

**Sunday of Divine Mercy  
April 24, 2022**

Wed. April 27<sup>th</sup> 11:30am St. John  
Thur. April 28<sup>th</sup> CANCELLED St. Columbkille  
Fri. April 29<sup>th</sup> CANCELLED St. John  
Sat. April 30<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm St. John  
Sun. May 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30am St. Joseph  
Sun. May 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30am St. Columbkille

**Confessions for this Week**

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John

Cancelled Thurs. after 7:00pm Mass St Columbkille

Cancelled Saturdays 3:15pm before Mass St. John

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

1 Peter 5: 5b-14 Mark 16:15-20

**Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 4:32-37 John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 5:17-26 John 3:16-21

**Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 5:27-33 John 3:31-36

**Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 5: 34-42 John 6: 1-15

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Acts 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

**LITTLE WHITE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE  
AT ALL CHURCH ENTRANCES.**

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**Let Us Give Thanks!**

Weekend Collection - \$4594.00

Loose - \$1200.86

Good Friday Collection - \$1034.61

Easter - \$4243.00

Rice Bowl Collection - \$651.50

Building Fund - \$60.00

Catholic Relief Services - \$50.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

96 Envelopes used

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**April 18-24, 2022**

Friday St. John: ~ Olyssa Guza

Saturday St. John: + Bertha & Hannah Grifka

Sunday St. Joseph: + Edith Laracuenta

Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**April 25-May 1, 2022**

Saturday St. John: + Marie Klee

Sunday St. Joseph: + Scott Peruski, 9 yr.

Anniversary

Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd

Parishioners

**In This Sunday's Readings:**

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" -- John 20:21

The first word that the risen Jesus says to the disciples is "peace." He sends them into the world to proclaim His peace and mercy. Jesus calls us to do the same - to both those who we know and like, as well as strangers and those with whom we may consider "enemies." Think about how you can spread peace and mercy to your "enemies" - and then act.



**Rosaries**

At 3:30 @ St. John Church

At St. Joseph Church @ 8:10am before Mass and prior to 10:30 Mass at St Columbkille on Sundays.

### Faith Formation

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

Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

All sites will gather Wed. April 27 at our parish  
center in Ubly for our End of Year Celebration.

Parents are encouraged to attend this celebration.

### 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 May 11. 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



### Newly Baptized



*Please welcome into our family of faith:*

*Victor Arroyo IV*

*Son of Victor & Nicole Arroyo III*

*And*

*John Michael Mazure IV*

*Son of John Mazure III & Margaret Namuli*

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

## VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

Apr. 25: Diana Briolat, Barb Roggenbuck, Luci Kubacki

May 2: Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski

May 9: Judy Messing, Ann Ympa, Marge Briolat

4:00pm Saturday Mass April 30<sup>th</sup> St. John

Lector: Del Czewski

EMHC: Del Czewski

Altar Server: Kylie Keller

Ushers: Mike Briolat, Charlie Briolat, Tom Murray,  
Glen Peruski

8:30am Sunday Mass May 1<sup>st</sup> St. Joseph

Lector: Lynn Talaski

EMHC: Lynn Talaski

Greeter: Steve Briolat

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Kevin Hessling, Chuck Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Mass May 1<sup>st</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Kathy Cregueur & Katie Sweeney

EMHC: Zoe & Jacie Tyrrell

Altar Servers: Luke Roth & Brayden Sweeney

Greeters: Youth Mass

Gift Bearers: Youth Mass

Ushers: Dan Creguer, Marvin Osentoski, Camden  
Peruski

### The East Region Council of Catholic Women

Will have their Spring Meeting on Wednesday, May  
11th at Good Shepherd Parish. Registration begins at  
9:30 at the parish center with a business meeting  
following. Rosary at St. John church at 11 am, followed  
by Mass at 11:30am. Confession will be available from  
11-11:25am in the back of church. Lunch following  
shortly after noon, cost \$10. Per person. Our speaker  
will be Noel Alshomali regarding the life of a  
Palestinian Christian in the Holy Land. This is an  
opportunity for each of you to benefit from  
conversations, prayer, luncheon and an engaging  
speaker. You need not be a member to come and enjoy!  
RSVP by May 5th 989-551-2984.

Have a Blessed Day, Mary Ellen Baranski, President -  
Eastern Region Council of Catholic Women.

### 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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### **Youth Encounter Service - YES**

**June 19-24<sup>th</sup>**

This is a weeklong outreach to the poor in Saginaw area, working on homes, at soup kitchen, homeless shelter, etc. Open to all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration is now open and we have money to help with the cost! Volunteer with other teens from throughout the Saginaw Diocese. Please contact the parish office if interested 989-658-8824.



### **Good Shepherd Christian Mother News!!!**

We are looking for new members to join Christian Mothers. You do not need to be a "mother" to join. If interested call Debbie Sadro 989-658-8325.

Doing spring cleaning? Save all the treasures you're getting rid of and donate them to our upcoming Christian Mother garage sale in July. This is a fund raising project for Christian Mother. More information to come in May.

### **Coffee & Donuts: Helpers Needed**

Our Parish Envisioning Team suggested ways to build community and parish unity including coffee and donuts. Our Pastoral Council discussed and agreed. We'd like to have Coffee & Donuts after all Masses the second weekend of the month beginning May 7/8. 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.



**THANK YOU**

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl at Mass or bring it to the office, or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).

**Time to return your rice bowls**

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.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the TVO Hall, Ubyly from 8am-noon. Take outs available. Call Steve 989-315-1226. Special price for ALL Mothers \$4. Adults \$8 children (6-12) \$4 and 5 & under free. Proceeds to support area veterans. "Help us help them"



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April 24, 2022

## Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16 | Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | Jn 20:19-31

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

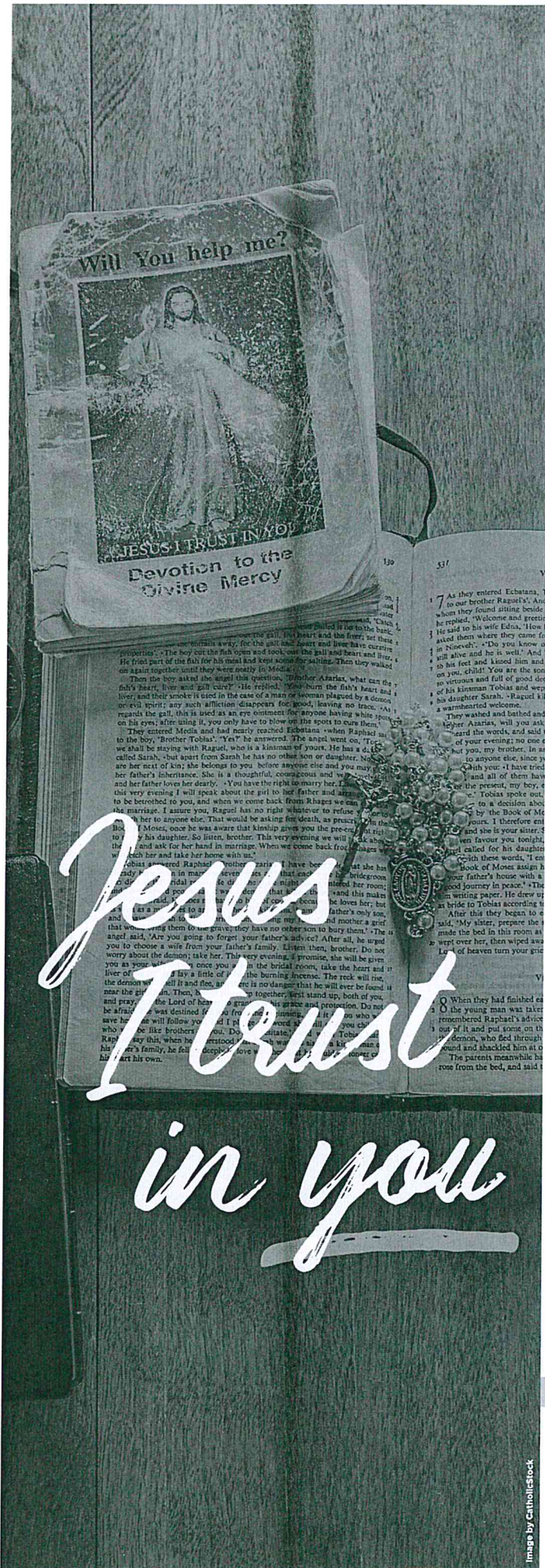
In today's Gospel, Thomas gets singled out as the one who doubts that Jesus had risen from the dead. But the other Gospels reveal that the other disciples doubted too. I understand why they had trouble believing that Jesus was alive. To think that God loves us enough that he chose to become human to die for our sins is incomprehensible. To accept that he loves us this deeply is almost unbearable. It seems doubtful anyone can love us that much. It seems doubtful that we deserve to be loved that much. It is much easier to doubt than to believe. But Thomas was the first to publicly proclaim the man Jesus as also God: *My Lord and my God!* he says. The risen Jesus had come into the room, although the doors were locked, and called them back into belief. Through Christ, God shows the disciples - and us - the extent of his love and mercy. We are worth it, even when we doubt, even when we fail. His death and resurrection are testament to that. He will walk through whatever walls exist to tell us. No doubt about it.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles today describes the reaction to the apostles' joyful and confident proclamation that Jesus was Lord and God after receiving the Holy Spirit. The crowds drew near just to have Peter's shadow fall upon those who were sick. God's mercy has no bounds. How can we be like the first disciples? In what ways do our lives reflect God's mercy on us? Where can our own "shadows fall" so that God's goodness and grace can bring healing and comfort to others? Let us begin our days by giving "thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting," and trust that the Holy Spirit will both remind us of our blessings and continued need for mercy, and guide us to encounters with others who need the same.

**PRAY** During this Easter season, read a passage from the Acts of the Apostles each day and immerse yourself in the history of the early Church. End your time of reflection by praying the Apostles' Creed, the statement of beliefs of Christians in the first centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection.



Jesus  
I trust  
in you





## Jesus Cries, “I Thirst!”

*Will you quench His  
thirst for love?*

- Fr. Nate's Update -

Dear Saint-in-the-Making,  
Happy **DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY!**



*Lord Jesus Christ, at the  
Easter Vigil thank you for baptizing (L-R) Kayla Spencer; Stephanie  
Munandi; John Mazure; Emma Baynton; Alex Baynton; Brett Kish;  
and for bringing John Shetler (far L) and Christian Kish (far R) into  
full communion with the Catholic Church. On Easter Sunday, Lord,  
thank you for baptizing Victor Arroyo IV. Make all their parents and  
godparents shining examples of love for You and your Church!*

**Some Holy Humor:** A little girl became restless as the  
preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over  
to her mother and whispered, “Mommy, if we give him the  
money now, will he let us go home?”

**Thank You Faithful Stewards:** Thank You... to all who “washed  
our feet” by preparing our Holy Week celebrations, including  
our organists, cantors, choir members, decorators, altar servers, sacristans, cleaners! *The decorators  
offered much time and talent. I suggest making a “pilgrimage” to each church before Easter Season  
ends (Pentecost June 4/5) to see the BEAUTIFUL and creative Easter decorations for our Risen Lord!*

**Please Pray...** for the nine children who will receive Jesus in First Holy Communion this weekend!  
“Father, let this day begin for each child a lifelong, life-giving relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist!”

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

You're invited to a Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Sunday, April 24, 3:00pm, at our St. John Church, Ubyly.

After praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm, I will be available for Confession in the  
Reconciliation Room until Benediction at 3:50pm, or you may simply wish to pray in silence before the  
Blessed Sacrament. The same day, join Youth Group in praying the Chaplet, 5:45pm, St. John Church.

**What is “Divine Mercy” All About?** Between 1930 and 1938 Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister  
of Mercy in Poland. She was canonized in 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II. Jesus asked that an **IMAGE** be  
painted according to the vision of Himself as the fountain of mercy, with blood (representing  
Eucharist) and water (representing Baptism) flowing from His Heart. Jesus taught her a **CHAPLET** and  
asked that it be prayed especially at three o'clock each afternoon, the Hour of Great Mercy when He  
died on the Cross. He also asked for a **FEAST DAY** on which He offers us an **EXTRAORDINARY GRACE**.



What is this “Extraordinary Grace”? Fr. Chris Alar explains, “Jesus promises that the soul that’s been to Confession and receives Holy Communion will be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our soul. Those two stains are sin and the punishment [consequences] due to sin. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul.” (*image from St. Francis Church, Ann Arbor, by Cecilia Lawrence*)



### **How do I receive the “Extraordinary Grace” of Divine Mercy Sunday?**

1. On Sunday or on a day leading up to Sunday, go to Confession. Prepare by making an examination of conscience. Or if unable to go to Confession, make an Act of Contrition instead. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1451 states, “Among the [actions of the penitent], contrition occupies first place. Contrition is 'sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again'". With a sincere act of contrition, you will be completely forgiven of all sins, even “mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible” (Catechism, 1452).
2. Receive Holy Communion, or if unable to attend Mass, pray a “spiritual Communion” prayer such as, “*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself to You; let me never be separated from You. Amen.*” Pray this with the intent to return to Holy Communion as soon as possible.
3. Ask for the grace: Pray a prayer like this: “*Lord Jesus Christ, You promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to Confession [I’m unable, but I made an Act of Contrition] and the soul that receives Holy Communion [I’m unable, but I made a Spiritual Communion] will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Lord Jesus Christ, please give me this grace.*”

**Jesus’s Words to St. Faustina:** “My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the **Feast of Mercy** [Divine Mercy Sunday] be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to **Confession** [*before, or on, Divine Mercy Sunday*] and receive **Holy Communion** shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity...”

**Let Us Pray: (Pope's APRIL Intention):** “*...for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.*”

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