for comfort, peace, healing, and that if it be God's will... that either should pass, the families be granted consolation by Jesus and Our Lady. Each person said that it was "meant to be" that we were there at the fair that day and I truly believe it was. If our prayers helped even one person, it was worth it and far more."

Topic for Next FOOD + FAITH + SONG Event: Our parish "Envisioning Team" is seeking to find God's Vision for our parish by looking at the parish DMI Survey results. One Priority we decided on was building community. Our Pastoral Council also supports this Priority. To build community, we may host more FOOD + FAITH + SONG events, perhaps Lenten Soup Suppers. Regarding the "FAITH" part of the event, our Envisioning Team invites parish family members to submit ideas for a topic on our Catholic faith. Once a topic is selected, we will find a Catholic speaker to speak. What topics on our Catholic faith would you like to learn about? Let me know.

Thank You for Your GENEROUS Financial Stewardship! Our World Mission Sunday collection was \$2,244! Also, we are making progress on our Christ's Mission Appeal (Formerly called CSA). Our target this year is thousands of dollars lower than last year. Thank you for your donation/pledge.

Ask Padre: Where do the introductions to the Sunday readings come from, that Father reads at Mass? They are written by Bishop Ken Untener in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor. I pray they help you understand the historical background of the readings, so you can more easily hear God.

Man of the Shroud Exhibit: This exhibit is a mini-museum hosted by our Ubly/Sheridan Knights of Columbus Council #12850. Witness this powerful display of the history, science and mystery behind what many believe to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. Then you can ask YOURSELF - Who is this Man of The Shroud? COST? Free! WHERE? Good Shepherd Parish Center, 1935 Hamilton St., Ubly, behind St. John Church parking lot. WHEN? Saturday, November 27, 5pm-7pm; Sunday, November 28, 4pm-8pm; Monday, November 29, 4pm-8pm; Tuesday, November 30, 4pm-6:30pm

Advent Parish Mission: Get renewed in the Holy Spirit! Come to all or some of the daily talks by Catholic Evangelist Richard Lane (7pm Sun @Sheridan, 7pm Mon @Frieburg, 7pm Tues @Argyle, and 7:30 Wed @Ubly; morning talk option 10am Mon-Wed @Ubly. Info at goodshepherdubly.com)

Let Us Pray: (Pope's NOVEMBER Intention): "We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life"

(Sheen's Spiritual Adoption Prayer): "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name], the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

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



We are proud to introduce ourselves as the Holy Land Carvings group from the Holy Land. We have come to the United States representing the Christian wood carvers of Bethlehem that rely on the tourism to support their families.

Due to the bad situation and the interruption of the tourist trade, thousands of families in the Holy Land are in danger of having to leave their homes in search of work. Our mission is to bring and sell the Olive wood Carvings to the Catholic Churches in the United State to help the Christian families remain in their homes and support their families. These Christians who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved Olive Wood religious items are depending on us to bring these beautiful carvings, such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues, Picture of the Last Supper, and several other religious items to you.

Please look over these carvings that are available to you at the weekend of December 11 & 12 and help support this self-help project that enables to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land. Your help and understanding in this crucial matter are greatly appreciated. Thank you

Advent Season 2021 Mass/Service Schedule

- Tuesday, Dec. 7th - Immaculate Conception Mass 7:00pm - St. Joseph Church, Argyle
Wednesday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception Mass 7:00pm - St. Columbkille Church
Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass
4pm - St. John Church, Ugly
Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass
6pm - St. Columbkille Church, Sheridan Corners
Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass
8pm - St Joseph Church, Argyle
Saturday December 25th - Christmas Day Mass
9:30am - St Ignatius Church, Freiburg
Sunday Dec. 26th - 8:00am - St. Joseph
Sunday Dec. 26th - 9:30am - St. John
Sunday Dec. 26th 11:00am - St. Columbkille
Friday, December 31st - New Years Eve Mass
4pm - St. John Church, Ugly
Saturday, January 1st - New Years Day Mass
9:30am - St. Joseph, Argyle
Saturday, January 1st - 4:00pm - St John
Sunday Jan. 2nd - 8:30am - St. Joseph
Sunday Jan. 2nd 10:30am - St. Columbkille

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CHILDREN 10 & UNDER "FREE"

**THUMB VETERANS
ORGANIZATION
POST #1**



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 5, 2021

SERVING 8:00 - 12:00

**T.V.O. HALL
2153 BINGHAM STREET
UBLY, MI**

**ADULTS - \$8.00
CHILDREN (11-12) - \$4.00**

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