

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 20, 2022**

Wed. November 23rd 11:30am St. John site
Thur. November 24th 8:30am St. Ignatius site
Fri. November 25th No Mass
Sat. November 26th 4:00pm St John site
Sun. November 27th 8:30am St Joseph site
Sun. November 27th 10:30am St Columbkille site

Confessions for this Week

Wednesday: 11:00-11:25am St. John site
Saturday: 3:30pm (ask Fr. at door) St John site

Readings for the Week

Monday, November 21

Revelation 14: 1-3, Luke 21: 1-4

Tuesday, November 22

Revelation 14: 14-19 Luke 21: 5-11

Wednesday, November 23

Revelation 15: 1-4 Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday, November 24

Revelation 18: 1-2, 21-23 Luke 21: 20-28

Friday, November 25

Revelation 20: 1-4 Luke 21: 29-33

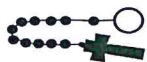
Saturday, November 26

Revelation 22: 1-7 Luke 21: 34-36

Sunday, November 27

Isaiah 2: 1-5 Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 37-44



Rosaries

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

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection – \$4209.00

Loose - \$461.25

Building Fund - \$45.00

Military Services - \$1005.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

123 Envelopes used

Donations:

In loving memory of Carolyn Marie Janowiak,
13th anniversary and our son, Rodney,
59th anniversary, (November 25)
By: Ken Janowiak Family

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

November 14 – 20, 2022

Saturday St John site: ~ Kolbe & Sam Guza Family

Sunday St Joseph site: Good Shepherd
Parishioners

Sunday St Columbkille site: + Alice Talaski

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

November 21 – 27, 2022

Saturday St John site: Good Shepherd
Parishioners

Sunday St Joseph site: + Walter & Mildred Uhl

Sunday St Columbkille site: + Loreane Holz

In This Sunday's Readings

“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you
fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in
light.” –

Colossians 1:12

Problems often arise when we put our own needs and
wants first, rather than putting God first. This seems
counter to what the world tells us. Society tells us the way
to happiness is with getting more “stuff.” Make God the
priority.



Newly Baptized



Please welcome into our family of faith

Owen Louis Razo

Son of Jonathon & Tiffany Razo

*Congratulations and welcome into our parish. May
you experience the Lord every day of your life.*

Good Shepherd Christian Mothers

Christmas Party is December 13th

5:30pm at the Parish Center

Dinner served at 6:00pm.

\$6 at the door for the meal

Exchange Gift: \$10 (Optional)

RSVP to Cathy Stacer at 989-551-3877 or

Kathy Beaver at 989-658-8065

Please RSVP by Dec. 6th

If you make a reservation and cannot make it,
you are responsible for paying for your meal.

If you were a Christian Mother at any Good Shepherd Parish site and your group was depleted, you are welcome to join the Ugly Christian Mother's Confraternity. Please contact Deb Sadro at 989-658-8325 if interested or come to a meeting to sign up



Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United State, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd



Here in November, we look forward to the fulfillment that God has promised us through Jesus, our Risen brother. With the feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls Day, with our parish memorials for those who have died, we focus on the future fulfillment that God offers to each of us when our earthly lives come to an end.

Karen Gornowicz, Pat Smith, Michael Sweeney, Carol Lemke, Loreane Holz, Delphine McEachin, Mary Nowak, Phillip Martin, David Krause, Sandy Peplinski, Marie Krause, Jean Smithers, Sharon Cregeur, Kevin Brown, Louis Laming, Harold Langley, Beverly Grifka, Alice Talaski, Richard Peruski, Tony Grifka, Alger Nowak, Caroline Maurer & Kathryn Sweeney

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

November 21: Jeanene Schmidt, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker

November 28: Kathy Beaver, Diana Briolat, Ann Ypma

December 5: Luci Kubacki, Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

8:30am Thursday, Nov. 24th St. Ignatius site

Lector: Justin Faber

Altar Server: Kylie Keller

Ushers: Volunteers

4:00pm Saturday Mass Nov. 26th St John site

Lector: Martin Kubacki

EMHC: Luci Kubacki

Altar Server: Maze Gusa

Sacristan: Luci Kubacki

Ushers: Bob Brahmer, Virg Briolat, Jim Osentoski
Richard Trepkowski

8:30am Sunday Mass Nov. 27th St Joseph site

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Greeter: Jo Izydorek

Ushers: Kevin Hessling, Chuck Izydorek, Bill Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Mass Nov. 27th St Columbkille site

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Zoe & Jacie Tyrrell

Altar Servers: Luke Roth & Brynneigh Bambach

Greeters: Marge Messing & Diane Leppek

Gift Bearers: Osantoski Family

Ushers: Ray Maurer, Terry Sweeney, Jeff Maurer

Christ's Mission APPEAL

By now you should have received a letter from Bishop Gruss and a brochure and pledge card about the 2022-23 Christ's Mission Appeal. Please give careful consideration about how you will respond and fill out the pledge card and return it to the Diocese of Saginaw or put it in the collection basket. Remember - checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Saginaw, not our parish. You can also give online or learn about different ways to give on the Diocese website at www.saginaw.org. Our parish assessment for this year is: \$52,323.00. As of November 11, 2022, \$23,410.00 has been pledged.

Please prayerfully consider your support of
Christ's Mission Appeal.

Please remember your parish when planning your estate

Communal Anointing Masses

Anointing will take place at all three weekend Masses on December 3 and 4. Please sit on the inside and outside edges of the pews if you would like to be anointed. Who are the candidates for anointing? "Only those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age are proper subjects for the sacrament". (Pastoral care of the Sick) "It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation (whenever a serious illness or condition is the reason for the operation)" so anointing before a knee surgery, for example, would not be appropriate. Serious chronic pain is a valid reason for anointing also.

Communal Penance Service

We will be having our communal penance service this year at St. John's on December 4. It will begin at 2:00pm followed by private confessions with visiting priests.

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation education program of Good Shepherd Parish has begun. Please pray for all who come together on Wednesday and Sunday.

Ubly: 5:30-7pm (Nov. 30)
Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm (Nov. 30)

Youth Group

Youth group will meet on Sunday, November 27, from 5-7pm starting with a shared meal at 5pm. Youth group is for all 7-12th grades & there is no cost.



St Ignatius Lions Club

We are hosting a Euchre Tournament on Sunday, November 20th at 1pm at St Ignatius Hall. \$10 per person. Includes a Thanksgiving dinner and a fun afternoon with friends.

Mat project

We had 17 people at our last group meeting of the year and as November 16th we have completed 74 mats for the homeless. We will not get together again until January.

However, if anyone wants to stop at the parish center during the next 2 months to fold, cut, or tie, they are more than welcome (when it's open). Also, you can do any one of these projects at home. Any questions call Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281.

Knights of Columbus

Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: We will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on Wednesday, December 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

Euchre Party Meeting

We are gathering on November 28th at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph's hall to organize the winter Euchre parties. Help is needed and all Good Shepherd parishioners are invited. Any questions, please call Debbie at 989-658-8080



Deckerville Area Adult Community Choir

Please join us for performances held:
December 2nd 7 pm at McGregor UMC
December 3rd 4 pm at McGregor UMC
December 10 at 7 pm Countryside Free Methodist (Sandusky)



Giving Tree

The giving tree will run the four weeks of Advent. Please take an envelope, place a monetary donation in the envelope and return it to the Sunday collection basket. The total money collected will be divided up into four and donated to the Homeless Coalition in Bad Axe & Sandusky, the Womens Shelter in Bad Axe and Eva's Place in Sandusky. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thank you to those who sponsored the Fellowship weekends this fall:

Debbie Smielewski
Bill & Edie Izydorek
Rod & Marilyn Walsh
Michelle Banky

Also, thank you to all those who helped serve and donate food. Your help is so appreciated !!!

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November 20, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3 | Col 1:12-20 | Lk 23:35-43

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

Did you watch Queen Elizabeth's funeral procession? The Imperial State Crown that sat atop her coffin is "made of gold and set with 2,868 diamonds, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, 269 pearls, and 4 rubies," according to the Historic Royal Palaces website. It had been made for her father, King George VI, for his 1937 coronation. It is hard to reconcile this bejeweled crown with the crown of thorns worn by Jesus at his crucifixion. Yet we recognize the crucified Christ as the king of kings, the firstborn of creation, above "thrones or dominions or principalities or powers." As we conclude the liturgical year, we are reminded that the cross, not the crown, is the primary symbol of Christ's power. By embracing the cross – through service, sacrifice and recognizing Jesus as the king of our lives – we can help bring about his kingdom.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It can be easy to distance ourselves from the two condemned criminals crucified alongside Jesus, much the way we might write off the prisoners in our midst today. Yet Luke's telling reveals their humanity and our shared human nature. One reacts as any of us might, telling Jesus to "save himself." The other speaks words of faith, recognizing Jesus as the Son of God, our true king of the universe. As we prepare to enter Advent, let us ask God for the grace to recognize Jesus as our king. Soon we will be swept up in the Christmas countdown. By placing Christ, the newborn king, at the center of our lives, we can in turn help ourselves and those close to us slow down and experience Advent in such a way so as to fully prepare for his coming.

PRAY This week, make the words of the second criminal your prayer: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."



Jesus Cries, “I Thirst!”

Will you quench His thirst for love?

- Fr. Nate's Update -

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

Some Holy Humor: Pastor Bob was bemused when his five-year-old daughter Lucy came downstairs before church lugging all three of her pocketbooks. “Lucy, what are you doing with those?” he asked. “Daddy, I heard you practicing your sermon, and you said God was in three purses. We can't leave part of God at home!”



Testimony:

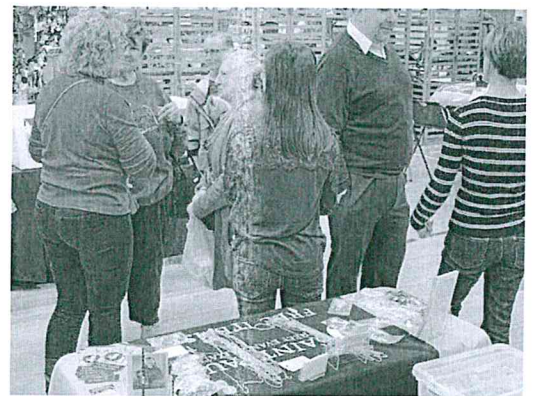
Mats for the Homeless ministry:

These volunteers quench Christ's thirst for love by making beautiful mats for the homeless out of plastic bags! They help keep the homeless warm and give them a comfortable way to sleep or rest on the ground. They keep plastic waste out of landfills and oceans. If interested in doing this at home, see instructions on tables at churches, or contact coordinator Lori Osantoski.



Testimony: St. Paul Catholic Evangelization:

These disciples quench Christ's thirst for love by evangelizing. From one of the members: "Yet again, devout and fearless Catholics from not only our parish, but also ones from the Thumb, set up an evangelization station at the 2022 Holly Berry Fair in Caseville. We gave out hundreds of Rosaries, crucifixes, and Miraculous Medals over the course of six hours. The Holy Spirit and Our Lady were truly present. The boldness and unabashed love for others our evangelists showed was beyond word. Prayers were said, tears shed, and renewed relationships with Jesus and Our Lady reformed in seconds with the Holy Spirit's guidance of meager volunteers. We're all called to evangelize in some way. Won't you join us!? For more info, contact Fr. Nate directly or Christian Goedel: 612-419-6792."



Mass Journal: Remember to bring your Mass Journal next weekend, and to ask our Lord to speak to you at Mass by praying, “Speak, Lord, Your Servant is listening” or “What is one way this week I can become more like Christ this week?”

Nicene Creed Beginning in Advent: At our Worship Commission meeting, we looked at the guidelines for the “profession of faith” at Mass and the options of praying the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed. We will begin using a combination of the creeds at our parish, with the presider announcing which creed would be said at the time of Mass when it will be changed for the season.

I surveyed the vicariate pastors, and some of them use a combination of creeds, but most use Nicene Creed all year round. One that uses a combination of the creeds said there is, "No confusion because I tell them which one we are saying..."

To put us in union with most parishes throughout the country, as you see in livestream Masses, we will begin praying the Nicene Creed most of the year, beginning this Advent. But in the seasons of Lent through Easter we will use the Apostles Creed, as the Roman Missal suggests.

It is appropriate to start the Nicene in Advent, since we're preparing for the birth of the divine Son of God. The Nicene Creed focuses on the divinity of Christ. It was written to counter the early heresies (false teachings) that Christ is not fully divine, especially the Arian Heresy. The Nicene Creed contains a line that's like a hammer repeatedly smashing the Arian heresy. The Arian heresy is that Jesus was not fully God. The line states that Jesus is, "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father..."

"Consubstantial" means MORE than simply "one in being", the former translation. It means, of the same substance or essence. It means that Jesus IS God. Father Bryan Babick, S.L.L. gives this analogy, "Every analogy necessarily breaks down, of course, but consider that when you eat at a restaurant that allows you to select and fill your own drink from a soda fountain or a coffee pot, you often go for a free refill. Rarely do you put a different kind of soda or type of coffee, which is a substance, in the same cup you used for the first fill. You would fill it with the same substance. When God came into the World, He came Himself, not some substitute of lesser stature, or different flavor. Consubstantial may not be a word we use often, but there's no better word to describe the relationship between God the Father and God the Son."

charlestdiocese.org/divine-worship-and-sacraments/articles/consubstantial-with-the-father/



Would you like to take Mary into your home?

From the Cross, Jesus said to the "beloved disciple", standing next to Mary, 'Behold, your Mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (John 19:27) Jesus invites you to take her into your home and into your heart, since you too are His "beloved disciple." One way to do this symbolically is to host the beautiful "Pilgrim Virgin Statue" from Fatima at your home for a month. It will remind you of her presence, her love, and her smile, and invite you to turn to her to ask her to pray for your

family. Let me know if you'd like to receive the statue at a future "Communal First Saturday" celebration at our St. John site.

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

*****(*Pope's November Intention*):** "We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection."

*****(*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, diaconate, consecrated life, and lay ministry from Good Shepherd Parish. Help married couples to discern Your Will regarding openness to life, including foster care and adoption.

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



A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

Lord, as I sit at a Thanksgiving table once again,

I want to thank You for Your goodness to me.

Thank You for meeting my needs every day – for food and shelter and clothing,
and for the many extras You provide that I so often take for granted.

Thank You for family and friends who make my life complete.

Thank You that even when we are miles apart, we are bound by the cords of Your love.

Thank You that I live in a country where I am free to worship You and to read Your Word.

Most of all, I thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the “light of the world.”

When I turned to Him, He flooded the darkness of my soul with the light of Your love.

Thank You that He not only died for my sins, but that He is alive today at Your side
hearing my prayers and preparing a home for me in heaven.

Thank You that Jesus came into this world and took up residence in my life as my Savior, Lord, and God.

Thank You for all that You have given me as a Christian;

the Holy Spirit who is Your presence in my life, the Bible that is a light to my pathway, and

Christian friends who encourage and help me.

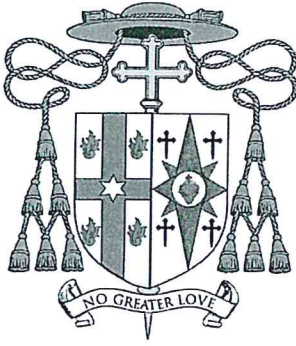
Thank You that I face tomorrow with hope because Jesus is living for me.

O, Lord, how truly rich I am !!!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU MEAN TO ME.

“Be Thankful unto Him, and bless His name.
For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting;
and His truth endureth to all generations.”

(Psalm 100: 4-5)



DIOCESE OF SAGINAW

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 10, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the aftermath of election night, Jesus looks over the State of Michigan and weeps. We weep with him. Enshrining the right to take the life of an unborn child into our state constitution is an abomination to him.

With deep sadness in our hearts, we acknowledge the reality that a majority of Michigan voters have embraced, as a fundamental right, taking the life of an unborn child in the womb through all 9 months of pregnancy and taking away parental rights in the process.

Although this is a heartbreaking and difficult defeat, and a setback in our defense of the unborn, we will not be discouraged nor deterred from defending life at all stages.

We are an Easter People. It looked like complete defeat on Good Friday, but the reality of Jesus' Resurrection teaches us that, in the end, life prevails.

I want to thank everyone, from across many Christian denominations and from other religions, who came together and worked tirelessly to be a voice for the rights of women and children, born and unborn. We will continue to work together to uphold the dignity of human life, and to embrace more than ever the urgent ministry of supporting and walking with moms in need.

Any women experiencing a crisis pregnancy can receive help and support through our Walking with Moms in Need Ministry and through partnership with several pregnancy centers that defend life. We also minister to women who need healing following an abortion, through our Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. For more information, contact Lori Becker, Coordinator of Diocesan Outreach, by calling 989.797.6652 or emailing lbecker@diosag.org. You may also visit the diocesan website www.saginaw.org.

Every single life has a purpose and a plan in the heart and mind of God. Let us continue to pray that hearts be converted and that the God-given right to life at all stages be recognized for all persons.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Saginaw