

**Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 28, 2022**

Wed. August 31st 11:30am St. John
 Thur. September 1st 7:00pm St. Columbkille
 Fri. September 2nd 9:00am St. John
 with Adoration following Mass until 4:00pm
 Sat. September 3rd 9:00am St. John
 Sat. September 3rd 4:00pm St. John
 Sun. September 4th 8:30am St. Joseph
 Sun. September 4th 10:30am St. Columbkille

Confessions for this Week

Wednesday 11:00-11:25am St. John
 Thursday after 7pm Mass St Columbkille
 Saturday 8:00am St John
 Saturday 3:30pm (ask Fr.at door) St. John

Readings for the Week

Monday, August 29th
 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Mark 6:17-29
Tuesday, August 30th
 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday, August 31st
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Luke 4: 38-44
Thursday, September 1st
 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Luke 5:1-11
Friday, September 2nd
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Luke 5:33-39
Saturday, September 3rd
 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15 Luke 6: 1-5
Sunday, September 4th
 Wisdom 9:13-18b Philemon 9-10, 12-17
 Luke 14:25-33

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4121.00
 Loose - \$546.21
 Building Fund - \$100.00
 650 Parish Families
 (297 Family envelope holders)
 107 Envelopes used

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:
August 22-28, 2022**

Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners
 Sunday St. Joseph: + Tracey L. Rich
 Sunday St. Columbkille: + Michael T. Sweeney

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:
August 29-Sept. 4, 2022**

Saturday St. John: + Joseph Rudy
 Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners
 Sunday St. Columbkille: + Francis X. Sweeney

In This Sunday's Readings:

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."
 Luke 14:13-14

This goes right to the heart of stewardship. To live a stewardship way of life, and to use the gifts that God has given to each person, is such that we do not expect anything in return. This can be hard to do in our culture. Pray and think about ways that you can give of your gifts and talents better - without expecting anything in return.



Rosaries

Join us for the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass
 3:40pm at St. John
 8:10am at St. Joseph
 10:10am at St Columbkille

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes will resume on September 7. If you know of any children/families new to the program please call the parish office to give them contact information.

Youth Group

Youth group will meet on Sunday September 11, from 5 to 7pm, starting with a shared meal at 5. Youth group is for all 7-12th grades & there is no cost.

Knights of Columbus

Ubyl/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 Ubyl. This is completely confidential and anonymous - call Jerry @989-550-9664. Jeff Maurer Grand Knight of Ubyl/Sheridan Council-12850

Clothing for Haiti Outreach

From Diane Smalley: I am so thankful for those who came and cut, ironed, hand stitched buttons, and those who joyfully spent hours sewing, and continue to sew shorts and dresses at home. Also, for any monetary donations, that were used to purchase thread and elastic, and to those who donated pocket toys for the dresses and shorts. We have about 200 more pair of shorts cut out and ready to sew. And about 30 more dress kits to finish if anyone is interested in sewing. We will have made and sent to Haiti over a 1000 pieces of clothing in 2022.

Holy Hours for Vocations in the Thumb with Bishop Gruss

All are welcome! All Holy Hours are from 7-8p.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](http://saginaw.org/holy-hours-vocations)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Counters:

August 29: Judy Messing, Charlotte Baker, Shirley Piontkowski

Tuesday, September 6: Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Mary Jane Zurek

September 12: Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Mary Jane Zurek

4:00pm Saturday Mass September 3rd St. John

Lector: Bev Pawlosky

EMHC: Bev Pawlosky

Altar Server: Judy Messing

Sacristan: Judy Messing

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Mike Briolat, John Guigar, Dennis Smalley

8:30am Sunday Mass September 4th St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Greeter: Rod Walsh

Ushers: Bill Izydorek, Chuck Izydorek, Kevin Hessling

10:30am Sunday Mass Sept. 4th St Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek

EMHC: Jerry Sweeney, Kevin Romzek

Altar Servers: Laura & Sarah Romzek

Greeters: Kempisty Family

Gift Bearers: Courtney & Ryan Kempisty

Ushers: Rob, Matt & Jack Kubacki

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.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION Please join us on September 2 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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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 Ubly, 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 Needed

(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

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."

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their Annual Conference on Wednesday, September 21, at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. All women of the diocese are invited to attend. Registration will be from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated. The morning presenter will be Beth Bauer (from the Diocese) who will inform us about the Walking with Moms in Need program and the Emmaus Grief Ministry. The afternoon presenter will be Lori Becker (from the Diocese) who will speak on the future abortion issue relating to the November ballot. The cost is \$12, which includes a box lunch. The activities will end at approximately 2:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Joyce Raducha (989-875-2650) by Monday, September 19.

Communal First Saturdays

The first Saturday of September, we are beginning the practice of "Communal First Saturdays" at Good Shepherd Parish
St. John Church 4470 N. Washington St. Ubly,

Why?

Our Lady promised at Fatima that the practice of the Five First Saturdays devotion will save souls and bring about peace.

Join us in offering the Four Practices as requested in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. 8:00am: Confession Available (devotion requires at least monthly confession)
2. 8:30am: Initial Prayers and Rosary;
3. 9:00am: Holy Mass with Communion of Reparation
4. 9:30am: Separate 15 min. meditation (Lectio Divina)

Afterwards we will gather at the parish center for coffee and cinnamon rolls.

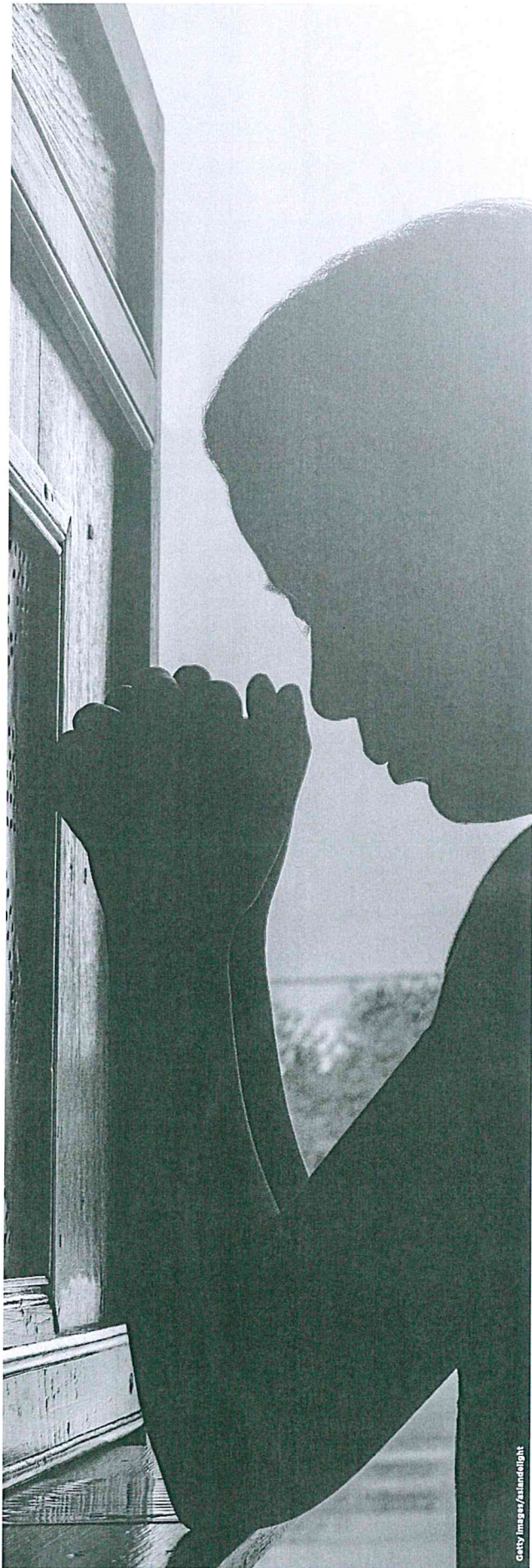
THANK YOU

The family of Beverly Grifka would like to thank Smigielski Funeral Home for their warmth and compassion. Also, thank you to Delphine Peruski for the Vigil Service and to Fr. Nate Harburg for the wonderful service for Bev. Thank you from the family, to Jo Izydorek and all of Bev's friends who helped prepare the luncheon and donations of delicious cakes and food.



Please welcome to the parish office Lori Uhl – our new secretary/bookkeeper! She will be taking care of all of us with a smile and a laugh 😊

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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a |
Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

Pope St. John XXIII, one of the most influential figures of the 20th century, had a wonderful sense of humor. In stories recalled by Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM, Good Pope John would say, “God knew from all eternity I was going to be pope. Couldn’t God have made me more handsome?” He also had a deep devotion to St. Joseph. In his writings, he talks about the humble and overlooked role that Joseph played in the life of Christ. He promoted an increased devotion to the humble, loyal saint who stayed quietly in the background and provided a home for Christ and his mother. St. Joseph is a model for the humility that our readings speak of today. Being humble doesn’t mean being embarrassed or ashamed of the talents and abilities we have. It means acknowledging that these are gifts from God. God does not give us these gifts so we can place ourselves above others, as Jesus observed people doing at the home of the Pharisee. They are to be used to glorify God. By being humble, we “will be loved more than a giver of gifts ... and find favor with God.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

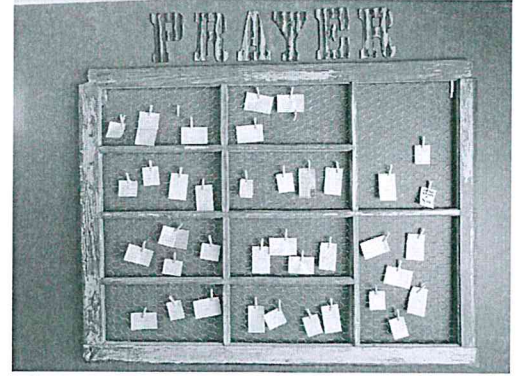
I always remember what I was told in a volunteer training when preparing to serve hospice patients and their families: sit at eye level or lower when meeting with the patient or their family members. Being “at the same level” not only “lifted up” the patient but also brought the volunteer “down” to their level. This not only made listening easier and showed respect for the dignity of the patient; it also helped the volunteer see things from the patient’s perspective. Jesus tells us in the Gospel today that being his disciples is not about elevating ourselves, but about lowering ourselves. He calls us to invite, welcome, and accept those who are least able to repay us. When we forget about ourselves and our place in the world and instead lift up others, he tells us we “will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

ACT One of the greatest acts of humility is to acknowledge when we are wrong, apologize, and ask forgiveness. Is there someone you can reconcile with by admitting you were wrong? Allowing God to forgive you in the sacrament of reconciliation will help you grow in humility.

Jesus Cries, "I Thirst!"

Will you quench His thirst for love?

- Fr. Nate's Update -



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

[Prayer Wall at the new Common Ground Cafe in Cass City, part of Revive Ministries. Highly recommend their cheeseburger! Next page: I attended Fr. Joe Griffin's 40th Anniversary at Assumption in Midland; it was good to catch up with him. Say a prayer for him!]

Some Holy Humor: After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the preacher. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons. "Pastor, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!" The pastor was thrilled. "No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why." "Well," the parishioner began, "it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love of God because it endured forever!"

"Let Us Pray..." (The most important part of this Update)

(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 new life, including foster care and adoption. Amen

Praise Report: A parish family member told me that she went in for a 15 minute surgery. 7.5 hours later, she left the hospital. What a potentially frustrating situation. In this situation there were two gates. There was a "wide gate" to destruction: she could complain or curse. There was also a "narrow gate" to life: she could use the time to benefit herself and others for eternity. How did she "strive to enter through the narrow gate"? By praying the Rosary as she waited.

Our Most Important Ministry: First Friday Adoration happens after 9:00am Mass until 4:00pm at our church in Uby. It is our parish's most important ministry. Our goal is to have two people before our Lord each hour, praying for PARISH RENEWAL: for our parish families, parish leaders, and for our community. Adorers are needed currently to fill some of those hour slots. To sign up for a monthly hour, or to be on the sub list, please call Lori Uhl 586-709-8391. Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:45pm followed by Benediction. *Perhaps stop in to visit Jesus for just 10 minutes? You will quench His thirst for your love...*

Discipleship Opportunity: At Fall Family Days at the Octagon Barn, Sept. 10-11, 8am-5pm, local Catholics will be having a Catholic Booth in the vendor area. We will hand out Rosaries, pamphlets, and most importantly, offer to listen to people share their faith journey, and as the Spirit leads, offer to pray with them and help them to encounter God's love through us. If interested, contact office 989-658-8824

Wisdom from a Parish Family Member: A deceased parish family member left behind many prayer cards which I was given. She wrote these words on a card: "I cheerfully accept all the painful disposition(s) in which it is Thy pleasure to place me. My wish is in all things to conform myself to Thy holy will. Whenever I kiss thy cross, it is to show that I submit perfectly to my cross."



Prayer for Parents and Grandparents

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the gift of our children/grandchildren.
Help us to love them as You love them.
Help us to lead them to grow in happiness and holiness and to become the saints you want them to become.
Help us to model for our children/grandchildren what it is to be a true man or woman of God and what it is to be an intentional disciple of Christ.
Guide us in teaching our children/grandchildren to know, love, and follow Christ as His disciple, and to be guided by His Church.
Help them to encounter Christ in silence, scripture, and sacraments, especially in the Eucharist and in Reconciliation.
We ask You for:
 The wisdom to counsel them;
 The patience to teach them;
 The humility to entrust them to your care.
Help us to desire for our children what you desire for them, trusting that Your Will is the source of their happiness and fulfillment.
Whatever vocation you are calling them to, whether to marriage, priesthood, consecrated life, or generous single life, help them to give their hearts joyfully to you.
Please help us to grow as a family in the virtues of faith, hope, and love:
 A strong faith that leads others to closer to you;
 A fervent hope in Christ's victory over sin and death;
 A perfect, self-giving love in imitation of Christ.
Keep us always on the path to our eternal home.
Mary, Mother of Divine Love,
Pray for us.

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