

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 27, 2022

Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 9:00am St. Joseph Wed. Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00pm St. John Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 6:30pm St. Columbkille Wed. Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm Parish Center Thur. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm St. Columbkille Mar. 4th Fri. 9:00am St. John Adoration following Mass until 4:00pm Mar. 5th 4:00pm St. John Sat. Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> Sun. 8:30am St. Joseph Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> Sun. 10:30am St. Columbkille Confessions for this Week Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John

#### Readings for the Week

Saturday 3:15pm before Mass St. John's

Thursdays after 7pm Mass St Columbkille

Monday, Feb. 28th

1 Peter 1:3-9 Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 1st

1 Peter 1:10-16 Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 3rd

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25

Friday, March 4th

Isaiah 58:1-9a Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 58: 9b-14 Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, March 6th

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

#### **ADORATION**

This coming Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be adoration following 9am Mass until 4:00pm. @ St. John.

## Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$3873.00 Loose - \$369.00 Building Fund - \$60.00 650 Parish Families (297 Family envelope holders) 111 Envelope used

#### Donations:

In memory of Delphine McEachin, by Josephine Wolschlager

In memory of Delphine McEachin, by Mike & Lori Osantoski

In memory of Delphine McEachin, by Allen & Carolyn Peruski

#### Mass Intentions for the Week of: February 21-27, 2022

Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners Sunday St. Joseph: + Meinard Guza Sunday St. Columbkille: + Dr Wilfredo Cruz

#### Mass Intentions for the Week of: February 28-March 6, 2022

Thursday St. Columbkille: + Rena Wilcox Friday St. John: ~ Fabian Guza Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners Sunday St. Joseph: + Concetta Carlone Sunday St. Columbkille: + Michael Thomas Sweeney

### In This Sunday's Readings:

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." -- Luke 6:43

How do you use the "good fruit" - the gifts - that God has given you? Every person has his or her own set of gifts and talents, given to him or her by God. We are called to use our gifts openly and generously. Maybe it is a good time to prayerfully look at your own gifts and determine if there are different or fuller ways that you can use your uniqueness in service of God and others.

#### Faith Formation

We will be having our family gathering March 2 at the parish center starting at 5:30pm with a meal

Please pray for all who come together on Tuesday,

Wednesdays and Sunday. Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Argyle: 6-7:30pm (March 8, 15, 22)

Ubly: 6-7:30pm (March 9, 16, 23)

Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm (March 9, 16, 23)

#### Youth Group

Youth group will be meeting in 2022. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, & May 15<sup>th</sup>. We meet from 5pm-8pm & start with a shared meal. Youth group is for all 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades & there is no cost.

#### RCIA Meetings

"Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held on Sunday, March 20 at 11:30am-1:00 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.

#### Scripture Study

Good Shepherd Scripture Study Group will be studying the book, "Believe," by the Evangelical Catholic from Word Among Us. New members are always welcome. We will be gathering at St. Columbkille Church at 6:30 PM on the following dates: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. The cost of the book is \$12. Please call to order a book or if you have any questions: Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088 or Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281

## "Support for Sandy"

We have placed Boxes at all entrances of each church for monetary donations in an effort to support Sandy Peplinski's cancer treatments. The Peplinski family would like to thank Good Shepherd Parish for their support and continued prayers for Sandy. Sandy is focusing 100% on her treatments at this time and is taking a leave of absence from her job at the Parish office. Please keep her in your prayers.

### Thank You

Dear Good Shepherd Parish, Our shelter has been very busy this winter. Your kind donation has arrived at a perfect time! Thank you for hearing our prayers! We appreciate your gift and support. Sincerely, Eva's Place

#### **VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE:**

#### Counters:

Feb. 28: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn

Peruski

Mar. 7: Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker

Mar. 14: Diana Briolat, Jeanene Schmidt, Shirley

Piontkowski

4:00pm Saturday Mass March 5th St. John

Lector: Jerry Sorenson EMHC: Jerry Sorenson Altar Server: Kylie Keller

Ushers: Jim Osentoski, Jim Czewski, Allen Peruski,

Whitey Pawlosky

8:30am Sunday Mass March 6th St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl
EMHC: Lori Uhl
Greeter: Rod Walsh

Ushers: Kevin Hessling, Steve Briolat, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Mass March 6th St Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Karen Pichla & Dana Irion

Altar Servers: Luke Roth & Paige Sweeney

Greeters: Kubacki Family

Gift Bearers: Keara & AJ Langley

Ushers: Ronnie & Kendall Irion, Don McDonald

#### Listening Sessions

On behalf of Pope Francis, Fr. Nate urges every parishioner to participate in a Listening Session, and to invite others, especially those who don't attend Mass anymore. At these sessions, all will have a chance to be listened to without interruption, without judgment, without agendas. Questions will be asked to help us share our experiences of how the Church has journeyed with us. Summaries of comments will be forwarded on to the Bishops' Synod in 2023. For info, contact Kevin Romzek, our Parish Coordinator. All sessions will be held at Good Shepherd Parish Center, on these dates:

Monday March 14 at 6:30pm; Sunday March 20 at 12:15pm- brunch served (RSVP to office for meal count); Sunday March 20 for MS/HS Youth during their regular Youth Group at 5pm;

Saturday April 9 at 3:00pm

#### Knights of Columbus

Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: Wednesday we will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on March 9. 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



#### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CARD PARTIES:

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

#### Right to Life

National Right to Life Committee, Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund, and Huron County Right to Life present our annual High School Oratory Contest. Prolife Michigan students are invited to research, write, and present a 5-7 minute prolife speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research/human cloning. Entry deadline is March 9, 2022. For more information, please contact Marcia Wolfe at 989-550-7091 or visit our website at HURONRTL.org.

#### Saginaw Catholic Men's Conference

to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church 1515 Cass Avenue Bay City, MI 48708?? Featured Speakers are Steve Ray & Bishop Robert Gruss. Ticket cost \$25.00 if purchased in advance, \$30.00 at the door. Under 21 years of age, Free Admission. Lunch is included! Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. Local Info, call Ray Geiger (989) 550-1848

Thumb Veterans Organization Post #1 Pancake Breakfast at the TVO Hall, Ubly on March 6th 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!!



#### Lent is coming

Join our faith community - and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at any church entrance this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

#### 2022 Lenten Season Mass Schedule

#### Stations of the Cross during Lent

St John – 6:45pm Thursdays St Columbkille – 7:30pm Wednesdays

#### March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ash Wednesday

9:00am - St. Joseph, Argyle - Mass & Ashes Noon – St. John, Ubly - Word & Ashes 6:30pm – St. Columbkille - Word & Ashes 7:00pm – Parish Center, - Word & Ashes

<u>Individual Reconciliation Services</u> Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – St John, Ubly

April 14<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday 7pm - St John, Ubly

April 15<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Noon - St John, Ubly

<u>April 16<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday</u> 9:00pm Vigil – St John, Ubly

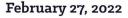
April 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter

8:00am - St Joseph, Argyle 9:30am – St. Ignatius, Freiburg 11:00am – St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

#### Volunteers needed

Monday, February 28 at 9:30 to noon, at the Parish Center. Cutting, looping, and rolling into balls from plastic bags, to be crocheted into mats for the homeless. All are welcome to help with this project.

Please remember your parish when planning your estate



# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7 | 1 Cor 15:54-58 | Lk 6:39-45



Parenthood can be humbling. When our children are young, we celebrate even the tiniest accomplishments: "You put on your socks!" or "Wow, good job putting your dish in the dishwasher!" And rightly so. Then come the teen years, and some of us can err on the side of criticism. "Why did you put off that project until the last minute?" "Turn off the electronics by 10 p.m. or else ..." "What, another energy drink?" (We say, looking up from our own phone with a cup of tea in hand ...) The same can be said of our spiritual lives. We want our children to pray and participate in the sacraments, but we may rush through Grace before meals, skip opportunities for confession, or treat holy Mass as an afterthought. Today's Gospel reminds us why our admonitions won't work if we don't walk our talk: The blind can't lead the blind. None of us is perfect, and neither are our children or the other people in our lives. But as our second reading reminds us, Jesus has won for us victory over sin. When we ask Jesus to help us remove the "wooden beam" from our own eyes, we can see his will for us more clearly and lift up those around us.

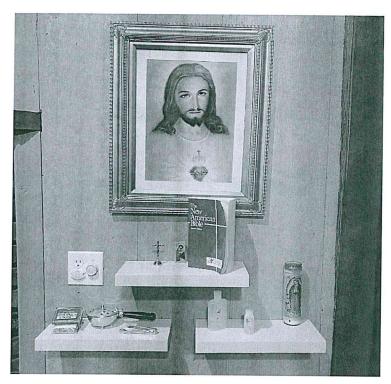
#### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We don't have to be perfect to encourage one another in our faith. Like the "good tree" Jesus describes in the parable and the tree that bears "good fruit" in Sirach, however, we need to nourish our faith before we can share it with others. It can start with something as simple as adding prayer to our morning routine. We can bring our flaws, our doubts, our bad habits to Jesus and ask him to free us from whatever might be holding us back. As we accompany others, whether it is those with whom we live, work, or worship, we can turn to Jesus to help us be a force for good. We will stumble. But as St. Paul reminds us, "Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

**PRAY** Have you prayed The Examen? This Ignatian practice, often at the end of the day, encourages reflection – on God's presence in our day and the areas where we may have fallen short. We can ask the Lord for forgiveness and the grace to do better tomorrow.





## **Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!**

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

(Example of a prayer corner in the home of a parish family. All parish families are encouraged to create one, and use it daily for family prayer)

Fellow Saint-in-the-Making, Happy 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time!

**Some holy humor:** A man was walking along the beach, enjoying an afternoon vacation stroll, when he heard someone screaming. Looking around he saw an obviously distraught woman kneeling next to a little girl. The man quickly determined the child had swallowed something that was blocking her airway and held her up by

her heels and gave a few quick thumps to her back. Sure enough, the child started to sputter and cough and spit a coin onto the sand. "Oh, thank you sir!" cried the grateful mother. You seemed to know exactly what to do. Are you a doctor?" "No, ma'am," the man replied. "I'm retired. But I am the chair of the stewardship committee for my church."

### Praise Report (How God Is Working In/Through His People)

While I was visiting my sister Stephanie in Mobile Alabama and her four kids under 7, we went to a Mardis Gras parade. After the parade, while walking back to the car, my niece noticed that my other niece wasn't with us. My sister and I both felt a flash of anxiety. We hurried back to the spot where we had watched the parade, and thank You heavenly Father, she was being watched over by a kind old lady who had seen her with us! (Please send me "Praise Reports" to share to build up others' faith: blessings you did/didn't pray for such as spiritual, physical, emotional healing, or any experience of the Lord's personal love for you)

LITURGICAL NOTES FOR LENT: For Lent, at the beginning of Mass, we will use form B of the Penitential Act. Also, we will use the Nicene Creed instead of the Apostles Creed. I pray these changes will help us to mark the change of liturgical seasons, and help us participate more consciously in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

SIGNS OF JESUS' PRESENCE AT MASS: A Catholic church, and every object in it, are meant to POINT to and remind us of the presence of Christ. Certain visible items remind us that Jesus personally will come to us in four unique ways. The PEW reminds us that He will come to us in one another; the AMBO reminds us He will come to us in His Word; the PRESIDER'S CHAIR reminds us He will come to us in the person of the priest; and the ALTAR reminds us He will come to us in a substantial way, His presence "par excellence" as Vatican II says, His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, after the

bread and wine are changed into His Person! Thank you Jesus for the many ways you make Yourself present to us as our Emmanuel!

THE GIFT OF THE PRIESTHOOD: "The supreme power of the priestly office is the power of consecrating...Indeed, it is equal to that of Jesus Christ...When the priest pronounces the tremendous words of consecration, he reaches up into the heavens, brings Christ down from His throne, and places Him upon our altar to be offered up again as the Victim for the sins of man...Indeed it is greater even than the power of the Virgin Mary [who is said to be all but almighty herself]...The priest speaks and lo! Christ, the eternal and omnipotent God, bows his head in humble obedience to the priest's command. " — (John A. O'Brien, Ph.D., LL.D., The Faith of Millions, 255-256, O'Brien. Nihtt obstat: Rev. Lawrence Gollner, Censor Librorum Imprimatur: Leo A. Pursley, Bishop of Fort Wayne,-South Bend, March 16, 1974

#### SOUP, SCRIPTURE, & STATIONS

WHY/WHAT? During Lent, to build community and to grow in our ability to encounter Jesus in His Word, you're invited to Soup, Scripture, & Stations!

WHEN? Every Thursday during Lent (except for March 17) beginning March 3rd. At 5:30pm: soup & bread, at 6:00pm Scripture presentation, at 6:45 Stations of the Cross at St. John Church WHERE? Soup: Good Shepherd Parish Center; Stations: St. John Church

**Dobbs vs Jackson Supreme Court Case** – Please continue to pray for the end of legalized abortion in the United States. On December 2021, the Supreme Court began hearing arguments in the Dobbs vs Jackson Case. The USCCB has asked that we set aside the 22nd of each month for prayer and fasting until a final decision is made this summer. Here are some suggestions:

- Fasting of meals, social media, music, etc.
- Gather family and friends to pray the rosary for the intention of protecting the sanctity of life
- Pray the following Prayer for the Supreme Court:

Holy Trinity, Source of Life and Truth, we entrust our nation to You. We ask for mercy for the decades of legalized abortion that has been permitted in our land and for healing for all those who have been wounded by it. We ask that the sacredness of every human life would be protected and upheld both in law and in culture. In a special way, we commend to you the Justices of the Supreme Court. Please grant them clarity, wisdom, and courage to judge according to truth and right reason. Overthrow, at last, by Your power, the scourge of abortion in our land and usher in a new era of protection for the unborn. By the power of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, may Your justice be established on earth. Amen!

Let Us Pray: (Pope's FEBRUARY Intention): "...for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times." (Venerable Fulton Sheen's Spiritual Adoption Prayer): "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [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