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**First Sunday of Lent
 March 6, 2022**

Wed.	Mar. 9 th	11:30am	St. John
Thur.	Mar. 10 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Mar. 11 th	9:00am	St. John
Adoration following Mass until 10:30am			
Sat.	Mar. 12 th	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Mar. 13 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Mar. 13 th	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 7th

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 8th

Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 9th

Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 10th

Esther C :12, 14-16, 23-25 Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, March 11th

Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 12th

Deuteronomy 26: 16-19 Matthew 5:20-26

Sunday, March 13th

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Luke 9:28b-36



We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of Mary Nowak and Phillip Martin who passed away

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Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$5222.00
 Loose - \$329.00
 Building Fund - \$50.00
 650 Parish Families
 (297 Family envelope holders)
 112 Envelope used

Donations:

In memory of Delphine McEachin, by Beatrice Pichla
 In memory of Carol Lemke, by Beatrice Pichla
 In memory of Edna Mae Roth, by Bill & Barb McNish

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

February 28-March 6, 2022

Thursday St. Columbkille: + Rena Wilcox

Friday St. John: ~ Fabian Guza

Saturday St. John: ~ Sandy Peplinski

Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Columbkille: + Michael Thomas
 Sweeney

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

March 7-13, 2022

Thursday St. Columbkille: + Eugene Stewart Sr.

Friday St. John: ~ Gregory Guza

Saturday St. John: + Concetta Carlone

Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Columbkille: + Delphine McEachin

In This Sunday's Readings:

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." -- Deuteronomy 26:10

This passage goes right to the meaning of stewardship. Do we realize that everything we have are gifts from God? And, do we give back to God from our "first fruits" or do we give to the Lord what is "leftover" after fulfilling our own wants and desires? These are important questions to ask ourselves and to pray upon how we can be more grateful and generous.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS AND RICE BOWLS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CHURCH ENTRANCES

Faith Formation

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

Kindergarten through 6th grade

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

Ubyly: 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.

Mar. 20th, April 24th, & May 15th.

We meet from 5pm-8pm & start with a shared meal.

Youth group is for all 7-12th 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 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.

Volunteers needed

Monday, March 7 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.

VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE:

Counters:

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

Mar. 14: Diana Briolat, Jeanene Schmidt, Shirley
Piontkowski

Mar. 21: Luci Kubacki, Barb Roggenbuck, Rose
Maikrzek

4:00pm Saturday Mass March 12th St. John

Lector: Luci Kubacki

EMHC: Luci Kubacki

Altar Server: Maze Gusa

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

8:30am Sunday Mass March 13th St. Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Paul Guza

Greeter: Lisa Briolat

Ushers: Chuck Izydorek, Steve Briolat, Gordon
Farrelly

10:30am Sunday Mass Mar. 13th St Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Marge Messing & Delaney Peruski

Altar Servers: Roman Heleski & Brayden Sweeney

Greeters: Rawling Family

Gift Bearers: Myah & Broden Peruski

Ushers: Rob, Matt & Jack Kubacki

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

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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 3rd. Card games begin at 1:00pm \$6:00 to play includes lite lunch afterwards. Come join in the fellowship.

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!!

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.



Ruth K of C Euchre Party

Sunday March 13th 2022

Starts at 1:00 @ Ruth K of C Hall
Cash Prizes & Hot Lunch Included
Admission \$6:00 Come Join Us!



Lent is coming

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? 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

Individual Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, April 5th - 6:30pm - St John, Ubly

April 14th - Holy Thursday

7pm - St John, Ubly

April 15th - Good Friday

Noon - St John, Ubly

April 16th - Holy Saturday

9:00pm Vigil - St John, Ubly

April 12th - Easter

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



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 three awards of \$400.00! Deadline to return application is April 29th 2022 at 3p.m. Recipients will be announced at mass.

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March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10 | Rom 10:8-13 | Lk 4:1-13

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

If you are anything like me, you may still be deciding what to give up or do for Lent even though we're already five days in. I know ... "Stop procrastinating!" Today's readings can help us enter more deeply into this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. They are a reminder that Lent isn't primarily about us, as if it were a self-improvement project, but about taking the opportunity to go deeper into our relationship with God. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are ways of reducing distractions in our life and focusing on God's mercy, his sacrifice for us, and his generosity and love. I am one who likes to control things and make plans, so the readings challenge me to look beyond myself, beginning with prayer, and ask the Lord to help me grow in faith. Paul writes, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Jesus exemplifies this dependence on God, allowing himself to be led to the desert by the Spirit. Each time the devil tempts him, he responds and in turn shows us how to respond: by turning to God and God's words, the source of our strength. As we choose how to observe the next 35 days, we are reminded to ask God to help us find those things that help draw us closer to him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

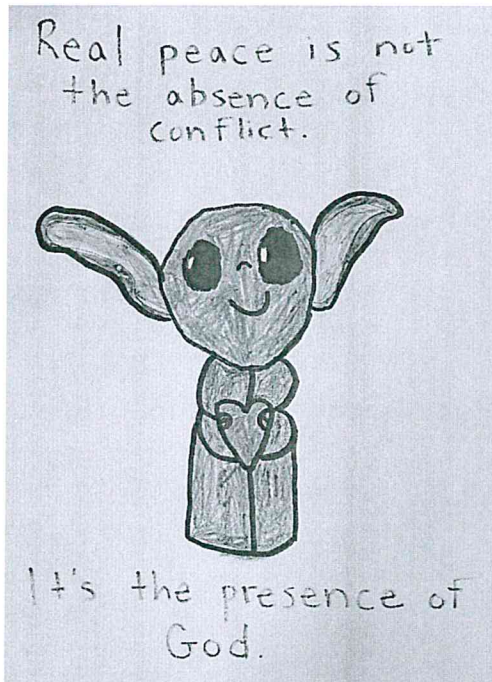
What comes to mind when you picture a desert? I imagine sand, heat, thirst. It's more challenging to examine the landscape of my personal desert – barren places of prayer or too much focus on the details of everyday life. Lent, however, presents a rich opportunity to pause and reprioritize our lives based on Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can help us do that, reminding us of our dependence on God and helping us shift our focus from ourselves to God and others. How we observe and experience Lent will differ for each of us. Whatever our personal desert looks like, we can rest assured that God will help us find our way back to him.

ACCOMPANIMENT Find an accountability partner for Lent who can help you stay the course these next 40 days. Perhaps you can pray together each day, or simply send a text sharing how God is working in and through you in this penitential season.

Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst?

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

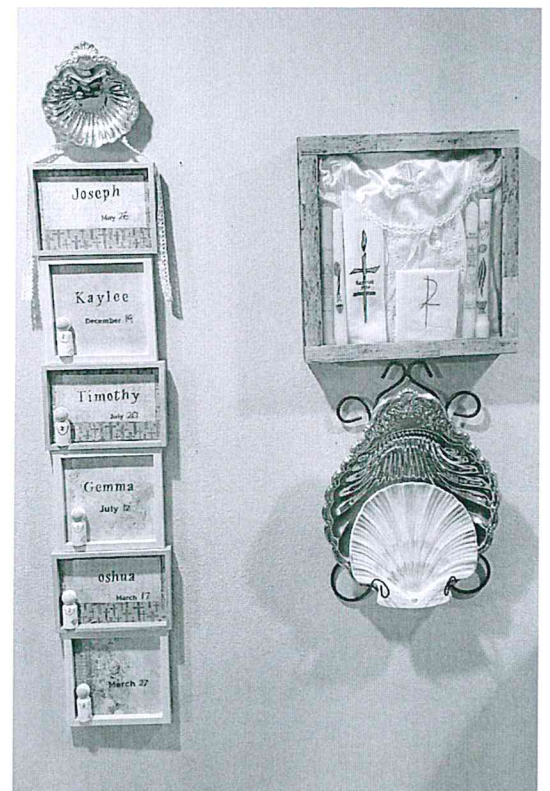


(Left: drawing of Grogg by my niece; the words added by my sister. Right: a great way to remember and celebrate Baptism Anniversaries. This family posted the names and baptism dates of each of their children, along with a display of their baptismal garments and candles)

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

How can I dare call you that? Because this is why God made you: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification..." (1 Thes. 4:3) "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the

only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint." (Leon Bloy). "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14). Author C.S. Lewis challenges us to seek to become a saint: "It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures ... when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased" (The Weight of Glory). Dear parents, grandparents, catechists, uncles, aunts, as we ask the Lord to make us holy and Christlike and Marylike, our desire for holiness will rub off onto our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.



Some holy humor: An insurance agent stops by a nearby Baptist church in hopes of selling some insurance. She greets the head usher at the door and asks to talk to whoever is in charge. The usher says, "Not me; I only hand out the bulletins. Let me take you to the pastor." The insurance agent then asks the pastor if he is in charge. The pastor says, "Not me; I only preach and teach. Let me take you to the council president." The agent then asks the council president if she is in charge. "Not me; I only conduct meetings and hear complaints. Let me take you to the head of the building committee." The agent then asks the head of the building committee if he is in charge. He, "Not me; I just help take care of the building." By this time the insurance agent is quite frustrated and wonders aloud, "Well, just who IS in charge around here?" The lady who serves the coffee pipes up, "That's me; NOTHING happens around here til I make the coffee!"

Praise Report (How God Is Working Through His People)

The Good Shepherd Christian Mothers and the Knights of Columbus have been preparing wonderful monthly meals for our Family of Faith Nights. Yesterday, for Ash Wednesday, our Christian Mothers prepared a delicious meatless meal of pizza, garlic bread, butter noodles, and noodles with pasta sauce. *(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)*

Saturday Vigil Mass Time at St. John Church

I have been carefully discerning the question of whether we should keep our Saturday Vigil Mass time at 4:00pm year round, rather than switch to 5:00pm for daylight savings time. After considering feedback from council members, parishioners, local farmers, and our liturgical ministers who exercise generous stewardship of their time and talent to serve us at Mass (such as our organists, cantors, servers, lectors, ushers, sacristans, etc.), and after considering other factors (the amount of sunlight for driving home; the possibility of my being asked to sub at 5:30 Mass for Holy Family Parish; the potential for confusion; the common dinner hour, etc.), I have decided to keep our Saturday Vigil Mass time at 4:00pm year round. Thank you to all who helped me make this decision.

SOUP, SCRIPTURE, & STATIONS

You're invited to encounter Jesus in fellowship, in His Word and at Mass, and in prayer every Thursday during Lent (except for March 17) beginning Thursday March 3rd:

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

6:00pm: 5-part video series called: **"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" (starting March 10)**

6:45pm: Stations of the Cross (St. John Church)

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace [Please offer this prayer for Ukraine and Russia...]

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

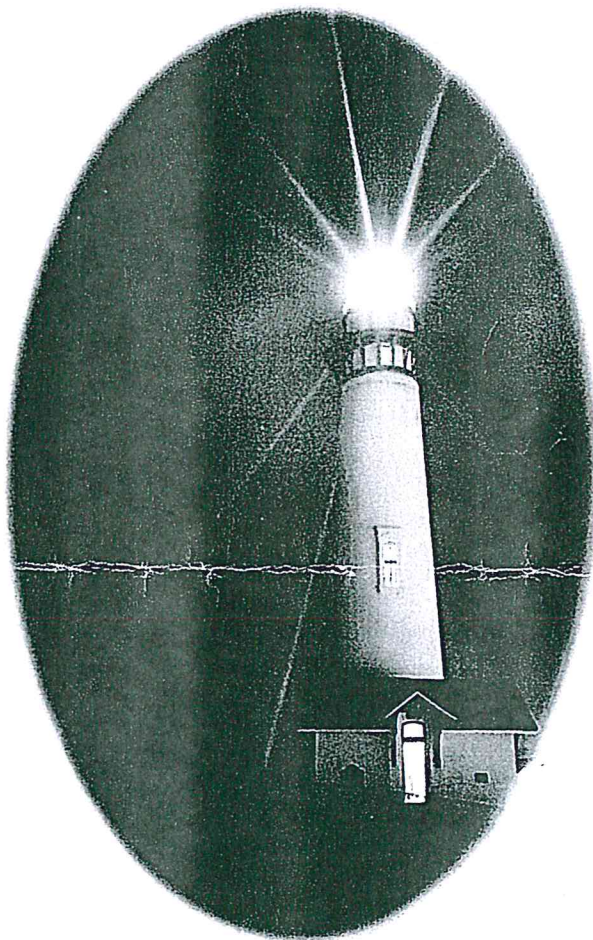
Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

God loves you, I love you, I pray for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg

All women are invited!

Beacons of Light



April 29 – 30, 2022 Convention

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Saginaw Diocese



The January meeting of Council 12850 of the Ugly-Sheridan Knights of Columbus was full of many activities. When called to order the Grand Knight led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the pledge of allegiance. After roll call and the approval of the last month's minutes and treasures report, old business was discussed.

The following topics were discussed under new business.

It was decided to make the following donations: \$500 donation to Sandy Peplinski. \$500 to Safe Place. \$500 to Positive Alternatives.

It was decided to get the office secretaries something for Valentines Day as a thank you for all they do for the parish. Our Audit has been completed. The council approved paying a portion of the district adds for the State Convention. Our program director, Kevin Romzek gave his Programs report. Our Financial secretary gave his report and also reported the 4th Degree was holding a euchre party February 20th.

Our District Deputy gave his report and then announced that our new Insurance agent is Bob Bovenschen. His telephone number is 586-255-1380. He also reported that the Ruth council was holding their euchre tournament 2-13-22. The Harbor Beach council is holding a Super Bowl Breakfast at the Helena church from 8-12 on Super bowl Sunday.

Knight of the month is Gray Krause.

Under the good of the order prayers were offered for the following.

Ellen Radomski, Sandy Peplinski, Greg Eilber, Greg Maurer, Doug McIntyre, Tom Sellek, Terry Chapin and Phil Martin*.

*After the writing of this newsletter it was learned that Phil Martin had passed away. The entire council is saddened by this news as Phil was a great member. Phil was a devout catholic and great family man. He will truly be missed as we all we keep him and his family in our prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff Maurer/Grand Knight