



**Third Sunday of Lent  
March 20, 2022**

Wed.	Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11:30am	St. John
Thur.	Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	St. John
Adoration following Mass until 10:30am			
Sat.	Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Mar. 27 <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, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

2 Kings 5:1-15ab Luke 4:24-30

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10 Hebrew 10:4-10  
Luke 1:28-38

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Hosea 6:1-6 Luke 18-9-14

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**RCIA Meetings**

"Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings for children 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.

**Let Us Give Thanks!**

Weekend Collection - \$3094.00  
Loose - \$309.00  
Building Fund - \$265.00  
650 Parish Families  
(297 Family envelope holders)  
87 Envelopes used

**Donations:**

In memory of Phillip Martin, by Gary & Pamela Sweeney  
In memory of Phillip Martin, by Troy & Laura Sweeney  
In memory of Phillip Martin, by Ron & Kathleen Trepkowski

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**March 14-20, 2022**

Friday St. John: ~ Isaac Guza  
Saturday St. John: + Mark Wojcik  
Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners  
Sunday St. Columbkille: + Loreane Holz

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**March 21-27, 2022**

Friday St. John: ~ Joseph Guza  
Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners  
Sunday St. Joseph: + Meinard Guza  
Sunday St. Columbkille: + Ron Sweeney

**In This Sunday's Readings:**

...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" -- Luke 13:7

In this parable, the gardener asks that he be allowed to cultivate and fertilize the soil around the fig tree for just a bit longer to see if the tree will bear fruit. Sometimes we might be like the fig tree. We might need a bit of "cultivation" to recognize our gifts, and how we can share them with others. We can pray to recognize our gifts and be open to those who can help us "grow" those gifts and, in turn, share our "fruit" with others.

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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 (March 22)

Ubly: 6-7:30pm (March 23)

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

**No Faith Formation classes on March 30, due to spring break. Next classes will be on April 6<sup>th</sup>**

### Youth Group

Youth group will be meeting in 2022.

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.

**Good Shepherd Christian Mothers is offering their college textbook fund.** Applications are available to all parish high school graduating seniors by stopping by the parish office or by calling 658-8824 and getting it emailed to you! They offer one award of \$400.00! Deadline to return application is April 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 3p.m. Recipients will be announced at mass.

### Help Wanted

Need someone to do the lawns at our St. Columbkille site. Includes church, cemetery and hall. Must have own equipment and liability insurance. Contact Jerry Sweeney @ 989-550-9664 if interested.

### Knights of Columbus

Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: Wednesday we will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on April 13. 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



We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Sandy Peplinski who passed away.

## VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

**Mar. 21:** Luci Kubacki, Barb Roggenbuck, Rose Maikrzek  
**Mar. 28:** Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski  
**Apr. 4:** Ann Ypma, Rose Maikrzek, Shirley Piontkowski

### 4:00pm Saturday Mass March 26<sup>th</sup> St. John

**Lector:** Martin Kubacki

**EMHC:** Martin Kubacki

**Altar Server:** Kylie Keller

**Ushers:** Charlie Briolat, Mike Briolat, Allen Peruski, Whitey Pawlosky

### 8:30am Sunday Mass March 27<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph

**Lector:** Lynn Talaski

**EMHC:** Denise Kubacki

**Greeter:** Bill Izydorek

**Ushers:** Bill Izydorek, Kevin Hessling, Bruce Uhl

### 10:30am Sunday Mass Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> St Columbkille

**Lector:** Nathan Prill

**EMHC:** Jerry & Val Fischer

**Altar Servers:** Sarah & Laura Romzek

**Greeters:** Ernie & Marge Messing

**Gift Bearers:** Marie, Caleb & Luke Roth

**Ushers:** Nathan Peruski, Jeff Maurer, Ray Maurer

### 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:

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 2:00pm

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**Bad Axe K of C Euchre Party** on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Bad Axe K of C hall. Doors open at noon. There will be cash prizes and a lite lunch included in the \$6 admission. Sponsored by Bishop Babcock Assembly - 4<sup>th</sup> degree. Come join us!!

### 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 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

**The Catholic Relief Services Annual Collection 2022 -** Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. For more than 75 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries on five continents. This vital work helps feed hungry families, provides health care and clean water in remote villages, helps farmers to grow better crops, protects orphans and vulnerable children, and allows for an immediate response to emergencies. Almost 100 million people are provided with love and compassion without regard to race, religion or nationality. By supporting The Catholic Relief Services Collection scheduled for March 27, 2022, at your parish, you will help to build richer lives for the faithful around the world. For more information, please contact Lori Becker, Coordinator of Diocesan Outreach, at 989.797.6652.



In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing - destroying farms, homes and more - making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

## **2022 Lenten Season Schedule**

### Stations of the Cross during Lent

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

### Communal Penance Service with Individual Reconciliation

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm - St John, Ubyly

### April 14<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday

7:00pm - St John, Ubyly

### April 15<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday

2:00pm - St John, Ubyly

### April 16<sup>th</sup> - Holy Saturday

9:00pm Vigil - St John, Ubyly

### April 12<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

8:00am - St Joseph, Argyle

9:30am - St Ignatius, Freiburg

11:00am - St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

## **CONVENTION**

The Detroit Province Council of Catholic Women invites all Catholic women to join them for a statewide convention, with the theme of *Beacons of Light*, to be held on Friday afternoon and Saturday, April 29-30, in Frankenmuth at the Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Center. The following speakers will be presenting to enrich our faith: Fr. Patrick Maher, Elizabeth Gengle, Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP, Bill Richart, and Sheri Wohlfert. Three bishops will be presiding at the Eucharistic Liturgy at Blessed Trinity Church, Frankenmuth, with Bishop Gruss as the main celebrant. A banquet and entertainment will provide some fun "sister time." Emmaus House of Saginaw will be the featured charity effort. A poster is on display in the gathering space. For registration information, please email Rita Maher at [rfmaher48453@yahoo.com](mailto:rfmaher48453@yahoo.com) or call her at 989-635-7072. Forms are also available at the parish office.

## **Bulletin Ads**

If you are a business or an individual that would like to advertise in our bulletin, we have several openings. If interested please call the parish office for details.

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Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 | 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 | Lk 13:1-9

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

Several years ago, my family gave me a blueberry bush for Mother's Day. It has yet to produce a single berry. However, I can't bring myself to remove it, and today's Gospel encourages me to be patient (a Google search reveals that it can take several years for a blueberry bush to produce a harvest!). The parable of the fig tree shows us how patient God is with us. Like the fig tree, we may not bear fruit or feel as if we're growing spiritually, even as we enter the second half of Lent. Yet Jesus teaches us that if we nurture our faith through prayer and repentance of our sins, we can always grow and blossom. Like the gardener, we need to be patient with ourselves as God is patient with us.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

It strikes me that in the parable of the fig tree, the gardener offered to cultivate *the ground around it*. Just as a tree needs light and water and a little individual TLC, it needs good soil. I think for us Catholics, that can be where our parish community and the broader Church come in. Through small actions such as greeting newcomers at Sunday Mass or volunteering in a parish ministry, we can become the fertile soil that nourishes not only our own faith, but that of the entire community. The 2021-23 Synod on Synodality invites us to share our faith and also to listen without judgment to the experiences of others. In doing so, we as a Church can grow stronger. As Pope Francis said in his opening prayer, "May this Synod be a true season of the Spirit! For we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of self-absorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy."

**STUDY** Learn about the Synod on Synodality: [www.usccb.org/synod](http://www.usccb.org/synod). Check your parish bulletin to see how you can get involved.

# Jesus Cries, "I Thirst!"

*Will you quench His thirst for love?*

--- Fr. Nate's Update ---

Fellow Saint-in-the-Making, Blessed **Lent!**

**Some holy humor:** \*\*\*"My home church welcomes all denominations," began the cynical Christian, adding with a smirk, "but mainly they prefer tens and twenties."

\*\*\*When the very unlikely pastor was announced as the new bishop, reporters at the news conference clamored for a quote.

"I feel like a mosquito at a nudist camp," the still shocked minister said, "I know what to do, but I don't quite know where to start."

**Praise Report:** Parish family members Diane and Dennis Smalley drove to Florida to deliver

hand-made items for the poor in Haiti, including shorts, dresses and sleeping mats. They were made, over hundreds of hours total, by various parish volunteers and volunteers from other local non-Catholic churches, for the poor in Haiti at the shipyard in Florida. The mats were made from recycled plastic bags; we are grateful to Lori Osantoski for helping to mobilize parishioners to volunteer. Jesus will one day say to everyone involved, *"I was naked and you clothed me"*-Jesus, *Matthew 25*. They will see how they were quenching His thirst for love. In the photo, Dennis Smalley is unloading boxes; Clarence Heleski in the background supervising!



**Who Will You Invite, and What Will God Say Through You?** Pope Francis and Fr. Nate invite YOU and every parishioner, and those you invite (please invite any disengaged Catholics you know, non-Catholics, etc.) to participate in a **Listening Session**, to discover what the Holy Spirit is saying TO the Body of Christ, THROUGH its members. Each person will have a chance to be listened to without interruption, without judgment, sharing experiences of how the Church has journeyed with them. Summaries of comments will be forwarded on to the Bishops' Synod in 2023. **Listening Sessions** will be held at our Good Shepherd Parish Center on:

- Sunday March 20 at 12:15pm- light snacks served
- Sunday March 20 at our 5pm Youth Group for MS/HS Youth
- Saturday April 9 at 2:00pm

**"Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love" -(Pope St. JPII)** You're invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with Song with our Faith Formation kids this Wednesday, March 23, 7:00-7:30pm at our St. John church. Also every Friday after 9am Mass, from 9:30am with Benediction at 10:30am.

## **Visitors to the Sick Needed: “I was sick and you visited me” -Jesus, Matthew 25**

Are you currently an EMHC- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, at Mass? We invite you to pray about bringing Holy Communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes. Let me know.

**Soup Scripture & Stations:** You're invited to encounter Jesus in fellowship, in His Word, and in prayer every Thursday during Lent (except for March 17):

5:30pm: Soup & bread (Parish Center)

6:00pm: 5-part video series called: “**A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**”

6:45pm: Stations of the Cross (St. John Church) (FYI There are also Stations at our St. Columbkille Church on Wednesdays at 7:30pm)

**Pray for our Candidates and Catechumens!** Heavenly Father, we beg you to deepen the conversion of our *Candidates for Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil: John Shetler; Christian Kish*, and our *Catechumens (not-yet baptized) preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil: Kayla Spencer; Alex Baynton; Emma Baynton; Brett Kish; Stephanie Mumandi*. In Jesus' Name, Amen!”

**50 Ways to Talk to God** *Blog post by Meg Hunter-Kilmer: [piercedhands.com/50-ways-talk-god](http://piercedhands.com/50-ways-talk-god)*

[continued from last week] “...Try one, try them all, but try something. You have nothing to lose. You have everything to gain....”

1. “Close your eyes and just repeat the name of Jesus.
2. Write a letter to God every night for a month. Promise yourself you won't let anyone read them so you can forget the fancy language and get real.
3. Read the Song of Songs like Christ is the bridegroom and you're the bride. Because you are.
4. When things get crazy, go to adoration at night. Don't try to stay on topic—just talk through all the mess in your life. Talk in circles and get frustrated and pull out your shopping list and process until your mind finally slows down. Work through it all and then just let yourself be. It's a very loud silence, that.
5. Pray the news. Beg mercy for sinners, healing for the infirm, justice and peace and God's will in all things.
6. Go somewhere beautiful (I recommend Montana) and revel in the majesty of God.
7. Hold a crucifix while you pray.
8. Pick a small but regular sacrifice (no sugar in your coffee, no condiments, no added salt). Thank Jesus for his sacrifice every time you make yours.
9. Pray the Our Father slowly. Take ten minutes to pray it once.
10. Ask the Blessed Mother to hold your hand and walk you to Jesus.” [#11-20 next time]

**Let Us Pray: (Pope's MARCH Intention):** “...for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action”

**(Ven. 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 and thirsts for your love. I love and pray for you. Pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg**

# REVEAL Christ's LOVE



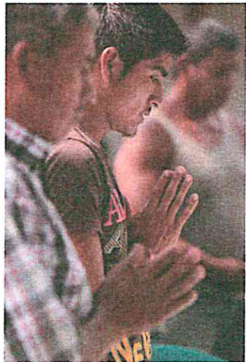
**I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.**

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions.

Guatemala is a leading producer of coffee, growing more than three million 132-pound bags annually, much of it exported

to the United States, Japan, and Canada. Aged farms, climate change, soil depletion, and a fungal infection called coffee leaf rust that causes leaves to fall off the plant and kill it—all of these pose challenges for small coffee farmers. Odilio Geronimo is one such farmer, whose ability to support his wife and young son was threatened by a fractured foot he suffered in an accident and by a crop destroyed by leaf rust.



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is helping Guatemalan coffee farmers like Odilio through a water-smart agriculture program that teaches farmers practices such as soil-quality identification, use of cover crops, and use of better compost. Through this

CRS-supported program, Odilio has had bigger and healthier harvests with the skills he learned, which help him provide better for his family. When you support The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you provide emergency relief to those affected by disasters as well as long-term solutions that improve the lives of families like Odilio's.

## Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . .

### In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

### And Around the World








Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

## The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2020

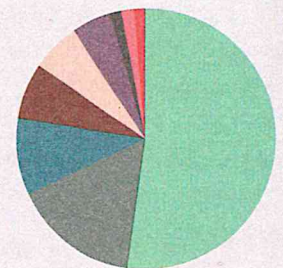
### Grants

 Catholic Relief Services	\$5,118,278	52.35%
 USCCB Migration & Refugee Services	\$1,558,012	15.94%
 CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network)	\$917,124	9.38%
 USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church*	\$687,134	7.03%
 USCCB International Justice & Peace	\$574,700	5.88%
 Holy Father's Relief Fund	\$500,000	5.11%
 USCCB Justice, Peace & Human Development Education & Outreach	\$137,675	1.41%

### Administration

 Promotion & Education Costs	\$154,764	1.58%
 Administrative Expenses	\$128,744	1.32%

\*USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church includes Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees & Travelers (\$447,490) and Asian & Pacific Island Affairs (\$239,644)



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