



**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 5, 2021**

Tue.	Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	St. Joseph
			Immaculate Conception Mass
Wed.	Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	St. John
Wed.	Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
			Immaculate Conception Mass
Thur.	Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St. John
			(Adoration following Mass until 11:00am)
Sat.	Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Dec. 12 <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 3:15pm before Mass St. John's

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6 Luke 1:26-38

**Thursday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**

Zephaniah 3:14-18a Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18

**Let Us Give Thanks!**

**Weekend Collection - \$2933.00**

**Loose - \$238.00**

**Building Fund - \$90.00**

**CCHD - \$165.00**

**650 Parish Families**

**(297 Family envelope holders)**

**95 Envelopes used**

**Donations:**

In loving memory of Clarence & Vivian Rumptz by Joan Jackson

In memory of Loreane Holz by Kevin & Karen Romzek

**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

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**December 6-12**

Friday St. John: ~Marcellus Verellen

Saturday St. John: +Omar Hodgdon

Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Columbkille: +Christine Casey

**In This Sunday's Readings:**

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." --

**Philippians 1:9-10**

St. Paul uses a powerful phrase in the beginning of his letter to the Philippians - "to discern what is of value."

This can be difficult at any time, but it can be especially hard to lose focus on what is of value during the hustle of preparing for Christmas. Maybe the "thing" that a family member or friend needs is not truly "a thing" at all. Maybe it's a listening ear or help with a project or simply you to "be there." Try to "discern what is of value" this season.

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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 (Dec. 7, 14)

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

Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm (Dec. 8, 22)

**NO CLASSES ON DEC. 15**

## YOUTH GROUP

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

Youth group is for all 7-12 grades

## RCIA MEETINGS FOR CHILDREN

"Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held on  
Sunday, Dec. 12 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.

## FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

"Signs and Wonders, Encountering Jesus of Nazareth from  
Word Among Us. Last session will Tuesday, Dec. 7.  
Any questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088

## Christian Mothers

Christian Mothers Christmas party, Tuesday,  
December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 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 9<sup>th</sup>.



We wish to express our deepest sympathies and  
condolences to the family of  
Loreane Holz who passed away

## VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

Dec. 6: Luci Kubacki, Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck

Dec. 13: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn  
Peruski

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

4:00pm Saturday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> St. John

Lector: Jerry Sorenson

EMHC: Jerry Sorenson

Altar Server: Maze Gusa

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

8:30am Sunday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Greeter: Chuck Izydorek

Ushers: Chuck Izydorek, Steve Briolat, Gordon  
Farrelly

10:30am Sunday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Marge Messing & Delany Peruski

Altar Servers: Roman Heleski & Brayden Sweeney

Greeters: Rawling Family

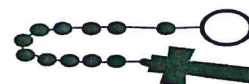
Gift Bearers: Maria, Caleb & Luke Roth

Ushers: Dennis Sweeney, Terry Sweeney, Todd  
Gingrich

## 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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### Holy Land Carvings

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. Please look over these carvings that are available to you **next weekend** 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



### 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.

### 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.



### **Breakfast with Santa**

**Children 10 & under free**

**Thumb Veterans Organization Post #1 Pancake Breakfast at the TVO Hall, Ubyly on December 5<sup>th</sup> serving from 8am - 12:00pm.** The cost is adults \$8.00, children (11-12) \$4.00 and free for 5 and under. Take outs are available - Call Steve 989-315-1226  
Free eye screening for Children - Conducted by Ubyly Lions Club. Proceeds to support area veterans!!

### Retirement Fund for Religious

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.



### **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.

### Advent Season 2021 Mass/Service Schedule

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

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Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 | Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 | Lk 3:1-6

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

Today we have blogs and life coaches, Facebook groups and self-help books, all of which can help us become better human beings. These resources come to mind as I read St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians – I think St. Paul would be the ultimate life coach! All of his letters to the early Church offer wisdom, encouragement, and instruction, and the words we heard today are particularly significant as we prepare for Jesus' coming this Advent: "the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Unlike some of our modern-day resources, Paul's words go beyond simply helpful advice; they are rooted in faith and prayer, and in the truth of the Paschal Mystery. These words assure us that we are not alone on our journey, that what God has promised in the person of his Son will come to fruition: Christ will come again! And so, as John the Baptist did, we who are disciples are meant to witness to his coming, announcing the Good News and preparing for his – second – coming. Repent. Believe. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." How do we do this? Engage with Scripture – read it and really hear what the Word of God is saying to you. Pray for insight, that the grace of God might transform you to go forth and announce the Gospel.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Even pre-Google, I spent more time than perhaps I should have hunting down the perfect gifts, especially for my young boys. I'd scour the ads, then get up early on Black Friday and hit the stores in search of deals and hard-to-find items. Perhaps that's why these words from St. Paul stopped me in my tracks: "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, *to discern what is of value* [italics added], so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ." During Advent, these words can both assure and challenge us – to grow in love, knowledge, and a sense of what really matters during our time on earth. For me the challenge will be to spend less time shopping this season and more time focusing on deepening my relationship with God, who is preparing to turn the darkness into light. This doesn't mean we can't take delight in finding that perfect gift; but we ought also to increase our recognition that all gifts come from God, including our ability to have access to and means to purchase material gifts. We can find joy in God's presence (and presents?) among us.

**ACTIONS** Re-read today's Gospel, and then consider how Saint Paul followed in John the Baptist's footsteps in his Letter to the Philippians. Think of ways you, like John and Paul, can encourage one another, and be a voice crying out in the desert. Participate in the sacrament of reconciliation and pray that God may cleanse your heart to welcome him at Christmas, and when he comes again.

“  
**PREPARE  
THE WAY  
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”

(LK 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!**

## **First, some holy humor:**

*Overhead on Noah's Ark:*

1. "Did anyone think about bringing a couple of umbrellas?"
2. "Hey, there are more than two flies in here!"
3. "Wasn't someone supposed to bring some shovels?"
4. "Okay, who's the wise guy who let the mosquitoes on board?"
5. "Don't make me pull this ark over and come back there!"
6. "We're having steak for dinner? We didn't bring any steak with us. Uh Oh."
7. "Are we there yet?"



**Parish Mission Praise Reports:** Catholic Evangelist Richard Lane (picture above) shared God's WORD, Jesus, with us! He was so grateful to all of you for welcoming him. He preached to us about the importance of ENCOUNTER with Jesus every day, and growing our RELATIONSHIP with Jesus. One parishioner told me as a child she had been taught to keep Jesus at a distance, and to go to Mary and the saints first instead of going to Jesus. But after hearing Richard, she has discovered that she can go to Jesus, and has confidence to do so! Another parishioner said, "I have been struggling with everything since the beginning of the pandemic. The mission was just what I needed, it was my "booster shot". Richard was a real gift to our parish". If you have a Praise Report, how Richard (and God through Richard) touched your life, let me know so I can share with our parish family!

**Praise Report:** I received this message (edited) from a parish family member: Thanks be to God. Thank you Good Shepherd Prayer Warriors for your prayers. Friend's daughter with a blood clot and hematoma in breast is recovering quite well. Surgery for the clot and drainage tubes for the hematoma have been successful. Tubes were removed last week and tests came back that all is ok... Praise and thanksgiving to Our Lord for this healing!

**ENCOUNTER JESUS THIS ADVENT: Pray with a Nativity Scene:** Some time this Advent, find a Nativity Scene. Reflect on baby Jesus. Think about how He was born for you and for your salvation. Thank Him. Ask Him to come into your heart today, and in a new way at Christmas. Reflect on Mary and Joseph and all the trials they endured to care for Him. Ask them to fill you with hope in your trials.

**ENCOUNTER JESUS THIS ADVENT: Go to Reconciliation/Confession:** See inside cover for times.

**ENCOUNTER JESUS THIS ADVENT: Watch The Chosen Series:** Watching or rewatching 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

**ENCOUNTER JESUS THIS ADVENT: Pray the "Christmas Anticipation Prayer":** From November 30 this 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.*

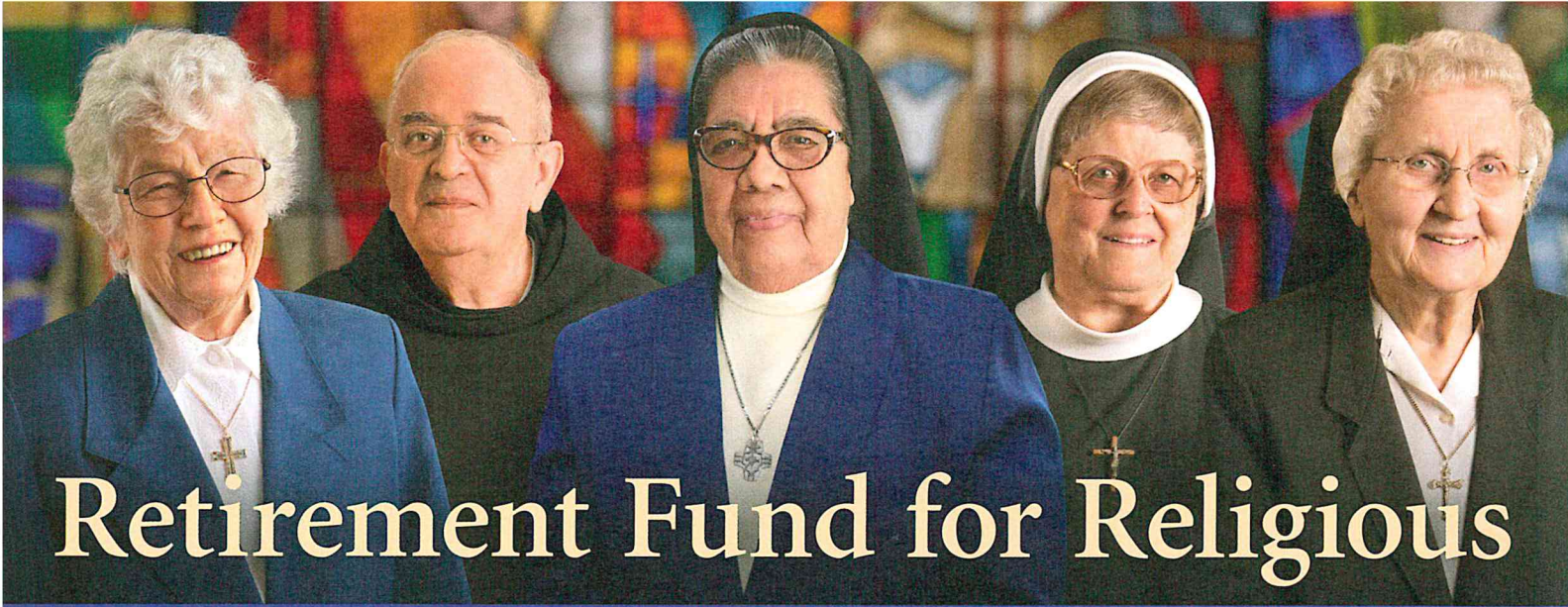
**Topic for Next FOOD + FAITH + SONG Event:** Our parish "Envisioning Team" is seeking God's Vision for the future of our parish by looking at the parish DMI Survey results. One Priority we decided on was building community. Our Pastoral Council also supports this Priority. To build community, we may 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.

**Man of the Shroud Exhibit:** Thank you to our Ubyl/Sheridan Knights of Columbus Council #12850 for hosting this exhibit! Let me know how it affected you, or what you learned, if you were able to see it.

**Ask Padre: What bible translation should Catholics use?** It is recommended Catholics use the NABRE, New American Bible- Revised Edition, which is used at Mass. Also, the RSVCE- RSV Catholic Edition- is recommended. Other translations may be safely read as well. Do not read the New World Translation from the Jehovah's Witnesses, because they have changed important verses to reflect their false and dangerous teachings about Christ.

**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*



# Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



From Catholic schools and hospitals—to parishes, retreat centers, and works of mercy—elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have prayerfully served our Church and world. Most ministered for little pay. Now, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for aging members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. Please be generous.

## retiredreligious.org

*Top row, from left: Sr. Ursula Marie George, OSU, 95; Fr. Edmund Smith, OSB, 83; Sr. Emilia Irene Lara, MGSps, 89; Sr. Theresa Hathaway, SSMO, 88; Sr. Elizabeth Sohler, SSMO, 89. Bottom row, from left: Br. James Bartos, OSB, 79; Sr. Mary Hope Doudard, SSCJ, 87; Abbot Gregory Duerr, OSB, 84; Sr. Catarina Santa Cruz, SSCJ, 88; Sr. Mary Guadalupe Jumarang, OSF, 75.*

**To give at your parish:** Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

**To donate by mail:** Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash.

**Amount:**  \$1,000  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  \$25  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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