



**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022**

Wed. November 30th 11:30am St. John site
Thur. December 1st 7:00pm St. Columbkille site
Fri. December 2nd 9:00am St. John site
ALL DAY ADORATION until 4:00pm
Communal First Saturday Devotion:
Sat. December 3rd 9:00am St. John site
Sat. December 3rd 4:00pm St. John site
Sun. December 4th 8:30am St Joseph site
Sun. December 4th 10:30am St. Columbkille site
Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions
Sun. December 4th 2:00pm St. John site

Confessions for this Week

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

Readings for the Week

Monday, November 28

Isaiah 4: 2-6 Matthew 8: 5-11

Tuesday, November 29

Isaiah 11: 1-10 Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday, November 30

Romans 10: 9-18 Matthew 4: 18-22

Thursday, December 1

Isaiah 26: 1-6 Matthew 7: 21, 24-27

Friday, December 2

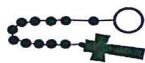
Isaiah 29: 17-24 Matthew 9: 27-31

Saturday, December 3

Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9: 35

Sunday, December 4

Isaiah 11: 1-10 Romans 15: 4-9
Matthew 3: 1-12



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 – \$3439.00

Loose - \$549.00

Building Fund - \$125.00

Military Services - \$50.00

**Campaign for Human Development -
\$963.00**

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

102 Envelopes used

Donations:

In memory of Sharon Wahl by, Beatrice Pichla

In memory of Kay Sweeney by, Beatrice Pichla

In memory of Delphine McEachin by, Brenda
Dopkowski

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

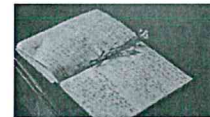
Mass Intentions for the Week of:

November 28 – December 4, 2022

Saturday St John site: + Sandy Peplinski

Sunday St Joseph site: + Marie Klee

Sunday St Columbkille site: Good Shepherd
Parishioners



MASS JOURNALS

REMINDER TO BRING EACH WEEK !!!

In This Sunday's Readings

**"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which
day your Lord will come." -- Matthew 24:42**

No one can be sure of tomorrow. Many people take for
granted that they will be here on earth tomorrow. But that
is not promised. Every day is a gift from God. Treat it that
way and live with gratitude. When you do so, you may
become more cognizant of God's daily presence in your
life.

FIRST FRIDAY ALL DAY ADORATION

Please join us on December 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.

Please remember your parish when planning your estate

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



Breakfast with Santa Children 10 & under free

Thumb Veterans Organization Post #1 Pancake

**Breakfast at the TVO Hall, Ugly on December 4th
serving from 8am – 12:00pm.** The cost is adults \$8.00,
children (11-12) \$4.00 and free for 5 and under. Take outs
are available – Call Steve 989-315-1226

Free eye screening for Children – Conducted by Ugly
Lions Club. Proceeds to support area veterans!!



Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised **\$963.00** to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on "How to Give" under "Resource."



Giving Tree

The giving tree starts this week and 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.

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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 and 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



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.



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)



FREE PIANO

It is out of tune but works.
If interested please call the parish office.



Newly Baptized



*Please welcome into our family of faith
Camden Arnold Osentoski*

Son of Andrew & Tricia Osentoski

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

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.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

November 28: Kathy Beaver, Diana Briolat, Ann Ypma

December 5: Luci Kubacki, Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck

December 12: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski

4:00pm Saturday Mass December 3rd St John site

Lector: Bev Pawlosky

EMHC: Bev Pawlosky

Altar Server: Judy Messing

Sacristan: Judy Messing

Ushers: Tom Murray, Whitey Pawlosky, Allen Peruski, Jim Czewski

8:30am Sunday Mass December 4th St Joseph site

Lector: Paul Guza

EMHC: Paul Guza

Greeter: Edie Izydorek

Ushers: Bill Izydorek, Steve Briolat, Gordon Farrelly

10:30am Sunday Mass December 4th St Columbkille site

Lector: Kathy Creguer

EMHC: Jerry Sweeney & Kevin Romzek

Altar Servers: Broden Peruski, Brayden Sweeney

Greeters: Kubacki Family

Gift Bearers: Klee Family

Ushers: Rob Kubacki, Matthew Kubacki, Jack Kubacki

Communal First Saturday Devotion

**Please join us on December 3 at St. John Church
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 these 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 rectory for refreshments.

Meeting for Winter Euchre Parties

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

November 27, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5 | Rom 13:11-14 | Mt 24:37-44

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

Don't get me wrong. I love vacations and weekends away. But the night and day before? It's always a whirlwind of laundry, packing, and shopping for groceries and essential car snacks. I knew we were going away. I could have gotten my act together earlier. Next trip, I tell myself. Then the cycle repeats itself. Advent can be that way. This year's going to be the year! No rushing around, no crazy last-minute shopping, no stress: I'm going to study the daily readings, read that Advent devotional, settle into the season of waiting. Today's readings speak not only to procrastinators like me but also to the planners: Wherever we are on that continuum, Advent gives us an opportunity to ready our souls for Jesus' coming. It's less about what we do when than about preparing our hearts. Through prayer, study and the liturgies of this season, we can ask God to help us clean house within and prepare for Jesus' coming.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today is not only the first Sunday of Advent, but the first day of the liturgical year. Today's readings encourage us to prepare for Christ's coming. I love St. Paul's imagery: "Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us ... put on the Lord Jesus Christ." Just as we make resolutions for the new calendar year, Advent affords us an opportunity to start anew. However, the gift of our faith reminds us that we are not alone in this! We can seek the help of the Holy Spirit through prayer and turn to the accountability partners who sit in the pews next to us at Sunday Mass. We, in turn, can be a light to others through our words, attitudes, and actions. As we light our houses and light our Christmas trees this year, we can remember to put on the armor of light ourselves as we begin this holy season.

ACTION Even with the best of intentions, the holiday season can become busy. As you go about errands or prepare your home, make an effort to listen to Advent hymns or reflections.



Jesus Cries, “I Thirst!”

*Will you quench His thirst for love?
- Fr. Nate’s Update -*

Dear Saint-in-the-Making, Happy Advent! “COME LORD JESUS!”

Thanks be to God for Recent Baptisms:

Lord Jesus Christ, in baptism it is you who perform the baptism through Your human mediator. Thank you for baptizing Owen Razo (R) and Camden Osentoski (L); please grow the grace of baptism in our newest brothers in Christ, Your Body, the Church. Please give their parents and Godparents the grace to be

shining examples of love for God and neighbor. May our parish family also support and protect them with our prayers and shining example, Amen.



Some Holy Humor: Teaching her Faith Formation students about Easter, Mrs. Martin said Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb. “I know,” remarked little Susie, “He used it only three days!”

Notes from Recent Teaching Mass

Review: Mass: Elevator and Time Machine

- Mass: like an “elevator” (brings us up to the Wedding Feast of the Lamb in heaven)
- Mass: like a “time machine” (brings us to the table of the Last Supper and to the Altar of the Cross)
- The ORIGINAL events become present to us, and we are there, in a true sense!
- At the Last Supper, Christ offers Himself in sacrifice for us. “This is my Body, given for you”.
- On the Cross, Christ offers Himself in sacrifice to His Father, saying to the Father, “This is my Body, given for you”.
- This is why the Mass is called, “The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.”
- At Mass, He invites us ALSO to offer ourselves in sacrifice, to say, “This is my Body, given for you...” to His Father, WITH Him. *When we do this, we are cooperating with Christ in saving the whole world.*

Introductory Rites: “GATHERING”: Part 2

- **Entrance Procession and Entrance Chant (Song):**
 - Do you like singing at Mass?
 - Someone once told me, “Father, my voice is terrible, I don’t want to offend the people around me, so I don’t sing.”
 - Personally, I usually like to sing. But not always, sometimes it’s a sacrifice.
 - At Mass, Jesus invites us ALSO to say, “This is my Body, given for you...” to His Father, WITH Him. He invites us to say, “This is my body, my voice, my entire being”,

which I offer as a sacrifice, for my salvation and the salvation of the world.

- When we sing, whether we enjoy it and sing loudly, or don't enjoy it and sing softly, it's a sacrifice that brings salvation to the world.
- Every time I sing, whether loudly or softly, I realize I am loving God with not just my voice, but also with my mind. God made our minds for TRUTH. As we read the words, we are TRUTH into our minds, e.g. the TRUTH of Scripture.
- To summarize, I sing at Mass because I want to love God with my voice and with my mind.

A few more points to conclude the section on the Introductory Rites of the Mass

- **Penitential Rite:** "We truly are not worthy to participate in what is about to happen in the Mass. Our sinfulness stands in sharp contrast to what we are about to do. And so, the priest invites us ['let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries'] (by humbly confessing our sins publicly before almighty God and the congregation.) Just as the people of Israel needed to wash their garments before approaching the Lord at Sinai, so we need to cleanse our souls from sin before we approach God in the Mass." (Edward Sri)
 - 3 forms; Confiteor: begins, "I confess to Almighty God..."
 - Imitating tax collector: "Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner", struck his breast
 - *Invitation: When you strike your breast, do it gently. It is a symbolic act.*
- **Gloria:** "Like lovers who tell each other over and over in varying ways "I love you", we express our love for God, saying, "We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we give you thanks for your great glory." (This is an expression of pure praise - loving God not just for what he does for us, but for who he IS, for his glorious goodness and love.)" (Edward Sri)
 - We echo the angels who joyfully sang "Glory to God in the Highest" in the skies above the shepherds. (USCCB)
 - *Invitation: At the Gloria, imagine angels filling the church, singing with us!*
- **Collect:** The priest "collects" or gathers the intentions of the people. ("The Priest calls upon the people to pray and everybody, together with the Priest, observes a brief silence so that they may become aware of being in God's presence and may call to mind their intentions. Then the Priest pronounces the prayer, through which the character of the celebration finds expression. The people, joining in this petition, make the prayer their own by means of the acclamation *Amen*."") (GIRM 54)
 - *Invitation: During the pause after "Let us pray", close your eyes and think of your Mass intention, i.e. who, or what you're offering this Mass for.*

"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



Personal Testimony: Becky Guza

"They defeated [the devil] by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony" -Revelation 11:12

[Becky blessed us by giving this testimony at the end of Masses a few weeks ago]

"About 3 years ago I was meeting up with a good Baptist friend of mine on a Sunday afternoon, when he asked me what the message from Mass was that morning. At that moment, realizing that I couldn't even remember the Mass readings let alone the homily, I was pretty humiliated. I felt like I was a pretty good Catholic, but yet here I was not even able to remember anything from Mass that morning!

This encounter with my friend led me to be really honest with myself and examine where my heart was in regards to Mass. At that time, after thinking it all over, I realized that this was not the only time I had forgotten the message from the Mass readings and homily. In fact, I was lucky if I remembered one message out of four! I realized that I was having a hard time focusing and paying attention in Mass. And, also, that I didn't fully appreciate the beauty of the first half of the Mass with its scripture readings.

After this examination of myself I started a Mass and prayer journal, and the transformation that took place in my spiritual life was wonderful! Not only was I able to remember the message on Sunday, but these messages started to speak to me personally. The readings and homilies started to apply to my life, and because of this it became easier for me to share the message with those I talked to on Sunday and throughout the week.

My own relationship with Christ changed, as well! I felt Him speaking to me in a personal way; encouraging me, calling me out on some things, and giving me better discernment on decisions I was making! Because of the blessings I have received through using a Mass/prayer journal I would strongly encourage anyone to at least try it and see how it can help deepen your relationship with Christ!

I think that far too many of us approach the Mass with a teaspoon, instead of a five gallon pail to receive the abundant blessings and graces Christ wants to give us! Through my own experience, I've seen that Mass journaling is one way to practically prepare and open our hearts to receiving those blessings and graces that Christ is waiting to give us through the great celebration of the Mass!"

See office for a free copy of the Mass Journal!



Advent Season 2022 Mass/Service Schedule

Sunday, December 4 – Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions	2pm – St John Church, Ubly
Thursday, December 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)	11:30am – St John Church, Ubly
Thursday, December 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)	7pm – St Columbkille Church, Sheridan Corner:
Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Mass	4pm – St John Church, Ubly
Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Mas	6pm – St Columbkille Church, Sheridan Corners
Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Mass	8pm – St Joseph Church, Argyle
Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day Mass	8:30am – St Ignatius Church, Freiburg
Saturday, December 31- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	4pm – St John Church, Ubly
Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	8:30am – St Joseph Church, Argyle
Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	10:30am – St Columbkille Church, Sheridan Corners

Reconciliation/Confessions

See bulletin for weekday opportunities

December 10/11 – After weekend Masses by request

December 17/18 – After weekend Masses by request