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## Good Shepherd Parish

A merger of faith communities from St Columbkille, St Ignatius, St John, and St Joseph

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### Faith Formation for Youth:

Kindergarten - 6 grade: Argyle & Ubyly - Edie Izydorek (810-404-9887)

Sheridan Corners - Kathy Cregeur (989-269-8857)

Youth Group 7 - 12 grade: Sheila Grifka (989-658-8824)

**Cemetery Sextons:** St Ignatius/St Joseph - Rod Walsh - 989-996-0512

St Columbkille - Jerry Sweeney - 989-550-9664    St John - Bob Brahmer - 989-550-8766

**1st Friday Adoration Coordinator:** Lori Uhl - (586-709-8391)

### Sacraments:

**Baptism** - The baptism of infants is celebrated at the Liturgies throughout the year. A prior meeting is required. Contact Fr. Nate before choosing godparents.

**Reconciliation** - schedule in inside cover.

**Holy Matrimony** - Engaged couples should contact the office a minimum of six months prior to planned celebration.

**Anointing and Care of the Sick** - Please contact the office when someone becomes seriously ill and/or is admitted to a hospital. Communal Anointing is celebrated as scheduled. After hours, call rectory.

**Adult Faith Formation** - RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) Director Dana Irion 989-553-0585

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist** - two years of classes are required before sacraments. Children receive sacraments in the second grade.



**Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
July 31, 2022**

Wed. August 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:30am St. John  
Thur. August 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm St. Columbkille  
Fri. August 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00am St. John  
All Day Adoration following Mass until 4:00pm  
Sat. August 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm St. John  
Sun. August 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30am St. Joseph  
Sun. August 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am St. Columbkille

**Confessions for this Week**

Wednesday 11:00-11:25am St. John  
Thursday after 7pm Mass St Columbkille  
Saturday 3:30pm (ask Fr.at door) St. John

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Jeremiah 28:1-17 Matthew 14:13-21

**Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Matthew 14:22-36

**Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Jeremiah 31:1-7 Matthew 15:21-28

**Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Matthew 16:13-23

**Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

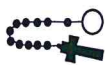
Nahum 2:1,3, 3:1-3,6-7 Matthew 16:24-28

**Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 2Peter 1:16-19 Luke 9: 28b-36

**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19  
Luke 12:32-48



**Rosaries**

At 3:30 @ St. John Church

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

**Let Us Give Thanks!**

Weekend Collection - \$4914.00  
Loose - \$554.00  
Building Fund - \$200.00  
Mission Appeal - \$1372.00  
650 Parish Families  
(297 Family envelope holders)  
116 Envelopes used

**Donations:**

In Memory of Beatrice Flannery by Bill & Barb McNish

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:  
July 25-31, 2022**

Saturday St. John: + Richard Long  
Sunday St. Ignatius: + Charlotte Romzek  
Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:  
August 1-7, 2022**

Saturday St. John: + Sandy Peplinski  
Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners  
Sunday St. Columbkille: + Delphine McEachin

**In This Sunday's Readings:**

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though  
one may be rich, one's life does not consist of  
possessions." -- Luke 12:15

This passage can be difficult in our times. Society  
convinces us that we are what we physically possess.  
There is little focus on what we "have" because of  
God's love for us. Take time to consider and pray about  
how you can be more centered on what God gives,  
rather than what the world gives



**FIRST FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION**

Please join us on August 5  
any time between 9:30 and 4:00  
to spend time in the presence of our Lord!!  
At 3:45 join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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### Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs.  
Have a great summer and we'll see you in the fall.

### Knights of Columbus

Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: Wednesday we will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on August 10. 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

### Grief Facilitator Training

On Saturday, September 17, a training will be offered for anyone interested in becoming a facilitator or team member for the Grief Support Series offered throughout the Diocese in different parishes. The requirement is that you have or will attend a Grief Support Series prior to the September 17 date. This will be an all-day training from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., with lunch provided, at the Diocesan Offices. To register, please contact Beth Bauer at (989) 797-6655 or [bbauer@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:bbauer@dioceseofsaginaw.org).

### Haiti Sewing Project



Once again we are asking for your help. We will meet August 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Parish Center. That is Monday thru Friday from 9a.m. until 4:00p.m. Please join us - 1 day or all 10 days - whatever works for you. Bring a sack lunch, beverages will be provided. We need cutters, pressers and sewers. We could use any color of thread. **Thank you!** Questions call, Diane Smalley at 989-658-8277.



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

### VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE:

#### Counters:

**August 1:** Kathy Beaver, Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin

**August 8:** Diana Briolat, Marge Briolat, Mary Jane Zurek

**Tuesday, August 16:** Barb Roggenbuck, Ann Ypma, Rose Maikrzek

4:00pm Saturday Mass August 6<sup>th</sup> St. John

**Lector:** Jerry Sorenson

**EMHC:** Jerry Sorenson

**Altar Server:** Judy Messing

**Sacristan:** Judy Messing

**Ushers:** Bob Brahmer, Len Briolat, Glen Peruski, Richard Trepkowski

8:30am Sunday Mass August 7<sup>th</sup> St. Ignatius

**Lector:** Denise Kubacki

**EMHC:** Denise Kubacki

**Greeter:** Jo Izydorek

**Ushers:** Bruce Uhl, Steve Briolat, Gordon Farrelly

10:30am Sunday Mass August 7<sup>th</sup> St. Columbkille

**Lector:** Amy Sweeney

**EMHC:** Karen Pichla, Dana Irion

**Altar Servers:** Roman Heleski, Brayden Sweeney

**Greeters:** Kubacki Family

**Gift Bearers:** Aaron Tordai, Keara & AJ Langley

**Ushers:** Ronnie & Kendall Irion, Marv Osentoski

#### Thank You Fellowship Weekend Sponsors

June 12, 2022 - East Huron TV & Appliance - Jeremy and Mallory Roth

July 10, 2022 - T. M. Morley, Inc. - Bruce and Lori Uhl

If you would like to Sponsor a Fellowship Weekend, please call the **Parish Office**. Appx. cost is \$70 to sponsor the weekend. Sponsors are responsible for getting the refreshments: Donuts, cookies, etc. and beverages such as juice and/or milk. Ideally, the sponsor would serve and clean up. However, if that is a problem, please let the office know so they can look for help.

The parish will cover the cost of the coffee, tea, sugar and creamer and also the paper products. Thank you for your support!!

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## Jesus Cries, “I Thirst!”

*Will you quench His thirst for love?*

*- Fr. Nate's Update -*

Fellow Saint-in-the-Making,  
Happy Lord's Day!

*[Huron County Right to Life  
“Lifeboat” parade float at Port  
Austin 4th of July parade]*

Some Holy Humor: After the service a young couple talked to a

church member about joining the church. He hadn't met the husband before, and he asked what church he was transferring from. After a short hesitation, he replied, “I am transferring from the Golf Course.”

**A Prayer for Spiritual Protection:** I invite you to join me in this prayer written by a parish family member. First, read through it; second, pray it slowly from your heart: *“In your Name [Jesus], I renounce Satan and all evil spirits, their works, their lying ways and their empty promises. I reject all the strategies the enemy uses to deceive and destroy me, and I tell him and his evil angels to leave me alone now. Jesus, teach me to know the Father and how to receive His blessings. Heal me, change me, and strengthen me that I might follow you more faithfully every day. I want to become the person the Father created me to be, living the life I was made for. I love you Lord. Thank you for my freedom! Amen.”*

**Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week July 24–July 31, 2022:** In order to foster happiness and holiness among married couples, and to prevent them from the spiritual and physical harm of alternative approaches, Church leaders encourage all married couples to discover Natural Family Planning. It has been called a “best kept secret” of the Catholic Church. Find more information and free classes at [foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org) and at [ccnfp.org](http://ccnfp.org): “Learn the Catholic and natural way to [achieve or] postpone a pregnancy. The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) because they respect God's design for married love. In fact, the Catholic Bishops have declared that NFP represents the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives.”

### **NFP Testimonies from [ForYourMarriage.org](http://ForYourMarriage.org):**

*If I had not found a NaPro physician who took my NFP charts seriously, offering appropriate and individual treatment, I would not also be able to say that my husband and I conceived our first child—an amazing gift made possible by God's grace and NFP charting, naturally!*

*-Brooke Paris Foley – NFP Saved My Health—Naturally!*

*NFP asks us to always have before us the deepest questions of our shared life together: Are we open to welcoming new life to our family now? Should we be? What might God be inviting us to?*

*-Josh and Stacey Noem – 5 Ways NFP Has Benefited our Marriage*



*My husband, Frank, and I have learned that our sexual union should be focused on giving rather than getting. NFP provided the environment to live this out. -Jennifer and Frank – Signs of Grace*

*Unlike contraception, which usually places full burden of family planning on the woman, NFP promotes shared responsibility of the fertility of both the husband and wife. It lends a spirit of togetherness to a marriage. -Jennifer and John Campbell – Connections: Living Natural Family Planning*

*Before having children, Misty had been an atheist and I had been an agnostic. With our first child, the miracle of life spurred a spiritual awakening in us... Even after our conversion, however, NFP grew our relationship with each other and with God in ways we never expected. -Tom and Misty Mealey – Be Her Joseph*

*Children do require lots of work, and pregnancy demands its own set of sacrifices, but NFP has helped me meet these challenges by leading me to the realization that children are God's blessings. -Dawn Farias – How Natural Family Planning Changed My Life*

*In living God's plan for marriage we found that this "openness" led us also to adoption. -Jennifer and Mike Dress – The Many Dimensions of Openness to Life*

*Looking back, the most important thing in this whole experience remains our conviction that NFP is a way for us to cooperate with God's plan. When our plan and God's plan seemed different, we felt anxious but also hopeful because we knew that God is faithful. -Josh and Stacey Noem – The Week We Were Pregnant*

**Personal NFP Testimony:** Years ago, I counseled a mother about NFP (Natural Family Planning) and encouraged her to attend an NFP class. She attended, and equipped with that training, she discerned that God was calling her to stop using artificial birth control, and to be open to another child should God desire it. Later, she and her husband welcomed another beautiful girl into their family, and they are very grateful. I'm grateful for the privilege of baptizing her!

**Wisdom from a Saint: "Pray, hope, and don't worry" -St. Padre Pio**

### ***"Let Us Pray..."***

**(Pope's July Intention):** *We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.*

**(Bishop 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.*

**(Prayer for Vocations)** *Heavenly Father, in obedience to your Son, we "beg for laborers for the harvest." Raise up vocations to holy matrimony, priesthood, permanent diaconate, consecrated life, missionary life, and ecclesial lay ministry from Good Shepherd Parish. Help married couples to discern Your Will about openness to new life, including through foster care and adoption. Equip parents to teach the Faith and to help their children discern their God-given vocation. Amen.*

***God loves you and thirsts for you. I love you and pray for you. Pray for me. -Fr. Nate***



July 31, 2022

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Is it me, or does every popular waiting-room magazine feature an article on “how to declutter” in six easy steps? I always read those first, then add them to the unsightly pile of magazines on the end table. The constant, if futile, quest to declutter comes from a deeper place than a desire for a clean house. It feels so liberating to let go of those things that we no longer need. Today’s readings challenge us to look not just outward, but inward, at what distracts us from what really matters. Paul exhorts us to “seek what is above,” letting go of earthly concerns or habits that get in the way of our relationship with God. By putting on a “new self” through prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we will become “rich in what matters to God.”

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Personal-finance writers often divide people into two camps: Savers or spenders. I’m definitely a saver! I dutifully contribute to my 401K, stash unexpected windfalls into my savings account, and carefully budget. On the rare occasions when I go out to dinner, I struggle with choosing what to order: It’s a high-stakes decision! Fiscal responsibility is a good thing, but today’s parable challenges me to be just as diligent about investing in my relationship with God, my family, and the people I encounter. We are blessed with so many opportunities to “seek what is above”: It may mean spending the first 30 minutes of the day in prayer, reading books or articles that help us grow spiritually, or joining a parish Bible study. Or even taking a friend to dinner and picking up the tab! In doing so, we are investing in this life – and the next.

**ACTION** Take a look around your house and donate items in good condition to a charity in your community. And then ask the organization if they need any help with a summer yard cleanup or simple tasks around the facility – these are easy ways to involve the whole family in serving others.





**Conclusion** - OF SAGINAW DIOCESE SYNOD SUMMARY REPORT -  
FOR COMPLETE REPORT, CONTACT PARISH OFFICE  
Bishop Gruss and the leadership of the Diocese of Saginaw have listened to the people of God.  
The genuine desire for a thriving, strong and authentically Catholic diocese is evident, and the  
thoughtful feedback provided will help in discerning a path forward.

One parish report offered a vision for our diocese mentioned in other vicariate reports:

*Churches full of families and people of all ages coming together to fully participate in  
unity as Catholics...Mass would be full of engaging music, a vibrant pastor, and  
welcoming to all who walk into our worship space...There would be overflowing  
vocations with parishes full of priests, nuns, commissioned lay ministers and laity... Our  
parish grounds and buildings would be up to date, handicap accessible and to have  
buildings outfitted to fit all the needs of parishioners and various ministries.*

With the important information and insights gathered throughout the synod, the Diocese of  
Saginaw is better positioned to identify and serve the needs of the faithful. While much more  
needs to be done to address the feedback in this report, especially in the area of healing, several  
current initiatives are good starting points.

First, the National Eucharistic Revival will begin to address the desire for formation by  
addressing the need for education on the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Faith.

Next, the diocesan re-envisioning process is in progress and had identified some of the needs  
expressed in the synod. The coordinator of youth ministry is now also responsible for ministering  
to young adults. A coordinator for evangelization was hired, and vicariate liaisons were  
appointed to improve relationships between the Diocese and the parishes.

The Diocese has announced Catholic schools as a priority and a commitment to Catholic  
identity. The Diocese is considering changes based on the feedback given by Catholic school  
students in their listening sessions. Some individual schools have already begun acting on some  
excellent ideas that students mentioned during the synodal listening sessions.

Diocesan leadership has been presented with suggested courses of actions shared by parish  
leaders and volunteers during the Pre-Synodal Meeting on June 9, 2022. Bishop Gruss has  
expressed a strong desire to address the needs discussed in the synod listening sessions which are  
actionable and within his authority. The synod report will also play an important role in future  
planning at the chancery. The Diocese of Saginaw will continue to seek to understand God's plan  
with the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we continue down the path the synod has set us upon.

*I thank you to all who participated in  
the Synod Listening Sessions at our parish!  
I thank you to Kevin Ramzek for being our  
Parish Coordinator for the Synod.  
May the Holy Spirit anoint our Bishop as he  
leads our diocese into a season of RENEWAL!*



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Luke 12:31

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