

**Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 14, 2022**

Wed. August 17th CANCELLED St. John
 Thur. August 18th 7:00pm St. Columbkille
 Fri. August 19th 9:00am St. John
 with Adoration following Mass until 10:30am
 Sat. August 20th 4:00pm St. John
 Sun. August 21st 8:30am St. Joseph
 Sun. August 21st 10:30am St. Columbkille

Confessions for this Week

CANCELLED 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 15th

Revelations 11:19a, 12:1-6a 1Corinthians 15:20-27
 Luke: 1:39-56

Tuesday, August 16th

Ezekiel 28:1-10 Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 17th

Ezekiel 34:1-11 Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 18th

Ezekiel 36:23-28 Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 19th

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 20th

Ezekiel 43:1-7ab Matthew 23: 1-12

Sunday, August 21st

Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
 Luke 13:22-30

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$5867.00

Loose - \$365.00

Building Fund - \$30.00

Mission Appeal - \$20.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

126 Envelopes used

Donations:

In Memory of Beatrice Flannery by Kevin & Karen Romzek

In memory of Tracey Lynn Rich - 3rd Anniversary,
 Sadly missed by Dad, Mom & Family

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

August 8-14, 2022

Saturday St. John: + Jean Smithers
 Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners
 Sunday St. Columbkille: + Eric Osantowski

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

August 15-21, 2022

Saturday St. John: + Richard Beaver
 Sunday St. Joseph: + Sandy Peplinski
 Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

In This Sunday's Readings:

Do you think I have come to give you peace on the Earth? No, I tell you, but "rather division."
 Luke 12:51

Jesus did not "sit on the fence" or "waffle" in his preaching or in teaching people how to be his disciples. Neither then should we "avoid" or stay quiet for the sake of "keeping the peace" among family and friends when it comes to our faith. When Jesus spoke, he knew that there would be division among those who followed him and those who did not. That division still exists today. To be disciples of Christ, we need to take a stance on matters of faith.

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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 September 14. 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.



August 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - there will be a Mass at 7pm at St John church, Ubly. Office will be closed.



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

VOLUNTEERS' SCHEDULE:

Counters:

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

August 22: Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski

August 29: Judy Messing, Charlotte Baker, Shirley Piontkowski

4:00pm Saturday Mass August 20th St. John

Lector: Carol Beaudin

EMHC: Debbie Osentoski

Altar Server: Utah Gusa

Sacristan: Rose Maikrzek

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

8:30am Sunday Mass August 21st St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Greeter: Bruce Uhl

Ushers: Gordon Farrelly, Kevin Hessling, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Mass August 21st St Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Marge Messing, Delaney Peruski

Altar Servers: Myah & Broden Peruski

Greeters: Marge & Ernie Messing

Gift Bearers: Maria, Caleb & Luke Roth

Ushers: Dennis Sweeney, Terry Sweeney, Jeff Maurer

Day of Reflection

"Freely you have received, freely give." Matt 10:8
Friday, September 16, Ave Maria Parish - St Mary Church, Port Sanilac Begins with 10:30 am Mass, followed by two conferences, light lunch included.
Speakers: Dr Dan Osborn, Diocesan Theologian, Don Buchalski from the Center for Ministry. Please RSVP by Monday, Sept 12 (so we can prepare lunch) to Ave Maria Parish Office-St Mary 810-622-9904, ext 2.



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

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Holy Hours for Vocations with Bishop Gruss in the Thumb

All are welcome! All Holy Hours are from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHEN: Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022

WHERE: St. Hubert Parish, Sacred Heart Church in Bad Axe

WHEN: Thursday, September 8, 2022

WHERE: Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Pancratius Church, Cass City

Find the rest of the schedule here: saginaw.org/holy-hours-vocations

Scripture Study

Our Fall Scripture Study sessions will be Amazed & Afraid, Discover the Power of Jesus, from Word Among Us. The sessions will be at Good Shepherd Parish of Uby, St. Columbkille Church. Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. Sept. 12, 19, 26 and Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24. To RSVP or If you have any questions please call Valerie Fischer @ 989-553-3088 or Lori Osantoski @ 989-375-4281.

Additional EMHC's (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) Needed

In order to offer Holy Communion to more people who are unable to attend Mass, and in order to begin offering the Precious Blood at Mass, we need more EMHC's. We hope to have an EMHC (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) Initial Training this fall in Bad Axe. Please contact office if interested, including serving at Mass, and/or bringing Holy Communion to homebound or nursing homes. Criteria: "A Roman Catholic whose qualities of Christian life, faith, and morals recommend them; A fully initiated member of the Catholic community (i.e., have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist); At least 16 years old; A parishioner in good standing who faithfully participates in the sacramental life of the Church; and (If married) Within a wedding bond that is recognized (valid) in the Roman Catholic Church."

RETIREMENT PARTY

Fr. Joe Griffin and the parish family of Assumption in Midland invite you to join the celebrating of Fr. Joe's 40th Anniversary of Ordination and Retirement on Sunday, August 21st at the parish, 3516 E. Monroe Road. An Open House with picnic foods and opportunity for sharing with perhaps a game or two will be available from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (And, of course, you are welcome to come for Mass @ 9:30 a.m. as well!) No gifts please, just join us to share the joy of the friendships formed and ministry shared over the last 40 years

Congratulations and best wishes goes out to the newly married couple Johnathon and Alyssa (Briolat) Iseler. May your life together be filled with faith, peace, and happiness.



Living Rosary

Join the D of I in praying the Living Rosary at the Peppermill Restaurant, Thursday, August 18th at 11:00am.



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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!

[Some of the dresses and clothing handmade for poor children in Haiti by local parish family members and other disciples. If interested, contact the office; Below: St. Therese at the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, which God allowed me to visit last Monday]

Some Holy Humor: The pastor of a tiny country church had been having trouble with stewardship and tithes and offerings. One Sunday he announced, “Now, before we receive the offering, I would like to request that the person who stole the eggs from Widow Jones’s chicken coop please refrain from giving any money to the Lord. God doesn’t want money from a thieving sinner.” The offering plate was passed, and for the first time in months everybody gave.

Praise Report: After I blessed the home of a parish family member, she told me, “Thank you Fr. Nate and the Holy Spirit for the house blessing, I immediately felt "lighter" and peace throughout the house, with my children (less arguing!) What a great testament”

God's Promises: Besides remembering God’s faithfulness to others, how do we increase in faith, in our TRUST IN GOD? By remembering God’s promises. Here are some of God’s Promises based in Scripture: *I am with you always. I will provide. I have adopted you, and made you my beloved son or daughter, and the Bride of the Bridegroom, called to the heavenly wedding banquet. I look upon you and delight in you. I have given you my Holy Spirit. I have given you a Mother in heaven, Mary. I have given you a Mother on earth, the Catholic Church, to provide all the graces you need to become a saint, to love God with all your being, and your neighbor as yourself, and to avoid sin. I will bring a greater good out of every bad thing that I allow to happen in your life. I am preparing a place for you. I will suffer with you and help you to carry your cross daily.*



Saintly Wisdom: St. Teresa of Calcutta: **"I thirst" is a much deeper phrase than if Jesus would have just said, "I love you." As long as you do not know in a very intimate way that Jesus is thirsty for you, it will be impossible for you to know who He wants to be for you, nor who He wants you to be for Him.* *

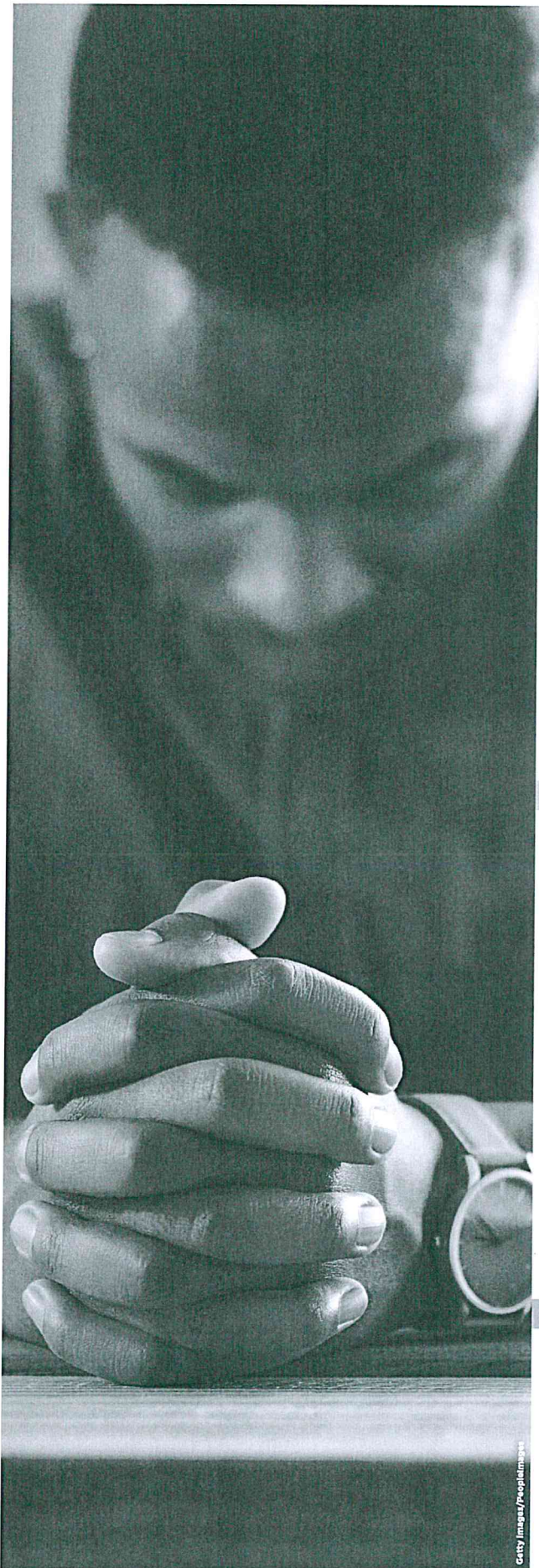
“Let Us Pray...”

(Pope's August Intention): *We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.*

(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, 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 regarding openness to life, including through foster care and adoption. Amen.*

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



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Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | Heb 12:1-4 | Lk 12:49-53

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

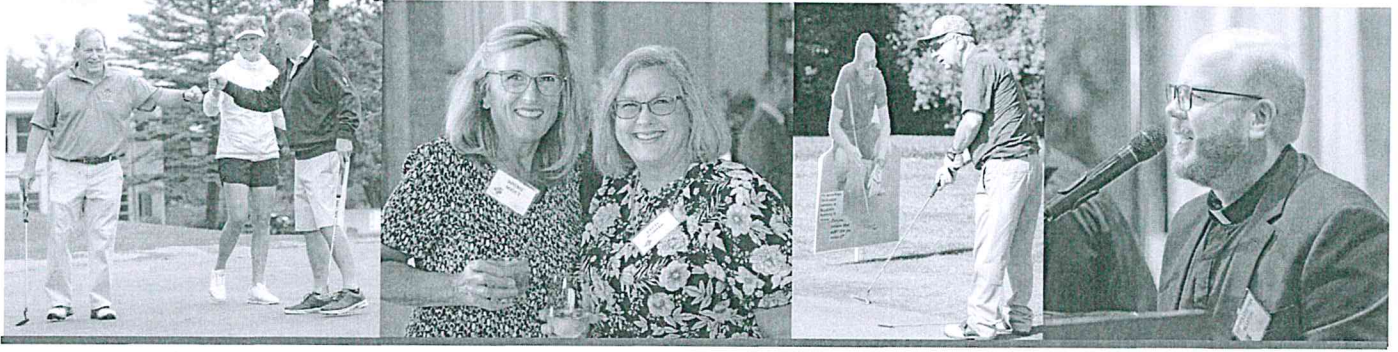
My mom loved her Nintendo 64. We especially enjoyed “Paperboy,” a video game where a paperboy riding a bicycle attempts to deliver newspapers along Easy Street, Middle Road, or Hard Way. He has to avoid obstacles that pop up along the way – barking dogs, mailboxes, skateboarders, trash cans, you name it! Sometimes life can seem that way. We can’t predict which obstacles will pop up, but the author of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages us to persevere, “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.” Whether we’re riding along “Easy Street” or “Hard Way,” we can look to Jesus to help us overcome the hardships that may come our way because we are his followers. As Jesus tells the disciples, following him will not always be easy and may even result in conflicts within our families. When that happens, we can look to the example of Jesus and the great “cloud of witnesses” to whom the Letter to the Hebrews refers, knowing that peace and reconciliation await us at the finish line.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I used to have great fun watching my boys at our neighborhood swim meets. Even as my then-7-year-old zig-zagged into the lane lines during the backstroke, I would yell “Go! Go! Go! You’ve got this.” (And, please, someone catch his head at the finish!) He couldn’t hear a word I said. I wonder if it’s a bit like this when it comes to the “cloud of witnesses” – the saints, known and unknown, who encourage us in our faith. We can’t see them or hear them, but we know they are there. In turn, we can become cheerleaders for others running the race alongside us: offering encouragement, prayers, and reminding one another of the joy that awaits us. Spoken or silent, our prayers can help us and others persevere in our faith and place our trust in Jesus when times are tough.

STUDY The *catechism* chapter 3, The Characteristics of Faith (153-165), references this passage from Hebrews on being surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Read especially #165.



Raising Funds for the Future of Vocations

Join Bishop Robert Gruss and supporters throughout the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw for events to support the education of future priests and the promotion of vocations in our Diocese.

Golf Outing & Luncheon

Wednesday, September 14, 2022
\$100 each/\$400 per foursome

Swan Valley Golf Club & Banquet Center
9521 Highland Green Drive, Saginaw

Morning ~ limited to 100 golfers; fills up fast
7 a.m. ~ Registration and breakfast
8 a.m. ~ Shotgun start
12:30 p.m. ~ Luncheon and awards

Afternoon

12:15 p.m. ~ Registration and luncheon
1:15 p.m. ~ Shotgun start
Reception and awards following golf

Banquet & Silent Auction

Thursday, September 15, 2022
\$75 each/\$560 table of eight

DoubleTree by Hilton
1 Wenonah Park Place, Bay City

5:30 p.m. ~ Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and
silent auction
6:45 p.m. ~ Dinner and program

Entertainment by some of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw's talented priests ~ *plus* some surprises for those who register early.

All proceeds from these events provide for the educational expenses of our current seminarians and nurturing and discernment of new vocations.

To register for either event, contact the diocesan Stewardship and Development Department at 989-797-6693 or email Tammy Heinlein at theinlein@dioceseofsaginaw.org

To learn about sponsorships or contributions, or to discuss donation of an auction item, contact Geri Rudolf at 989-797-6679 or email grudolf@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Or go to www.saginaw.org/golf for more details.

