

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 15, 2023**

Mon. January 16 Parish Office Closed
Wed. January 18 11:30am Parish Ctr. Chapel
Thur. January 19 7:00pm St. Columbkille site
Fri. January 20 - No Mass -
Sat. January 21 4:00pm St. John site
Sun. January 22 8:30 am St. Joseph site
Sun. January 22 10:30am St. Columbkille site

Confessions this Week

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

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 16

Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 2: 18-28

Tuesday, January 17

Hebrews 6:10-20 Mark 2: 23-28

Wednesday, January 18

Hebrews 7: 1-3, 15-17 Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 19

Hebrews 7:25-8:6 Mark 3: 7-12

Friday, January 20

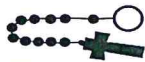
Hebrews 8: 6-13 Mark 3: 13-19

Saturday, January 21

Hebrews 9: 2-3, 11-14 Mark 3: 20-21

Sunday, January 22

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23



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

The Christian Mothers invite you to send get well cards to
Fr. Nate's mother. Send to: Barb Harburg, 722 Courtland
Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection \$7498.00

Loose - \$537.00

Christmas Collection - \$545.00

Building Fund - \$675.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

151 envelopes used

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

January 9 - January 15, 2023

Saturday: St John site: Good Shepherd Parishioners

**Sunday: St Joseph site: + Scott Peruski &
+ Marshall Briolat Sr.**

**Sunday: St Columbkille site: + Eugene &
+ Agnes Gorkowski**

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

January 16 - January 22, 2023

Saturday: St. John site: + John Beaudin

Sunday: St. Joseph site: + Lansing J. Roy

**Sunday: St. Columbkille site: Good Shepherd
Parishioners**

In This Sunday's Readings

"For now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his
servant from the womb..." - Isaiah 49:5

Each of us has different gifts. They are gifts from God. We are
called to return those gifts to God through our service to others.

No one's journey is the same. Gratefully embrace your gifts
and return them to God by using them as He intended.

March For Life Events

January 20 - Save the date for local March for Life.
The Diocese of Saginaw is hosting an Ecumenical
Event. Join Bishop Gruss for a rally at the Cathedral
of Mary of the Assumption, followed by a march to
Holy Family Parish. The event will run from 9:00am
to 12:00 p.m. For more information, contact Lori at
989.797.6652 or lbecker@diosag.org.

January 21 - Rosary Crusade at the Huron County
Courthouse, 12:00 p.m. For more information,
contact Jeanne Gusa 989.670.3315

January 22 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
Memorial Service - Holy Family Parish, St. Joseph
Catholic Church Hall, 59 N. Moore St., Sandusky

Reminders

The Parish office will be closed Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Friday January 20 - 9:00 a.m. Mass cancelled

Please remember your parish when planning your estate



“Rescued People... Rescue People”

- Fr. Nate's Update -

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

[Flag half-mast for Pope Benedict XVI, traditionally 9 days; next page: image my brother brought me from Mexico by famous painter]

Some Holy Humor

What did Adam say when he was asked his favorite holiday? "It's Christmas, Eve."

What do you call a Bible character who just pulled into church? A parking Lot.

What did God's people say when food fell from Heaven? "Oh man-na!"

What did pirates call Noah's boat? "The *arrrrrrk*."

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Praise Report: God is Good!

A parish family member messaged me that someone "...recently posted on Facebook the quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta, 'We are called upon, not to be successful, but to be faithful'... I've really been leaning into that mentality since Proposal 3 passed. I smiled when I saw [that person] posted it. It was a nice little God moment." *Please send me praise reports!*

Generous Stewardship of Time/Talent

Last week I thanked you for your stewardship of treasure. Today I thank you for your generous stewardship of time/ talent in 2022. Without many parish family members serving in many ways behind the scenes, often with no recognition, our parish

would not be able to fulfil our MISSION: to form missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Praise God!

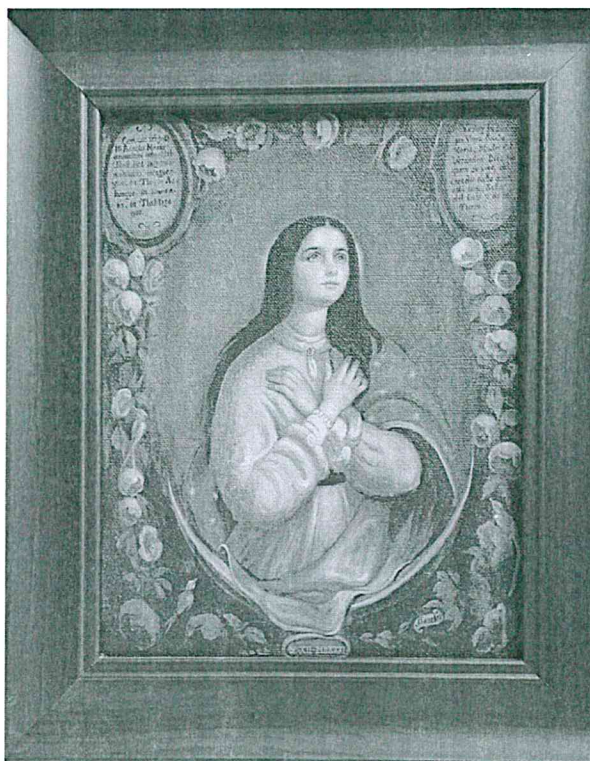
EMHC Certification Training

This training is for those who have never been trained by the diocese and may wish to begin ministry to homebound or facilities- there are many parish family members unable to join us at Mass who wish to receive Holy Communion regularly. Also, more certified EMHC's will help us eventually to return to distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass:

Date: January 18 (Wednesday).

Location: St. Hubert Parish – Bad Axe

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM; No need to RSVP.



“Seek Mary's Smile” –Pope Benedict XVI

Weekly/Daily Prayers:

*(Pope's January Intention): “We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.”

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

January 15, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 | 1 Cor 1:1-3 | Jn 1:29-34



HERE
AM I,
LORD;
I COME
TO DO
YOUR
WILL.



(PS 40: 8-9)

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

I'm not sure I've ever seen a dove close up. The dove is a powerful symbol for Jews and Christians alike, representing love and a deep sense of peace. The dove has special significance for Christians, as a sign of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist testifies, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him ... He is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." The Baptist further testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. The *catechism* (701) reminds us that John the Baptist not only paved the way for Jesus, but for all of us who followed: "The Spirit comes down and remains in the purified hearts of the baptized." Through our baptism, we can follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist by telling others about Jesus. The Holy Spirit will give us what we need in order to become messengers of love and peace to those we encounter.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

During his 1988 campaign, President George H.W. Bush used the phrase "a thousand points of light" to describe volunteers "spread like stars throughout the nation, doing good." This phrase came to mind as I listened to the reading from Isaiah, in which the Lord vows to make Israel "a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." John the Baptist baptizes with water to prepare the people for Jesus' coming. As we settle into the dark days of winter, today's readings challenge us to become points of light to others, leading them to Christ. How we do that will differ for each of us - praying for others, visiting an elderly relative, writing that letter we've been putting off. We may not be prophets like Isaiah and John the Baptist, but we have the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to inspire us.

PRAY Today's psalm reminds me of the popular hymn, "Here I am, Lord." While I love the melody, the psalmist offers a simple spoken version that we can pray to point ourselves in the direction of Jesus each day: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 22, 2023

2:00 p.m. Memorial Service

at

Holy Family Parish

in the St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall

located at 59 N. Moore St, Sandusky, MI.

This year we will only be having a memorial service to honor those lost to abortion in our country.

There have been well over 60 million abortions performed in the US since the infamous Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton court decisions were handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

While we can celebrate that these decisions have finally been overturned we must never forget this tragedy that plagued our country for nearly 50 years, and which will continue here in Michigan for the unforeseeable future.

We know that unborn children are human beings who still deserve protection, so we will commemorate the lives that have been lost to this tragedy in our county with a memorial service.

We invite you to join us as we honor the 41 lives lost to abortion in Sanilac County in 2021.

All are welcome to attend this non-denominational service.

Fellowship will follow after the memorial service.

Sponsored by Right to Life of Sanilac County. Questions call Patty at 989-280-6148





ECUMENICAL MARCH FOR LIFE Friday, January 20, 2023

*“You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb.
I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!” (Psalm 139)*

Christians from all denominations are invited to take part in an Ecumenical March for Life Event on Friday, January 20, 2023 to prayerfully witness to the value of God’s precious gift of human life.

The theme for this event is **“Changing Hearts & Saving Lives”** with the focus of spreading awareness and education of the many options available for women to choose life for their child. The Diocese of Saginaw is hosting this event, which begins at 9 am:

- 9:00 am: Ecumenical Rally at the Cathedral, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw
- 10:00 am: March for Life to Holy Family Parish, 1525 S. Washington Ave., Saginaw
- 11:00 am: 30-minute Ecumenical Prayer Service at Holy Family Parish
- 11:30 am: Reception in the lower level of Holy Family Parish featuring resource tables from various pro-life organizations, snacks and refreshments. The reception is sponsored by The Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan

Note: Shuttle buses are available to and from the Cathedral and Holy Family Parish

Speakers and prayer leaders include: Bishop Robert D. Gruss; Pastor Hurley Coleman of World Outreach Campus; Pastors Weldon and Kathleen Townsend of Shield of Faith Ministries; Pastor James Glenn of Center of Attraction Outreach; Pastor Jeff Ralph of New Life; Lisa Coleman of H.I.S. Restoration Ministries; Barb McNutt of Joshua’s House Maternity Home and Pregnancy Center; and Lori Drake of Life Clinic Community Resources.

For more information, contact the Coordinator of Diocesan Outreach, Lori Becker, at 989.797.6652 or lbecker@diosag.org

***PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND SHARE THIS WITH OTHERS
ALL ARE WELCOME!***



Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention

DATES/TIMES:

Mondays and
Wednesdays, 9 –10 am
1/23, 1/25, 1/30, 2/1, 2/6,
2/8, 2/13, 2/15, 2/20,
2/22, 2/27, 3/1, 3/6, 3/8,
3/13, 3/15, 3/20, 3/22

LOCATION:

St. John's Evangelist
Parish Center
1935 Hamilton Street
Udly, MI 48475

COST: Free

REGISTRATION:

Call St. John's
Evangelist Parish
Center
989-658-8824

For more information
contact :

Kris Swartzendruber
(989) 245-5903



Tai Chi is a gentle exercise combining slow movement, deep breathing and focused intention.

Benefits of Tai Chi include:

- Increases strength
- Increases balance and posture
- Prevents falls
- Improves mind, body, and spirit
- Reduces stress and increase relaxation

Modifications will be provided for those who want to attend seated or standing.

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Article about Tai Chi from Catholic.com

<https://www.catholic.com/qa/is-tai-chi-compatible-with-catholicism>

Question: Is Tai Chi contrary to Church Teaching?

Answer: Tai Chi as a form of physical discipline or exercise is fine, as is learning martial arts to defend oneself or others.

However, mixing in religious ideas, such as believing we have an energy (chi) within ourselves that we can harness and control is not compatible with Catholicism.

In addition, similar to Yoga, in its religious expression Tai Chi espouses pantheism, i.e., that there is no personal God and that we therefore somehow are God. Consequently, this erroneous religious aspect must also be avoided.

In short, Tai Chi as a form of exercise is fine, because its practitioners don't have a monopoly on certain physical movements. But Tai Chi as a means of religious promotion or practice is not morally permissible. In this light, Catholics should avoid any class in which the leader is promoting or practicing the religious aspects of Tai Chi vs. simply using the class as means of physical fitness for themselves and others.

For more on this subject, see the Church document *Jesus Christ the Bearer of the Water of Life*, which hits on related topics, including the practice of yoga.

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation education program of Good Shepherd Parish will meet on January 18 and 25. Adoration will also be on held on Jan. 18 and the Rosary on Jan. 25 from 7-7:30 at Sheridan site
5:30-6:00pm at Ubyly site

Ubyly site: 5:30-7pm

Sheridan Corners site: 6-7:30pm

Youth Group

We will be meeting 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month
5-7:00 pm in the Parish Center
Youth group is for all 7-12th grades & there is no cost.

EUCHRE PARTIES ARE UPON US...
ENJOY THEM ALL!!!



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY EUCHRE PARTY

Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 1:00 pm
St. Joseph Church hall in Argyle
Admission \$8:00

Includes a light lunch and prizes
Share the Wealth raffle will also be held
1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00
(Must be present to win)
Come out for a fun afternoon!

K OF C – 4TH DEGREE – BAD AXE EUCHRE PARTY DATES

Come to play: Jan. 15, Feb. 19 & Mar. 19
Admission is \$6.00 Begins at 1:00pm
K of C Hall in Bad Axe
Includes a light lunch
Sponsored by: Bishop Babcock Assembly
Questions contact Don at 989-975-7378

Fitness Class

Total Body Workout
Every Monday 5:50-6:40pm at Parish Hall
Bring your own mat
\$32.00 full month, \$10.00 Drop in
Sarahfranzelfitness@gmail
(989)551-1957

Knights of Columbus

Ubyly/Sheridan Council #12850
Next Meeting: We will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on Wednesday, February 8. We are always looking for New Members – call Jeff Maurer @ 989-553-4224. Our food pantry is available for anyone in need, located in Ubyly. This is completely confidential and anonymous – Call Jerry @989-550-9664.
Jeff Maurer Grand Knight-Ubyly/Sheridan Council-12850

Christian Mother's Announcements

- Looking for donations to help with the Haiti project.
- Dress kits are available for anyone interested in sewing at home.
- Please save items for our upcoming rummage sale in the summer.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

(Tuesday) January 17: Rose Maikrzek, Luci Kubacki, Ann Ypma

January 23: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski

January 30: Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck, Diane Briolat

4:00pm Saturday, January 21st St John site

Lector: Marlene Bukoski

EMHC: Diane Smalley

Altar Server: Utah Gusa

Sacristan: Rose Maikrzek

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Jim Czewski, Dennis Smalley, Virg Briolat

8:30am Sunday, January 22nd St. Joseph site

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Greeter: Chuck Izydorek

Sacristan: Denise Kubacki

Ushers: Gordon Farrelly, Bill Izydorek, Chuck Izydorek

10:30am Sunday, January 22nd St.Columbkille site

Lector: Nathan Prill

EMHC: Marge Messing, Delaney Peruski

Altar Servers: Broden Peruski, Brayden Sweeney

Greeters: Marge Messing, Deane Leppek

Gift Bearers: Trent & Morgan Sweeney

Ushers: Myah Peruski, Candan Peruski, Dan Cregeur



FREE PIANO

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

The Rescue Project

Coming to Deckerville
2 Dates available

Tuesdays – Jan. 17, at 5:30 p.m., 3474 Main St.

Thursdays – Jan. 19 at 9:00 a.m., 3684 Main St.

Contact JoAnn Roy - 904-571-0156

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