



**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 19, 2021**

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| Thur. | Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup> | CANCELED |                 |
| Fri.  | Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> | 4:00pm   | St. John        |
| Fri.  | Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> | 6:00pm   | St. Columbkille |
| Fri.  | Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00pm   | St. Joseph      |
| Sat.  | Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30am   | St. Ignatius    |
| Sun.  | Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00am   | St. Joseph      |
| Sun.  | Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30am   | St. John        |
| Sun.  | Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup> | 11:00am  | St. Columbkille |

Confessions for Week of 12/19-26 cancelled.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, Dec. 20**

Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38

**Tuesday, Dec. 21**

Songs 2:8-14 Luke 1:39-45

**Wednesday, Dec. 22**

1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:48-56

**Thursday, Dec. 23**

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Luke: 1:57-66

**Friday, Dec. 24**

2 Samuel 7:1-5 Luke 1:67-79

**Saturday, Dec. 25**

Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18

**Sunday, Dec. 26**

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2:41-52

**Let Us Give Thanks!**

Weekend 12/5 Collection - \$ 6231.00  
Weekend 12/12 Collection - \$ 8692.00  
Building Fund - \$100.00  
Religious Retirement - \$ 1485.00  
650 Parish Families  
(297 Family envelope holders)

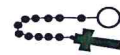
**Mass Intentions for the Week of:  
December 13-19**

Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners  
Sunday St. Joseph: Deceased members of the  
Peruski & Briolat Families  
Sunday St. Columbkille: +Cletus Guza

**In This Sunday's Readings:**

"For at the moment that the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." -- Luke 1:44

Do you "leap for joy" when you hear the word of God or when you are in His presence? We should strive for that kind of excitement and joy - and help others achieve it as well. Do you prepare and attend Mass with the same enthusiasm that you would if you were going to celebrate a special occasion with another close friend? If not, explore why that is. Jesus invites us into His "house" to celebrate. We should do so actively and with joy.



**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.

**Holiday Parish Office Hours**

The office will be closed on Dec. 23 & 24, Dec. 30 & 31. Please plan accordingly. Thank you in advance for your patience.



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## Faith Formation

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

Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Argyle: 6-7:30pm (Jan. 11, 18, 25)

Ubly: 6-7:30pm (Jan 5, 12, 19, 26)

Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm (Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26)

**We will be having our family gathering Jan 5, 2022 at the Parish Center starting at 5:30pm with a meal.**

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will meet at Meadow Lane at 12:45pm. on Dec 22, 2021. We will return to Parish Center to wrap books & snacks. We will finish by 5pm.

Youth group is for grades 7-12

## Knights of Columbus

Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: Wednesday we will meet at 7:30pm at the Parish Center on Wed. Jan. 12. 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



## Giving Tree

The giving tree 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.

## VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

Dec. 20: Rose Maikrzek, Shirley Piontowski, Mary Jane Zurek

Dec. 27: Barb Roggenbuck, Del Czewski, Ann Ypma

Jan. 3: Shirley Piontkowski, Jeanene Schmidt, Judy Messing

## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Schedule

4:00pm Friday Mass Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> St John

Lector: Carol Beaudin

EMHC: Debbie Osentoski, Judy Messing, Sandy Peplinski

Altar Servers: Utah Gusa

Ushers: Jim Czewski, Whitey Pawlosky, Jim Osentoski, Allen Peruski

6:00pm Friday Mass Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Kathy Cregeur

EMHC: Jerry Sweeney, Kevin Romzek, Val Fischer

Altar Servers: Youth Mass

Greeters: Youth Mass

Ushers: Dan Cregeur, Marv Osentoski, Camden Peruski

8:00pm Friday Mass Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> St Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Greeter: Bill Izydorek

Ushers: Bill Izydorek, Kevin Hessling, Bruce Uhl

9:30am Saturday Mass Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> St Ignatius

Lector: Justin Faber

EMHC: Rick Vogel

Greeter: Rod Walsh

8:00am Sunday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Greeter: Bruce Uhl

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Bruce Uhl, Chuck Izydorek

9:30am Sunday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> St. John

Lector: Del Czewski

EMHC: Del Czewski

Altar Server: Maze Guza

Ushers: Mike Briolat, Tom Murray, Charlie Briolat, Glenn Peruski

11:00am Sunday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Nathan Prill

EMHC: Jerry & Val Fischer

Altar Servers: Myah & Broden Peruski

Greeters: Marge & Ernie Messing

Gift Bearers: Roman & Blakelyn Heleski

Ushers: Nathan Peruski, Jeff Maurer, Ray Maurer

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### Retirement Fund for Religious

A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how you're your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

### Christ's Mission Appeal 2021

Our Parish is conducting our annual "Christ's Mission Appeal". Your gift to the appeal is used for funding various charities throughout the diocese and for invaluable parish support from the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity. Our target goal is \$52,460 and pledged to date is \$26,392.

Thanks to all that have pledged so far!



### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CARD PARTIES:

New location **Bad Axe Senior Center** 150 Nugent Rd, in Bad Axe. Mark your 2022 calendar January 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Card games begin at 1:00pm \$6:00 to play includes lite lunch afterwards.

Come join in the fellowship.

### Mark Your Calendar

January 16, 2022

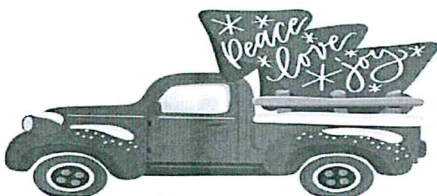
2:00pm - Mini March

2:30pm - Prayer Service

Holy Family Parish

St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall in Sadusky.

There have been more than 61 million abortions performed in the U.S. since the infamous Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton court decisions were handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973. That action legalized abortion in all 50 states through all nine months of pregnancy. The most recent statistic show that 29,669 abortions were performed using the abortion pill method 51.9%. We know that unborn children are human beings who deserve protection.



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### Local Communal Penance Services

Our parish will not be having a Communal Penance Service this Advent, but there will be a service on December 21 at 6:00pm in Helena.

### Advent Season 2021 Mass/Service Schedule

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Mass**

4pm - St. John Church, Ubly

6pm - St. Columbkille Church, Sheridan Corners

8pm - St Joseph Church, Argyle

**Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day Mass**

9:30am - St Ignatius Church, Freiburg

**Sunday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am - St. Joseph

9:30am - St. John

11:00am - St. Columbkille

**Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Years Eve Mass - Mary,**

**Mother of God**

4pm - St. John Church, Ubly

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Years Day Mass - Mary,**

**Mother of God**

9:30am - St. Joseph, Argyle

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Vigil Mass for Epiphany**

4:00pm - St. John

**Sunday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Solemnity of the Epiphany**

8:30am - St. Joseph

10:30am - St. Columbkille

### Help for Decorating!!

We need many hands to help with decorating. If you could stay after mass at St. John on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> for a few minute to help carry decorations up it would be greatly appreciated. St. Columbkille site will be decorating for Christmas on Monday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm everyone is welcome. Many hands make less work for all.



### Free Gift

Make it nonnegotiable. Living Joy.....Is a fabulously easy read book, with 9 rules to help you rediscover and live joy every day, coming this Christmas!! A gift from the Knights of Columbus for all parishioners and visitors!

December 19, 2021

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4 | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

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

“You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah  
too small to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel;”

We do not have to go see the most recent superhero movie or binge-watch a streaming TV series that celebrates the underdog to feel the elation that comes with overcoming evil. We need only to look at our own lives, and God’s plan of salvation for us, to understand what it truly means to be triumphant. From tiny little Bethlehem – a town of no consequence – would arise the Savior of the world. He would be the One who came to do God’s will, and thus consecrated us to God through the offering of his own body as sacrifice, once for all. This is the One Mary carried in her womb and whom Elizabeth’s unborn child – we know to be John the Baptist – recognized. He is the child-most-vulnerable who would become King of the Universe, “stand[ing] firm and shepherd[ing] his flock by the strength of the Lord.” This is the God we serve: the One who became like us so that we may one day be like him. We shall soon celebrate the anniversary of his birth, while also waiting in joyful hope for his coming again. In this time of preparation, then, we pray for the grace to know the Lord more fully and to appreciate with gratitude the Savior he truly is.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

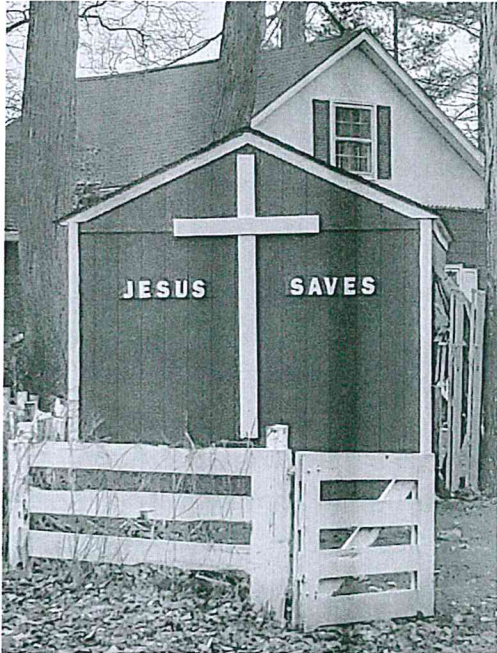
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, now is the time many of us will begin to gather – as families, friends, and faith communities. What an ideal opportunity to renew our relationships with one another and with Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the presence of God in our lives and in others. Micah’s prophesy from today’s first reading endures: “His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.” Let’s do our part to share the peace and joy of Christ with those we encounter, witnessing to his saving grace in our lives, and offering others an opportunity to be a part of the greatest story, ever – of God’s saving action.

**INVITE/PRAY** Invite visiting family members to your parish or faith community for a concert, worship or other Advent activity. If that’s not possible, pray the O Antiphons together at home.

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*(MI 5:3-4)*



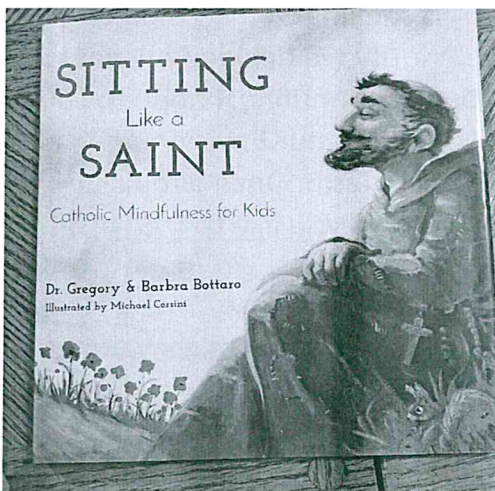
## Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

*Will you quench His thirst?*

--- Fr. Nate's Update

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy **ADVENT...** and soon, A **BLESSED MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS!**  
*(photos: shed I saw in Bayport; recommended book for parents)*

**First, some holy humor:** A distraught man sought the advice of his wise pastor. "I was born blind," he exclaimed, "But some people tell me that if I had more faith I could be healed." The pastor paused a moment before speaking. "I see you carry a cane," he said. "Whenever people say that, hit them over the head with the cane. Then tell them, if they had more faith, it wouldn't hurt!"



**Praise Report:** *A member of another St. Paul Street Evangelization Team joined our Thumb team at the Christmas in Cass City 2021 event. Here's his testimony:* "It seems that those attracted to our presence were wounded souls the Holy Spirit sent our way. One man confessed his life was filled with alcohol and drugs. He said, "I'm no damn good." Another, felt he was judged without mercy by "those hypocrites " at his former church of worship. A woman initially did not want to accept a rosary because, "I'm a Christian." A lady whose brother [was an alcoholic and had passed] gladly accepted a Rosary, Miraculous Medal and prayer cards and departed with a hug and smiles.

"Their children seemed appreciative of the guardian angel medal and prayer card and the encouragement that God gave them a companion and that they are never alone.

"One Catholic woman asked how to respond to protestant friends who criticized our "Worship" of Mary. This was one of the biggest objections of our Christian brothers and sisters.

"I responded that Jesus said to honor our mothers and fathers. We are only doing what He himself had commanded. And, Mother Teresa said, "No Mary no Jesus" when asked this question.

"The lady who was suggesting Catholics aren't Christians, when presented with our profession of faith, agreed we hold similar beliefs and accepted a Rosary and guardian angel medal for her child.

"The man who said he was no damn good, responded to the message of the prodigal son. He was encouraged to seek out a self help program (Alcoholics Anonymous) and accepted a crucifix, medal, and prayer card, Consecration to Jesus.

"I think the greatest gift to me personally was being with other like minded individuals who had a desire to step out and share our faith with others... We are just seed planters and realize we do not reap the harvest."... there were Catholics that said it was good to see us out in the streets, didn't know

Catholics did this." *[Please pray for these folks and for our Thumb St. Paul Team. Donations for materials welcome- put in an envelope marked "evangelization". Thank you to all who have donated!]*

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH:** This year, the Feast of the Holy Family falls on Sunday December 26. We will have 3 Masses that morning: 8:00am St. Joseph; 9:30am St. John; 11:00am St. Columbkille. There will be NO Saturday Vigil Mass on December 25.

**ENCOUNTER JESUS THIS ADVENT & CHRISTMAS: Watch The Chosen Series:** *Watching and discussing this series about Jesus is a fantastic way to celebrate Advent. Options for watching:*

1. Watch for free in a mobile phone app: [www.thechosen.tv/app](http://www.thechosen.tv/app) or search "The Chosen" in your Apple or Android app store. From the app, you can stream to your TV using a streaming device, such as Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, Android TV, Chromecast, etc.
2. You can purchase a Pay-it-Forward package in the app. This not only gives you lifetime digital access to season 1 of The Chosen, but it helps send streams all over the world to others who may not otherwise have the chance to watch
3. Purchase the DVD/BluRay here at The Chosen webstore.
4. Watch on VidAngel: Go to [www.VidAngel.com](http://www.VidAngel.com) and enter your email address to create an account
5. If you have purchased digital access, you can watch it on The Chosen web player

**Topic for Next FOOD, FAITH, & SONG Event:** Our parish "Envisioning Team" is seeking God's Vision for the future of 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, I hope to host more FOOD, FAITH, & SONG events. 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. What topics on our Catholic faith would you like to learn about? Let me know.

**Ask Padre: Some non-Catholics say that being baptized should be the child's choice when they come of age. What do Catholics believe?** St. Peter says in Scripture, "You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you. It is also for your children" [Acts 2:38,39 (ICB)] The early Church practiced infant baptism. St. Hippolytus said, "Baptize first the children, and if they can speak for themselves let them do so. Otherwise, let their parents or other relatives speak for them" (The Apostolic Tradition 21:16 [A.D. 215]) "The Church baptizes infants because they are born with original sin. They need to be freed from the power of the Evil One and brought into that realm of freedom which belongs to the children of God." (Compendium of the Catechism) There is much more that can be said. Find an article at <https://www.catholic.com/tract/infant-baptism>

### ***Let Us Pray:***

*(Pope's DECEMBER Intention): "...for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit."*

*(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*