



**Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022**

Wed. September 7th CANCELLED St. John
Thur. September 8th 7:00pm St. Columbkille
Fri. September 9th 9:00am St. John
with Adoration following Mass until 10:30am
Sat. September 10th 4:00pm St. John
Sun. September 11th 8:30am St. Joseph
Sun. September 11th 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, September 5th

1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 6th

1 Corinthians 6:1-11 Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 7th

1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Luke 6: 20-26

Thursday, September 8th

Micah 5: 1-4A Matthew 1:1-16

Friday, September 9th

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22b-27 Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 10th

1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, September 11th

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4750.00

Loose - \$519.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

121 Envelopes used

Donations:

In memory of Mary Nowak, by Beatrice Pichla

In memory of Doug Glaza, by Beatrice Pichla

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

September 5-11, 2022

Saturday St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Joseph: + Charlotte Romzek

Sunday St. Columbkille: + Tom Lautner

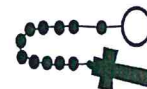
In This Sunday's Readings:

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:33

This passage makes it seem that it would be impossible to be Jesus' disciple. It would be so - if we believe that our possessions are ours alone - and not that they are God's possessions which He has entrusted to us for our own use and for the benefit of others.

When we acknowledge that all that we have and all that we have belongs to God, it is much easier to share our gifts and ourselves with others.



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

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Faith Formation

Our first Faith Formation meeting will be our Family Night for parents and students on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm-7:30pm at our Parish Center. There will NOT BE DINNER served this first Family Night.

Youth Group

Youth group will meet on Sunday September 11, from 5 to 7pm, starting with a shared meal at 5. Come hungry and bring your calendars for scheduling! 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 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-Ubly/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

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Counters:

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

September 12: Diana Briolat, Carol Beaudin, Rose Maikrzek

September 19: Barb Roggenbuck, Rose Maikrzek, Ann Ypma

4:00pm Saturday Mass September 10th St. John

Lector: Beth Bauer

EMHC: Judy Messing

Altar Server: Kylie Keller, Summer Franzel

Sacristan: Del Czewski

Ushers: Bob Brahmer, Tom Murray, Len Briolat, Richard Trepkowski

8:30am Sunday Mass September 11th St. Joseph

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Greeter: Chuck Izydorek

Ushers: Bruce Uhl, Chuck Izydorek, Kerry Grifka

10:30am Sunday Mass Sept. 11th St Columbkille

Lector: Nathan Prill

EMHC: Karen Pichla, Dana Irion

Altar Servers: Luke Roth, Paige Sweeney

Greeters: Paige Sweeney, Sarah & Laura Romzek

Gift Bearers: Clare & Beth Roth, Laura Romzek

Ushers: Ronnie Irion, Kendell Irion, 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.



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

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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)

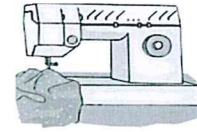
In order to offer Holy Communion to more people who are unable to attend Mass, and in order to begin offering the Precious Blood at Mass, we need more EMHC's. We hope to have an EMHC (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) Initial Training this fall in Bad Axe. Please contact office if interested, 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.

THANK YOU Fellowship Weekend Sponsors:

Thank you to the following families for providing the refreshments on August 14 at St. Joseph Parish.

Jerry & Pauline Long
Kerry & Sheila Grifka
Tom & Sharon Murray



Sew What Day!!

Fall is upon us so, sewing is starting again!! Come learn to sew or bring to finish. Do something with new friends, starting up in Argyle, St. Joseph's Hall September 17, 10:00 a.m. Bring a dish to pass & your sewing stuff call Edie for more info (810)404-9887.

Eucharistic Revival: Follow-up Parish Mission with Richard Lane

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b | Phmn 9-10, 12-17 | Lk 14:25-33

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Often, before writing these reflections, I take a minute to pray. I decided to add a minute of mindfulness using my new Apple Watch, which conveniently provides a meditation prompt. Today's happened to be: "Bring to mind a close relationship that can be challenging, and think about what it can teach you." Like those paper messages in fortune cookies, even this auto-generated prompt carried a grain of truth. Our thoughts may turn to our spouse, a prickly co-worker, or a moody teen. However, given today's readings, it struck me that this description can also fit our relationship with Jesus. Yes, we know that Jesus loves us, shepherds us, forgives us ... but he also challenges us! He reminds us today that being a disciple requires that we go all in, prepared to place our relationship with Jesus above all else. Easier said than done. But we can start, one minute at a time, with our prayers, priorities, and actions. We can also follow the example of saints such as Paul, imprisoned for preaching the Gospel, and the saints among us who teach us by example.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I bet we all know people we would consider saints, or at least well on their way: A compassionate friend, a priest or lay minister at our parish, a generous neighbor, that person who has not let suffering and loss shake their faith. Then there are the saints we Catholics celebrate each day: Francis, who threw off the cloak of privilege to live for Christ; Mother Teresa, who served others day in and day out even as she faced a spiritual drought; Paul, the one-time persecutor who built up the early Church and whose letters continue to inspire Christians. Each of them took Jesus' words at face value and laid down their lives for him. Learning how to be a disciple of Christ from studying the lives of the saints can be an ongoing pursuit throughout our lives. But perhaps we can also learn from a "living saint," if the opportunity presents itself, and ask, in so many words, "what's your secret?" It may be praying first thing in the morning, or something practical that we had not considered, such as managing their time in such a way that allows them to volunteer regularly or to be a continuous presence in the life of someone who needs them. If other priorities have gotten in the way of our relationship with Jesus, perhaps we can challenge ourselves to develop new habits. Even an incremental change - such as spending less time or money on nonessentials or reading an inspirational book - can help us reignite our faith and free up our time to focus on someone or something other than ourselves.

STUDY Take time to read about the lives of a few saints. What habits did they create to lead holy lives? What vices did they give up for Christ's sake to truly become his disciple?





Jesus Cries, “I Thirst!”

Will you quench His thirst for love?

- Fr. Nate's Update -

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

[Katie Sweeney and Zoe Melody Rose Tyrell exercised their discipleship of Christ by helping at the benefit dinner at Fox Hunter's for six year old Jozilyn Essenmacher, suffering from a rare kidney condition. I was able to pray over her, asking Jesus to lay His healing hands upon her, and she smiled! Please join me in praying for her]

Some Holy Humor: Preparing his first homily, the seminary student had written this thoughtful line, “God called me to heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out the devil.” While giving the practice homily to a large crowd of seminary students and faculty, he declared with gusto, “God called me to heal the dead, cast out the sick, and raise the devil!”

Praise Report: From a parish family member: "A good friend living in another state is quite hard of hearing. Hearing aids help slightly. Recently her hearing especially in one ear had been deading out. She had an appointment with a specialist and was so scared. I asked for exact time of her appointment and spent that hour in prayer for her. Shortly after she texted with such hope and peace. No guarantees but doctor is willing to try a couple of options. Please, please do not take prayers lightly."

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Discipleship: Spreading the Joy of Loving ALL Life: Jeanne, Andy, Josie Gusa and myself after the



Cheesburger parade, where we joined many local Christians walking with the Huron County Right to Life parade float, handing out literature and pro-life gifts to thousands! Our shirts say “Lifeguard on Duty” with a picture of a baby. When some people “booed” as we passed them, I prayed for them, and remembered our Lord’s words, “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.”



Also, a group of Catholics including Fr. Raj from our diocese (priest on the left) carried Our Lady of Fatima during the parade! When we honor her publicly, she showers down graces through her intercession upon all who see her and think of her Son.

Wisdom from a Parish Family Member: I found a prayer written on a paper from the belongings of a parishioner who recently deceased. The paper says, "Most Heavenly Father, Take [Name] to heaven so that her soul may rest in peace... eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may the perpetual light shine upon her. May she enjoy the heavens that God made.... Lead her in your footsteps. For you are the lonely Lord I love. Amen!" *Who could you pray this for?*



New Parish Logo: Parish Leaders voted on, and offered helpful suggestions for improvement on, various logos designed by Theresa Messing, daughter of Cathy Stacer, who offered her professional services pro bono to our parish. May the Lord reward her in this life and the next! Here is the design that won the most votes. It reminds us that Jesus is out seeking the lost sheep and leading them to His Church. Will we become his co-workers?

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

(Pope's August Intention): "Let us pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country."

(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

Fight Vices by Studying Virtues: By faith, by our trusting relationship with God, we fight the vices in our lives that steal our joy and happiness by separating us from God. How do we fight our vices? If we're riding a bike, and we see a rock, and we keep our eyes on the rock, we're more likely to hit the rock. So to fight a vice, we don't keep our eyes on the vice, but on its opposite virtue. We study the virtue, for example, by meditating on what the Catechism says about that virtue. *Do you have a catechism?*

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

Mass Journals:

What Will God Say to You?

Want to get more out of the Mass?

All you need is a Mass Journal (or any notebook), a pen, and an open heart. The idea of Mass journaling comes from Matthew Kelly, from Dynamic Catholic. When we go into Mass actively seeking what the Lord has to say to us, we walk away with life-changing words, personal messages from our Lord who longs to speak to us.

The Mass Journal can help us to achieve what Mother Church hopes for, as described in Vatican Council II, *"In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy the full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else, for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit"* (SC 14, Vatican II)

Consider these beautiful words: *"...in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them; and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her [children], the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life."* (Dei Verbum, Vatican II)

HOW do I use the Mass Journal?

Bring your Mass Journal with you each week and simply ask God to reveal what God would like to show/tell you this week at Mass. Or pray the words on the journal cover. It may be as simple as a single word, or a page full of notes. God may speak to you through a reading, homily, Eucharistic prayer, or something someone tells you after Mass. These are words that God is specifically speaking to you - not to your spouse, not to your family members, not to your friends, not to the stranger in front of you. *Just to You*. Write it down. Also, there's a page at the end entitled Prayer Process. Pray through those steps in your daily quiet time with our Lord.

WHERE do I get one?

Mass Journals will be provided for parish family members of Good Shepherd through the generosity of donors. Please offer a heartfelt prayer for them. Pens will be left on pews in case you forget yours.

Tips:

- *Don't forget to intentionally ask God to speak to you at each Mass*
- *Write your name in the book in case you leave it behind*
- *Write down the references of the Mass readings so you can look them up and meditate on them later. It also helps make sense of your notes*
- *A year from now, re-read what you wrote down (date your entry; look back and you might see God's message revealed to you at the "perfect" time)*

- *Leave the journal in your car if you can't remember to bring it to Mass [Better yet: get into habit of bringing your Mass Journal to your prayer space at home, and back to church each weekend, so you can pray through the Prayer Process printed at the end*
- *Encourage (grand)children to use their journals; ask them in the car ride home, "What did God say to you at Mass today?"*

Testimony from a Good Shepherd Parish family member:

"Previous to [using the Mass Journal], I would find that on the way home from Mass, I would be humming the songs and feeling great, but didn't have a concise recall or the words to express the message that was sent to me through the Mass. Now I do, and I know that the messages I received were probably different from the messages of the people around me. Here are some examples of my notes from the Scriptures at Mass and/or from [Fr. Nate's] homilies:

- *Love shines through people, In heaven we will need no lamps, Prayer, fasting & alms giving will help us radiate Christ, Transfigure us, O' Lord*
- *Recognize the Lord in each person we meet, Your life is flashing before your eyes, How well have you served others?...*
- *Magisterium, sacred tradition, sacred scripture – three legged stool*
- *Come Holy Spirit, fill my heart, so I can love as Jesus loves me*
- *Mother Teresa's message from Jesus – I stand at the door of your heart*
- *Only 30% of Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ, He multiplies the loaves and fishes- Multiplies Himself for our consumption, Lives are transformed by the Eucharist (Saints)...*

Other Mass Journal Testimonies:

"I feel this is an extremely useful tool that helps me focus before, during and after the Mass for what God is communicating to me... I still remember Matthew Kelly's words that prompted me to start this process. If you knew God was going to speak directly to you, in His house, would you just rely on your memory or would you be sure to write it down? What are you waiting for?"

"Listening for that one "gem" each week really helps in walking away from Mass with a spring in your step. I also add a journal entry from one of the readings that reinforces what I learned. It works!"

"...There is value in reviewing what you've written because it demonstrates how God is with you and provides for you always. I look back on some tough times in life and realize that in the months He was prepping my heart. God is good."

Matthew Kelly said, "Show up early, pray the Holy Spirit reveals to you the one thing God wants you to take from that Mass, write it down, then go back and review it later" (in an awesome Australian accent)... this has brought my faith to the next level. I eagerly await each Mass for the message "God has just for me"."

"I have been giving these little books to teens in my Confirmation Prep class for the past two years. I have had a lot of positive feedback from parents and teens."