

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022**

Wed.	May 11 th	11:30am	St. John
Thur.	May 12 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	May 13 th	9:00am	St. John
Adoration following Mass until 10:30am			
Sat.	May 14 th	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	May 15 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	May 15 th	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

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 9th

Acts 11: 1-18 John 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 10th

Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 11th

Acts 12:24-13:5a John 12:44-50

Thursday, May 12th

Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20

Friday, May 13th

Acts 13:26-33 John 14: 1-6

Saturday, May 14th

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 15th

Acts 14:21-27 Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$6330.00
Loose - \$363.00
Rice Bowl Collection - \$101.32
Building Fund - \$245.00
650 Parish Families
(297 Family envelope holders)
130 Envelopes used

Donations:

In loving memory of our mom, Bernice Weber and Sandy Peplinski, sadly missed by all, this Mother's Day and every day. Rest in peace, by Stan & Gladys Briolat family

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:
May 2-8, 2022**

Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners
Sunday St. Joseph: + Meinard Guza
Sunday St. Columbkille: + Delphine McEachin

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:
May 9-15, 2022**

Friday St. John: ~ Clare Roth
Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners
Sunday St. Joseph: + Sandy Peplinski
Sunday St. Columbkille: + Ron Austin

In This Sunday's Readings:

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." -- Acts 13:52

When the disciples were addressing the people, they did so fervently because they knew that they were spreading the message of Christ. The Holy Spirit gave them the strength and fortitude to spread the good news. We, too, can be filled with the Holy Spirit and use our many individual gifts in ways that God intends and spread the good news in today's world.



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.

Please remember your parish when planning your estate

Faith Formation

Good Shepherd would like to thank all the families and their children for coming to Faith Formation this year! Have a great summer. See you in the fall.

Youth Group

Youth group will be meeting May 15, 2022. We meet from 5pm-8pm & start with a shared meal. Youth group is for all 7-12th grades & there is no cost.

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



It is graduation time again! We will be having graduation Masses the weekend of May 21 & 22. Please call the office and let us know if you will be attending.

Future Farmers of America Members Needed

Bishop Gruss will celebrate "Mass at Seed Time" at the Octagon Barn in Gagetown on Saturday, May 21, at 11:00 A.M. We would like to have high school students who are members of the Future Farmers of America wear their jackets and join us. They will join Bishop Gruss in procession at the beginning of Mass. Transportation can be arranged. Please call Joe Sutherland at 810-710- 0899 or 810-580-2814, if you have questions or to let him know you are able to attend. Thank you!

Is God calling you to be a deacon?

Once every four year the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw accepts applications for the Permanent Deacon Formation Program, and the deadline for applying is coming up on May 15. If you or any men you know believe, they have a calling to serve as a deacon, please contact Dr. Dan Osborn at 989-797-6662 or diaconate@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE:

Counters:

May 9: Judy Messing, Ann Ympa, Marge Briolat
May 16: Barb Roggenbuck, Charlotte Baker, Shirley Piontkowski
May 23: Jeanene Schmidt, Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin

4:00pm Saturday Mass May 14th St. John

Lector: Luci Kubacki
EMHC: Luci Kubacki
Altar Server: Kylie Keller
Ushers: Allen Peruski, Jim Czewski, Jim Osentoski, Whitey Pawlosky

8:30am Sunday Mass May 15th St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki
EMHC: Denise Kubacki
Greeter: Rod Walsh
Ushers: Kevin Hessling, Gordon Farrelly, Kerry Grifka

10:30am Sunday Mass May 15th St Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek
EMHC: Kevin Romzek & Jerry Sweeney
Altar Servers: Sarah & Laura Romzek
Greeters: Kempisty Family
Gift Bearers: Courtney & Ryan Kempisty
Ushers: Dennis Sweeney, Terry Sweeney, Nathan Peruski

Lost and Found

A lady's watch was found in the parking lot at St John Church. Please call the parish office if you think it may be yours.

Youth Encounter Service - YES June 19-24th

This is a weeklong outreach to the poor in Saginaw area, working on homes, at soup kitchen, homeless shelter, etc. Open to all incoming 9th - 12th 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.

Please remember your parish when planning your estate



Good Shepherd Christian Mother News!!!

Christian Mother's pot luck dinner will be on Tuesday, May 17, @ 5:45pm at the parish center. Sloppy joes will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. If you have a fun game bring it. Thinking about becoming a member, come see what we're about. Please RSVP, Debbie 658-8325 or Cathy 989-551-3877.

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's. More information to come in May.

EMHC Continuing Formation Sessions

Per the Diocesan Office of Liturgy, all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) need to attend a Continuing Formation session to be recertified for another three years of ministry. On Saturday May 14 at St. John after the 4pm Mass, and on Sunday May 15 at St. Columbkille after 10:30am Mass, Fr. Nate will lead a 30 minute Continuing Formation Session. If you serve as an EMHC at St. Joseph, please attend one of the two available sessions. Thank you!

Breakfast

Mother's Day breakfast, Sunday, May 8th at Ugly Fox Hunters. Serving from 8am-12pm. \$10 per meal. World famous homemade sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns & cinnamon roll. Dine in or take out, no phone orders.



VBS this Summer

Mark your calendars. VBS will be held this summer on June 13 - 16. All are welcome!!



Baby Bottle Boomerang 2022

The Huron County Right to Life and Positive Alternatives Pregnancy Center of Bad Axe are co-sponsoring a Baby Bottle Boomerang from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Following all Mother's Day weekend Masses, everyone is invited to take home a baby bottle and fill it with their loose/spare change and return the bottle and its contents to church on Father's day weekend. Checks can be made payable to *Huron Co. RTL*. This is a great way to support the pro-life efforts of your local pro-life chapter and your local pregnancy center without straining your family budget. Positive Alternatives is a Christ-Centered, Pro-life ministry working to educate women on the alternatives to abortion. The Huron County Right to Life consists of volunteers that are committed to saving the lives of the unborn, the elderly, and everyone in between. This is the primary fundraiser for both pro-life organizations. If you or someone you know is in a crisis pregnancy, please call 1-800-57WOMAN.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Ministries Day, Saturday, June 4, 2022 - The Office of Parish Life and Evangelization will be hosting a Day of Enrichment for all who minister in our parishes and community.

This event will be held at the Center for Ministry beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending with 4:00 p.m. Mass. Bishop Robert Gruss will be keynote with many relevant breakout sessions being offered. More details to come soon.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



May 8, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Rev 7:9, 14b-17 | Jn 10:27-30

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

The divisiveness we see in our nation and our world is not new – it is rooted in our original sin. In the Old Testament, the Assyrians invaded the northern kingdom of Israel, forcing many of its citizens into exile and captivity. In the modern world, Russia invades Ukraine and millions of refugees flee. It seems as if this 2200-year-old adage is true: “Nothing is new under the sun!” (Eccl 1:9) Except for Jesus. Of him God says [spoiler for next week!], “Behold I make all things new.” (Rev 21:5) As we hear in today’s first reading, conflict between Jews and Gentiles forced Paul and Barnabas to leave Antioch. In contrast, John in Revelation envisions a world where “every nation, race, people, and tongue” stand before the Lord. For us as for them, Jesus is the path to the unity we desire. That’s not to gloss over real differences and even worse, the horror of war. However, it can be a reminder that no matter what else we do, we need to turn to the Lord first in prayer, asking him to guide us in our response; asking the Holy Spirit to help us see people of all nations, and indeed our very own neighbors, as our brothers and sisters.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Judging by the volume wars during our family television sessions, it seems that people have varying levels of ability to hear certain accents and types of voices. I wonder if this capacity to hear properly, or with the necessary level of attention, can sometimes apply to our ability to hear, really *hear*, the words of Jesus. Perhaps we’re too busy, or other preoccupations crowd out his voice. Today’s Gospel reminds us to tune back in. “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me,” Jesus says. In the first reading, Luke describes the Gentiles who lived in Antioch and were “delighted” in hearing the Good News of salvation and who “glorified the word of the Lord,” spreading it “through the whole region.” Today and every day, we can emulate the early Christians by opening our ears (or eyes!) to the word of God through the Scriptures, and in turn sharing that light of salvation to all who need it.

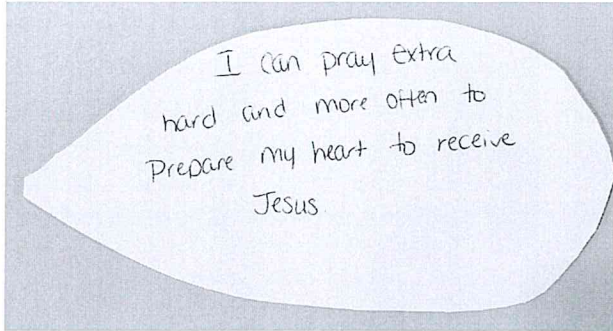
PRAY Pray Pope Francis’ prayer for peace, found on the USCCB website: www.usccb.org/prayers/pope-francis-prayer-peace. Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!



Jesus Cries, "I Thirst!"

Will you quench His thirst for love?
- Fr. Note's Update -

Friend, and fellow Saint-in-the-Making, Happy **EASTER!**



[Above: a "bee wing" that one of our Faith Formation children brought to class. These were sent home weekly to encourage them to carry out acts of kindness and love in Jesus' Name, and later shared with their classmates. Right: nine children who received Jesus in First Holy Communion at our parish this past weekend]

Some Holy Humor: By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

Gratitude for Kim Lemke: Kim Lemke has resigned as Music Minister of Good Shepherd Parish after about 37 years of faithful, generous service. I am grateful for her ministry, planning music for Masses and leading us in worship of our God, not only at weekend Masses but at many funeral Masses as well. May God bless her future endeavors. If you wish to send her a card to express your appreciation, her address is: 2025 Riverview Dr. Ubly, MI 48475



Thank you to all our Faith Formation catechists, helpers, and our two Coordinators of Religious Education for all their dedication and hard work and love in preparing and teaching our children our beautiful Catholic Faith and modeling for them a love for Mass and for our God. May God reward them in this life and the next. Thank you to our "primary catechists", the parents who take up their God-given calling to teach and model the Faith at home. *I encourage you to thank a catechist or a helper that you know!* Please pray for parish leaders as we make plans for Faith Formation next year.

“Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb”: The following blessing was approved and published by the US Council of Catholic Bishops in 2011. Please inform me if you know a woman or family in our community, Catholic or not, who would like to receive this blessing. It can be done during Mass or after Mass, or I am willing to visit the home. Through the blessing, God gives peace and strength. Consider this act of love: think of a family you know right now who will soon welcome a new child, and pray these prayers for them, in your heart:

[For the child and mother:] *God, author of all life, bless, we pray, this unborn child; give constant protection and grant a healthy birth that is the sign of our rebirth one day into the eternal rejoicing of heaven. Lord, who have brought to this woman the wondrous joy of motherhood, grant her comfort in all anxiety and make her determined to lead her child along the ways of salvation.*

[For the father:] *Lord of the ages, who have singled out this man to know the grace and pride of fatherhood, grant him courage in this new responsibility, and make him an example of justice and truth for this child.*

[For the family:] *Lord, endow this family with sincere and enduring love as they prepare to welcome this child into their midst.*

[For the parish:] *Lord, you have put into the hearts of all men and women of good will a great awe and wonder at the gift of new life; fill this [our] (parish) community with faithfulness to the teachings of the Gospel and new resolve to share in the spiritual formation of this child in Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R/. Amen. [Then the priest/deacon blesses all present and leads all in a prayer to Our Lady, preferably in front of an image/statue/home altar]*



Home Altars [Prayer Corners]... To the left is a picture of a home altar where the family prays together, and allows them to express love to God and the saints by flowers. Please take a picture of your home altar and send it to me to share in this bulletin letter.

“Baptism (Renewal) in the Spirit”: Common effects of “baptism (renewal) in the Holy Spirit” include more love, joy, and peace; more hunger for prayer, for the sacraments, for reading the Bible, for serving others, etc.! Prepare for your own renewal in the Holy Spirit at Pentecost June 4/5, 2022 by praying daily until Pentecost, **“Come Holy Spirit and prepare me for Pentecost!”**

Quotes from Parish Family Members: "If I'm not here tomorrow, well, glory be!" [I admire her attitude about death and her being ready for death whenever the Lord calls her] "I'm not going to yell about the weather, I'll take whatever God sends!" [in regards to the recent snow]

Let Us Pray: (Pope's MAY Intention): *“for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.”*

(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



15th ANNUAL GARY BISMACK MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Ubyl/Sheridan Council #12850

WHEN: Sunday, May 22, 2022

There will be a shotgun start @ 11:00 – Check-In Beginning at 10:00

WHERE: Ubyl Heights Golf Club

4 Person Scramble – Men, Women, or Mixed Teams
Minimum Handicap 50 per Team – Only 1 Person 10 or Under Handicap
Cost \$60.00 per Person / Ubyl Heights Members \$50.00 per Person

CASH PRIZES (based on 30 teams entered)

1st - \$500.00

2nd - \$300.00

3rd - \$200.00

Hole Event Prizes and Door Prizes Included

Skins Game -----50/50 Raffle

Prize Money Will Increase if More than 30 Teams are Entered

Entry Fee Includes – Greens Fees for 18 holes, Power Cart, Hot Dogs at the Turn and
Dinner to follow the Tournament – Approximately 4:00 pm

Make Checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus Council #12850

Mail Checks and Entry Form to: Greg Sweeney
1351 McIntyre Rd
Bad Axe, MI 48413

****First 36 Teams PAID are Guaranteed Entry into the Tournament****

Entry Deadline – May 15, 2022

**A Portion of the Proceeds will be donated to one of Gary's
Favorite Charities**

Please Enclose Your Handicap (18 Holes) or your Average (18 Hole Score)

Player _____	Handicap _____	Paid \$60/\$50 _____
_____	_____	_____
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Questions – Contact Ray Maurer – Phone 989-550-8153

Contact Jeff Maurer – Phone 989-553-4224



The April meeting of Council 12850 of the Ubyly-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 the roll call the last months minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved. Old business was discussed.

The following topics were discussed under new business. Golf outing plans are being reviewed. Prices are to be increased by \$10 for the event. The Tootsie Roll drive raised \$340. A meal was provided for those who attended the Synod meetings.

The Financial Secretary reported was given in his absence as Gary Krause and Tom Murray were helping at the 4th degree Ham bingo. District is looking at hosting an Icon to be sent around by the councils. It will be visible at the Masses of the parish's.

There we be another Mass to celebrate rural life on May 21st. It will be held at the Octagon barn in Gagetown. The Bishop will again be the chief celebrant. The Sandusky council is organizing the event and asks for both monetary and volunteer help.

We again were asked to sponsor a seminarian and a motion made by Jerry Sweeney with support by Ray Maurer to donate \$500. The motion carried.

Knight of the month is Marvin Osentoski.

There was no District Deputy's report.

Under the good of the order prayers were offered for the following: Donna Powers, Elaine Mazure, Greg Eilber, Greg Maurer, Katie Eilers, Donna Blome and the people of Ukraine.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11th @ 7:00PM

Vivat Jesus – Jeff Maurer/Grand Knight



Paulist Fathers



“EVERY PRIESTLY VOCATION PASSES THROUGH THE HEART OF A MOTHER.” ~POPE PIUS X

Vocation Director ‘Boot Camp’

TRAINING THE GATEKEEPERS FOR SEMINARIES

Every year, about 50 new Vocation Directors are appointed in the 250 dioceses in the U.S. and Canada. Often they are younger priests, typically ordained just three to ten years, whom bishops have chosen for a critical job: to inspire, mentor, and screen men who feel called to the priesthood.

“I’m more of a guide, not a recruiter,” said one Vocation Director from a Southeastern diocese. “I help guys listen to God’s voice; whether it’s to marriage or priesthood, that’s up to Him, not me.” Importantly, Vocation Directors act as gatekeepers, ensuring that very rigorous standards are upheld before accepting men to seminary.

But who trains the Vocation Directors on how to vet future seminarians? For the past 15 years, a very robust “bootcamp” for new Vocation Directors has been held by the NCDVD (National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors). Officially called the “Institute for New Vocation Personnel,” it features veteran instructors who dive deep into the candidate screening process, with a strong emphasis on human maturity and psychological evaluation.

Vocation Directors are well aware of the gravity of their task. “People are always going to ask you how many seminarians you have, but don’t get fixated on the numbers,” said one of the instructors. “Instead focus on forming good, holy men who can serve as faithful priests.”



ONE RING TO SERVE THEM ALL

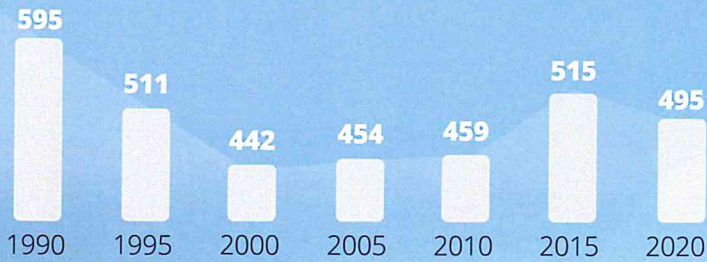
Pope Pius X (1835-1914) was a very humble man who had a saintly mother, Margarita Sanson. Because they were so poor, she worked as a washer woman and a school janitor to earn enough money so that he could go to the seminary. (In those days, the family had to pay for the seminarian’s education.) When he was installed as Pope, his mother was present, and as was the custom, she kissed his large papal ring. She then presented her tiny hand with her wedding ring and said, “Now you kiss my ring—for without it, you never would have received yours!”



Diocesanpriest.com lists all Vocation Directors in the U.S. and Canada.

BY THE NUMBERS

Priest Ordinations 1990-2020



Jaymie Perry/Little Ways Photography

Data from CARA



Discerning Together

“Discernment groups” are a growing trend among young Catholics. Last fall, a group of college women at Oklahoma State University spent six weeks discerning religious life together. They met for prayer and discussion, served the poor together, and ended with a fun outing.

“Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.” ~Pope Francis

Serra is 13,000 Strong

Have you ever wanted to get *H*serious about encouraging young people to consider priesthood or religious life? You’re not alone! Some 13,000 Catholics worldwide in 46 countries belong to Serra International, the Church’s official lay organization to promote vocations.

Local Serra Clubs have made a huge impact in their dioceses with projects ranging from planning discernment retreats to organizing vocation essay contests. One such successful initiative is Serra Spark (serraspark.org), a website with clear directions on how to carry out dozens of initiatives in parishes and schools.

Saint Junipero Serra (above), the patron of Serra International, is lauded as the “Founder of California.” To find a Serra Club near you, visit serrainternational.org



Sisters to the Rescue

Because so few Catholic children encounter religious sisters in person these days, an effort is underway to bring sisters to them! Veteran children’s book artist Michael Corsini is illustrating a series for kids aged 4-10 entitled *Little Convent in the Big City*, filled with the adventures of Sr. Mary Andy and her brave sisters. Pre-order at vianneyvocations.com

COULD I BE A PRIEST?

GoPriest.com

Take a discernment self-test, request free books on discernment, and access the new “Nine Holy Hours to Discern the Priesthood.”