



**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 27, 2022**

Wed. Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> 11:30am St. John  
Thur. Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm St. Columbkille  
Fri. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00am St. John

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
following Mass until 4:00pm**

Sat. Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:00pm St. John  
Sun. Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30am St. Joseph  
Sun. Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30am St. Columbkille

**Confessions for this Week**

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John  
Thursdays after 7:00pm Mass St Columbkille  
Saturdays 3:15pm before Mass St. John's

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54

**Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Ezekiel 47:1-19, 12 John 5:1-6

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30

**Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47

**Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7: 40-53

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45



**Newly Baptized**



*Please welcome into our family of faith:*

*Dean Franklyn Szymanski*

*Son of John Jr & Christina Szymanski*

*Congratulations and welcome into our parish. May  
you experience the Lord every day of your life.*

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**Let Us Give Thanks!**

**Weekend Collection - \$4373.00**

**Loose - \$661.00**

**Building Fund - \$110.00**

**Easter Flowers - \$1334.00**

**650 Parish Families**

**(297 Family envelope holders)**

**120 Envelopes used**

**Donations:**

In memory of Sandy Peplinski, by Eleanor Franzel  
In memory of Delphine McEachin, by Jay & Bernadette  
Young Family, Grace Victoria, Dean, Laura, Martha,  
Matthew, Donald and Peter

**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

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**March 28-April 3, 2022**

Friday St. John: ~ Kristopher Guza  
Saturday St. John: + John Beaudin  
Sunday St. Joseph: ~ Pastor Harris  
Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd  
Parishioners

**In This Sunday's Readings:**

**"No longer was there manna for the Israelites,  
who that year ate of the yield of the land of  
Canaan." Joshua 5:12**

God had provided the gift of manna to eat in the  
desert for the Israelites as they journeyed for four  
decades. However, that supply halted. We may notice  
that in our own lives. Our gifts from God may not be  
the same throughout our lives. However, it is important  
to recognize our gifts from God, whatever they are  
and whenever they are presented to us.

### Faith Formation

We will be having our Family of Faith gathering April 6, 2022 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 (April 12, 19, 26)

Ubly: 6-7:30pm (April 13, 20, 27)

Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm (April 13, 20, 27)

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.

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.

### 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

### Communal Penance Service with Individual Reconciliation

Our parish will be having a Communal Penance Service on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00pm at our St. John church. After a short scripture service and examination of conscience, four priests will be available for individual reconciliation. Also, there will be a service Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00pm at St. Agatha church in Gagetown. Reminder: Fr. Nate is available for Reconciliation Wednesdays at 11:00am at St. John, Thursdays at 7:40pm at St. Columbkille, and Saturdays at 3:15pm at St. John.

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## VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

Mar. 28: Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski

Apr. 4: Ann Ypma, Rose Maikrzek, Shirley Piontkowski

Apr. 11: Judy Messing, Kathy Beaver, Charlotte Baker

### 4:00pm Saturday Mass April 2<sup>nd</sup> St. John

Lector: Bev Pawlosky

EMHC: Bev Pawlosky

Altar Server: Maze Gusa

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

### 8:30am Sunday Mass April 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Joseph

Lector: Suzanne Kroetsch

EMHC: Edie Izydorek

Greeter: Lisa Briolat

Ushers: Bill Izydorek, Kerry Grifka, Steve Briolat

### 10:30am Sunday Mass April 3<sup>rd</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Zoe & Jacie Tyrrell

Altar Servers: Myah & Broden Peruski

Greeters: Kubacki Family

Gift Bearers: Roman & Blakelyn Heleski

Ushers: Dan Cregeur, Marv Osentoski, Camden Peruski

### 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. The final session will be held at Good Shepherd Parish Center, Saturday April 9 at 2:00pm

### RCIA Meetings

"Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings for children will be held on Sunday, April 3 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.

## 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.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This coming Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be adoration following 9am Mass until 4:00pm. @ St. John.

### Coffee, Donuts, & Fruit: Helpers Needed

Our Parish Envisioning Team suggested ways to build community and parish unity including coffee and donuts, then our Pastoral Council discussed and agreed. We'd like to have Coffee, Donuts, & Fruit after all Masses the first weekend of the month beginning April 30/May 1. Locations: St. John: back of church; St. Joseph: Hall; St. Columbkille: Addition. Each month, a local business would sponsor the refreshments, with a sign on the table reading "Refreshments sponsored by [name]". If you're interested in pickup, serving, or setup/cleanup, or finding local sponsors, contact the office.

### Let MI Kids Learn Petition Drive

The Let MI Kids Learn petition drive is underway to promote educational justice legislation. Michigan children from low-income families would qualify for "Student Opportunity Scholarships" toward their out-of-pocket educational costs at public or nonpublic schools for tutoring, school supplies, computers, and tuition among other expenses. Donors to scholarship organizations would receive a state tax credit. Low-income parishioners and members of our community would benefit from this initiated legislation, regardless of where they send their children to school. The petitions would place this proposal before the legislature, and, if approved, would not require the governor's signature to become law. As this is a nonpartisan effort, Catholic parishes and schools are allowed to circulate petitions. The Catholic Bishops of Michigan support this effort. Please prayerfully consider signing the two required petitions to create the scholarship program and tax credits to improve the education of Michigan's school children.

## 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.

### PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these is of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to me basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit

[www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).



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### 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 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 -

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CARD PARTIES:

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



### **Driven by a Dream**

Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Glorioso and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Glorioso and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? 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



The St. Joseph-St. Ignatius Cemetery Spring Clean-up will take place during April. Please remove all decorations that you would like to keep by April 10<sup>th</sup>. All items remaining after April 10 will be disposed of during the clean-up. Thank you.

St. John Cemetery - St. Columbkille Cemetery Spring clean-up and removal of winter grave blankets will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do not put new flowers on grave before cemetery clean-up is completed.

### Mass of Atonement, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. -

Bishop Robert Gruss will celebrate the Diocese of Saginaw's Mass of Atonement at the Cathedral of Mary the Assumption, laying before God the Father the sorrow of all victims of child abuse and neglect, in particular, the victims of child sexual abuse by clergy. Please join Bishop Gruss for the 2nd Diocese of Saginaw's Mass of Atonement, uniting the intercessory prayers of the Church to God, Who alone can lead us to eternal happiness.

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## Jesus Cries, "I Thirst!"

*Will you quench His thirst for love?*

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

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

*Correction: Last week, I wrote that the mats that the Smalleys delivered to Haiti were the mats made from plastic bags that parish family members made. Actually, the sleeping mats for Haiti were the ones made of fabric scraps and then quilted. The mats made from bags were given to the homeless community in our local area through the Homeless Coalition office in Bay City.*

*Left: Pray for Dean Szymanski and for his parents Chrissy and John Jr. and godparents, that they'd be shining examples of love for Jesus!*

**Some holy humor:** The hospital nurse was filling out the paperwork to admit an 87-year-old Lutheran church goer who had taken ill. "Has your diet changed?" she asked. "Yes," the woman said. "For Lent, I gave up whipped cream on my Jell-O, hard candy, and my two beers a night." She paused, then added with a sigh, "And look where it's gotten me!"

**Praise Report:** "...some of us from time to time may have had a pity party or two and have asked ourselves "Does what I am doing really make a difference?", or "Is all the time, effort, and energy I put into this work appreciated?".....I could go on. You know, pity parties are like that, they get into your head and make you question why you do what you do, or even worse, why even do it. Several years ago, I was driving to work and was having one of those pity parties and feeling pretty low and cried out to God "Please show me that I am doing what you have called me to do, I need you to pick me up." And low and behold, God did just that. That morning in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a little 4 year old girl, who is normally quiet and calm, came up to me and pulled on my sweater, jumping up and down with great excitement, and said "Ms. Chris, Ms. Chris, I have something to tell you." So, I knelt down to be eye to eye with her. She could hardly contain her joy and excitement, and with the biggest smile ever she said, "Oh Ms. Chris, I am so happy to be here!" With tears in my eyes I looked at her and said, "Thank you, and so am I." (Chris Platko - St. Dominic Parish, Saginaw)

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

Are you currently an EM (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) at Mass? We invite you to pray about bringing Holy Communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes. Contact office.

**Constructive Criticism/Feedback** via email or letter about my homilies is always welcome, but not anonymously (please include your name so I can thank you and ask for clarification)

**Holy Thursday:** If you'd like to have your foot washed during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, please sit on the inside aisle of our St. John Church, and remove your shoe/sock at the appropriate time. After Mass, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30pm till 10:30pm, ending with Night Prayer.

**Soup Scripture & Stations:** You're invited to encounter Jesus in three ways Thursdays during Lent:  
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 Stations at St. Columbkille Wednesdays at 7:30pm)

**Our Job: to Pray for our Candidates and Catechumens!** "Heavenly Father, we beg you to give deeper conversion to Jesus Christ to our *Candidates for Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil: John Shetler; Christian Kish*; also 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** by Meg Hunter-Kilmer: [piercedhands.com/50-ways-talk-god](http://piercedhands.com/50-ways-talk-god)

[continued from last week] "...Try one... You have nothing to lose. You have everything to gain...."

1. "Tithe your free time—if you work eight hours a day and sleep eight hours a day, spend 48 minutes in prayer over the course of the day.
2. Think of how your small children tell you they love you—over and over, at any opportunity, with deep feeling and deep beauty even when it's deeply awkward. Talk to God like you're a little child.
3. Sit in a circle with your closest friends and take turns talking out loud to God.
4. Pray the Mass like it's **the Last Supper**—because it is. Listen to Jesus like it's your last night with him.
5. Pray the Mass like it's **Calvary**—because it is. Look at his body stretched out, lifeless for you on the Cross. Receive his body broken for you in the Eucharist. Ask for the grace to live a life that's worthy of that love.
6. Pray the Mass like it's **the heavenly banquet**—because it is. Look for what's true and good and beautiful. Thank God for the gift of the liturgy.
7. Go to a church and sit in silence until you just can't stand it any more. Then sit for another 5 minutes.
8. Listen to an Ignatian Meditation. (see blog for link)
9. "For everything that has been, thanks. To everything that will be, yes." -Dag Hammarskjold
10. When you kneel before the priest in confession, be mindful of the fact that you're kneeling at the foot of the Cross accusing yourself before the God who hangs dying to save you. Hate your sin but let him love you just the same." [#21-30 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**

March 27, 2022

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Written by  
THE  
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DISCIPLE

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 | 2 Cor 5:17-21 | Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**LAETARE  
SUNDAY**

**REJOICE!**

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

Today we celebrate Laetare (which means “rejoice”) Sunday. As we mark the midpoint of Lent, we allow ourselves to look ahead with joyful anticipation of Jesus’ resurrection, even as we continue our practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Amidst these penitential practices of Lent, this day offers a reminder that we have reason for hope. The parable of the prodigal son shows us what hope looks like. When the father caught sight of his wayward son, he did not see the young man who made bad choices, wasted his inheritance, and disobeyed him. He looked at him with eyes of unconditional love, rejoicing that “he was lost and has been found.” That’s how Jesus viewed the sinners and tax collectors, and how the Father views us, his wayward sons and daughters, when we return to him in contrition and love. So as we continue our Lenten practices, let’s take time to give thanks for the goodness and mercy of God today, knowing that the Lord awaits us with open arms when we acknowledge our sinfulness and rely upon him for all that is good.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Is it me, or are some of the parables hard to figure out? The parable of the prodigal son is one we’ve heard over and over again, and resonates across ages and generations. Some of us may relate to the prodigal son and others to the dutiful brother. The parents and grandparents among us may have been in the father’s shoes at some point. What better time than Lent to reflect on what the story means to us at this point in our lives: Are we awaiting the return of a disaffected loved one? Are we in need of repenting for our own actions? The answer will be different for each of us, but we can rejoice in the fact that we are loved unconditionally by God wherever we are on our Lenten and life journeys. Our challenge is to open our hearts to that love; as we do so, we can’t help but be transformed and in turn share that love with others through friendship, service, and generosity. As St. Paul writes, “Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: The old things have passed away.”

**ACT** On Laetare Sunday, priests may wear rose-colored vestments as a symbol of joy. Carry this sense of joy into your day by placing roses at the table, bringing flowers to a friend, or calling someone with whom you’ve fallen out of touch.



# **THUMB VETERANS ORGANIZATION**



**POST #1**

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**APRIL 3, 2022**

**SERVING 8:00 – 12:00**

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

**ADULTS - \$8.00  
CHILDREN (6-12) - \$4.00  
5 & UNDER – FREE**

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