



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 22, 2023**

Wed. January 25 - No Mass-
Thur. January 26 - No Mass-
Fri. January 27 - No Mass-
Sat. January 28 4:00 pm St. John site
Sun. January 29 8:30 am St. Joseph site
Sun. January 29 10:30am St. Columbkille site

Confessions this Week

Wednesday: -No Confessions-
Thursday: - No Confessions-
Saturday: 3:30 (ask Fr. at the door) St. John site

Readings for the Week

Monday, January 23
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28 Mark 3: 22-30
Tuesday, January 24
Hebrews 10:1-10 Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday, January 25
Acts 22:3-16 Mark 16:15-18
Thursday, January 26
2Tim 1:1-8 Mark 4:21-25
Friday, January 27
Hebrews 10: 32-39 Mark 4: 26-34
Saturday, January 28
Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 Mark 4: 35-41
Sunday, January 29
Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31
Matthew 5:1-12

In This Sunday's Readings

**"He called them and they immediately left their boat
and their father and followed Him."**

Matthew 4:21-22

The first apostles left everything behind – their families and their livelihood. All of us are not called to make such a dramatic change as Peter, Andrew, James and John, but we are called to put God first in all things in our lives. For each of us that means something different, but through prayer and sharing our gifts we come to realize how to put God first.

Let Us Give Thanks!
Weekend Collection \$4644.00
Loose - \$439.00
Building Fund - \$140.00
650 Parish Families
(297 Family envelope holders)
114 envelopes used

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

January 23 – January 29, 2023
Saturday: St John site: ~Barb Harburg
Sunday: St Joseph site: Good Shepherd Parishioners
Sunday: St Columbkille site: + Micheal Thomas Sweeney

Youth Mass

Next Sunday is our Youth Mass at our St. Columbkille site at 10:30am. All our families in Faith Formation are invited. We are hoping that ALL of our families in Faith Formation will attend the youth Mass. All 3rd-6th grade students are invited to join the youth choir for the Youth Mass.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Please keep Father's mother, Barb, in your prayers. The Christian Mothers invite you to send Get Well cards. Send to: Barb Harburg, 722 Courtland Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197



We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of
Gregory A. Maurer who passed away Jan. 14.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. **May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

Please remember your parish when planning your estate

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In order to help you understand "The Story", God's Story, and how your story fits into it, and how to help Jesus rescue people in danger, here is the final homily of the series:

Advent Homily Series: What is the Good News? Created, Captured, Rescued, Response

Homily #4, Part 2 (Last week was Part 1): WHAT IS MY RESPONSE?

I realize it's often a sacrifice to come to Mass; it's difficult to understand the Scriptures, how they apply to our life, how they fit into our story, how we can help Jesus rescue others. That's why I'm giving this four part homily series called, *What is the Good News? Created, Captured, Rescued, Response*. These four words summarize "The Story" and help us understand our personal story.

1. The first part of The Story is summed up in the word **CREATED**. **Why is there something rather than nothing? Because we are created; CREATED by God out of love, to RECEIVE love, and to GIVE love.**

**Grace to pray for: Good Father, give us the specific grace of wonder, wonder at Your creation, especially the highpoint of your creation, the human person.*

Recently we experienced the wonder and beauty of CREATION at Christmas, when we gathered with family and friends to enjoy God's creation. This past week, a member of the parish group that gathers to make mats for the homeless out of plastic bags shared delicious leftover Christmas cookies and candies.

Family, Friends, cookies, sunsets, all created things are signs of God's goodness, signs that God **CREATED** us out of love, to **RECEIVE** love, and to **GIVE** love.

2. The second part of The Story is the word **CAPTURED**. **Why are things so messed up?** Because we are **CAPTURED** by enemies: sin, death, and the devil. This is the bad news, the



"Rescued People... Rescue People"

- Fr. Nate's Update -

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

[Above: Congratulations to Dennis and Diane Smalley who received the Family of the Month award from our Uby/Sheridan Knights of Columbus]

Some Holy Humor

A drunk stumbles along a baptismal service on Sunday afternoon down by the river. He proceeds to walk down into the water and stand next to the Preacher. The minister turns and notices the old drunk and says, "Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk looks back and says, "Yes, Preacher. I sure am." The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" the preacher asked. "No, I didn't!" said the drunk. The preacher then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I did not Reverend." The preacher in disgust holds the man under for at least 30 seconds, brings him out of the water, and says again, "Have you found Jesus yet?" The old drunk wipes his eyes and says to the preacher..."Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

horrific news. In order to understand how good the good news is, we have to understand how bad the bad news is.

**Grace to pray for: Good Father, give us the grace of good despair, despair of ever saving ourselves from our enemies, from sin, death, and the devil.*

God's creation got all messed up because of the envy of the devil. He was envious of us and of Christ. So he CAPTURED our first parents by tricking them into sin, into disobeying God. We inherit that original sin, that stain; we are born into CAPTIVITY.

God's angels defeated the devil and his fallen angels and forced them out of heaven; God allowed the devil to become the temporary "Prince of this world" as Jesus calls him. These enemies now "roam about the world, seeking the ruin of souls", as we pray in the St. Michael prayer.

If you were on a football team, getting ready for a game against a team, and you never played them before, wouldn't you want to know their strategies, their plays, that they are planning? Wouldn't you want to see the PLAYBOOK? Scripture shows us the devil's PLAYBOOK.

His main strategy is to sell us the lie that God is NOT our Good Father, that God can't be trusted. That's the lie he sold to Adam and Eve and tries to sell us in our daily lives. When we believe it, we give in to temptation, sin, and then we experience the harmful consequences. *The most serious potential consequence is eternal separation from God, hell.*

Scripture calls the devil by two names which teach us his PLAYBOOK. First, he's called the devil. This means divider. Whenever you or I are tempted to participate in harmful division, harmful fighting, the divider is there. Whenever you see war, like the war in Ukraine, the divider is there.

Scripture also calls him Satan. That means accuser. Whenever you or I are tempted to accuse or condemn others in a harmful way, the accuser is there. When we're tempted to accuse ourselves, i.e. telling ourselves, "you're such a failure", the accuser is there.

Please, I beg you: remember this saying: **THE ENEMY...is the ENEMY**. Not the person I'm mad at. Not the person who hurt me. Not myself.

They're not my enemy. **THE ENEMY...is the ENEMY**. The devil. The person may be the victim of the true enemy, so I pray and fast for them, as Jesus calls me to.

3.The third part of The Story is the word RESCUED. **What has God done about it? About us being CAPTURED?** He's RESCUED us through His Son, Jesus Christ. This is not just good news, but extraordinary, life-changing, hope-giving news.

**Grace to pray for: Good Father, give us the specific grace of unshakable confidence in Jesus as Lord of Heaven and Earth.*

For centuries, God promised to send a RESCUER. Through the prophets, God said I see your misery, I see you are CAPTURED by sin, death, and the devil. I will rescue you.

In the last homily I used the example of Jesus defeating our enemies by becoming an "ambush predator", like a trapdoor spider. Fr. John says, quote, "Jesus on the cross is an ambush predator in the way He seems invisible, even helpless, while in reality being in charge of the situation until it's time to free sinners from Satan's power... He's showing God's love and going to war for us... When it looks like He's lost, He's actually won."

[Part 2 of this homily will come next week]

"Let Us Pray..."

**(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."*

**(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 new life, including foster care and adoption. Amen*

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.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s)

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging in the New Year? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Feb 24-26, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

Plastic Bag Workshop

We will resume our work on folding, cutting and tying bags to make mats for the homeless. We will meet each Tuesday through Feb. 14, 2023. (Weather permitting). We will start 9:00 am at the parish center each week. Remember, if you only come once to learn the process, you can continue to help by working from home and drop off your work at the church or parish office. However, the fellowship is refreshing and we would enjoy your company!!! Any questions, please call Lori Osantoski at 989-375-4281.

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Application Period

February 1 – May 15 - Do you want a deeper relationship with God? Do you want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Do you feel you are being called to more? Have you felt a need for some Adult Faith Formation? Perhaps God is tugging at your heart. The Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation may be the answer to your call! **The application period for the 2023-2024 academic year for Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation is from February 1 through May 15.** Seminars meet monthly, September through May. The seminars are on Friday evenings and all-day Saturday, one time per month, so it is perfect for most working people. We also offer overnight lodging. For more information and any questions, please contact the Coordinator of Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation, Deb Popielarz, at dpopielarz@diosag.org or call 989.797.6660.



FREE PIANO

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

Walking with Moms in Need

Due to the passing of Proposal 3 to legalize abortion up to the moment of birth, the fight to protect the dignity of life has intensified. Walking with Moms in Need Ministry is active in several parishes in each of the 5 Vicariates throughout the diocese. The most important task of the ministry is to accompany women as they face pregnancy, helping them to feel supported, loved, and welcome, and in creating a list of community resources that will be available when a woman in crisis needs help and support. These resources provide assistance to women making the decision to choose life for her child. For more information to begin Walking with Moms in Need in your parish, please contact Beth at 989.797.6655 or bbauer@diosag.org or visit the website: <https://saginaw.org/moms>.

Scripture Study

We will be studying the Letter of St Paul to the Romans. Ignatius Press. The entire study will be an Introduction with 16 Sessions. We will break it up into three sections. The book is \$14.00. We will be gathering at the St. Columbkille site on Mondays, 6:30-8:00 PM. Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, and 20. We will take a Lenten break. Resume on Apr. 17, 24, May 1, 8, May 15. The rest of the sessions will be determined in September. If you would like to register or have any questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088 or Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281.

The Rescue Project

Coming to Deckerville
2 Dates available
Tuesdays – Jan. 24, at 5:30 p.m., 3474 Main St.
Thursdays – Jan. 26 at 9:00 a.m., 3684 Main St.
Contact JoAnn Roy - 904-571-0156

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation education program of Good Shepherd Parish will meet on January 25 and Feb. 1st. The Rosary will be led on Jan. 25, 7-7:30 at Sheridan site 5:30-6:00pm at Ugly site
Ugly 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.

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January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23–9:3 | 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 | Mt 4:12-23 or Mt. 4:12-17

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Since the Fall, the world has been riddled with strife and divisiveness. From the disobedience in the Garden, to Cain and Abel, to conflicts and wars throughout the centuries, it's clear that we humans are prone to picking sides and fighting over them. We hear about this even within the early Church from St. Paul in today's second reading. There were rivalries, and Christians were saying things such as, "I belong to Paul" or "I belong to Cephas." But Paul wisely asks: "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" Clearly not. There is only one source of Truth – Jesus Christ – and Paul never hesitated to refuse credit for himself, and to instead glorify the Lord in his word and deed. This is the model set for us – to refuse to set ourselves or God-made-in-our-own-image over and against the Triune God who created us. Christ came to unite us with himself and to one another, in reconciliation with the Father. His words are now our words: Repent and believe in the Gospel. Pray for the grace to come together as the body of Christ so that we can be his hands and feet in the world and carry out the work he began.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In Jesus Christ the kingdom of God enters into human history, fulfilling God's promise of salvation for his people. Christ inaugurated the kingdom on earth, and as members of his Church we are responsible for continuing to build it – here and now. As Christ called his first disciples and made them "fishers of men," so he calls us, that we might go forth "proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

PRAY The Lord has commissioned us to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Where we cannot go physically or in person, we can go in prayer. Bring before the Lord all who yet need to hear his voice and repent and believe. Pray for those who are persecuted for their belief in Jesus Christ.





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

EUCHRE PARTIES



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: 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

Ubly/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
Ubly. This is completely confidential and anonymous –
Call Jerry @989-550-9664.
Jeff Maurer Grand Knight-Ubly/Sheridan Council-12850

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

January 23: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski,
Evelyn Peruski
January 30: Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck,
Diane Briolat
February 6: Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin, Kathy
Beaver

4:00pm Saturday, January 28th St John site

Lector: Martin Kubacki
EMHC: Martin Kubacki
Altar Server: Maze Gusa
Sacristan: Luci Kubacki
Ushers: Bob Brahmer, John Guigar, Dennis
Smalley, Richard Trepkowski

8:30am Sunday, January 29th St. Joseph site

Lector: Paul Guza
EMHC: Paul Guza
Greeter: Bill Izydorek
Sacristan: Bill & Edie Izydorek
Ushers: Bill Izydorek, Kevin Hessling, Kerry Grifka

10:30am Sunday, January 29th St.Columbkille site

Lector: Kathy Creguer, Katie Sweeney
EMHC: Dana Irion, Jerry Sweeney
Altar Servers: Youth Mass
Greeters: Youth Mass
Gift Bearers: Youth Mass
Ushers: Myah Peruski, Camden Peruski, Dan
Cregeur



Newly Baptized
Please welcome into our family of faith
Isaac Jacob Roth
Son of Jeremy and Mallory Roth
Congratulations and welcome into our parish. May you
experience the Lord every day of your life.