



**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8, 2023**

**Mon. January 9 7:00pm St. John site
The Baptism of the Lord**

**Wed. January 11 11:30am Parish Ctr. Chapel
Thur. January 12 7:00pm St. Columbkille site
Fri. January 13 9:00am St. John site**

**Sat. January 14 4:00pm St. John site
Sun. January 15 8:30 am St. Joseph site
Sun. January 15 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 9

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 Acts 10: 34-38
Matthew 3: 13-17

Tuesday, January 10

Hebrews 1: 1-6 & 2: 5-12 Mark 1: 14-28

Wednesday, January 11

Hebrews 2: 14-18 Mark 1: 29-39

Thursday, January 12

Hebrews 3: 7-14 Mark 1: 40-45

Friday, January 13

Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11 Mark 2: 1-12

Saturday, January 14

Hebrews 4: 12-16 Mark 2: 13-17

Sunday, January 15

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3
John 1: 29-34



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 \$4918.00
Loose - \$349.00
Christmas Collection – \$1375.00
650 Parish Families
(Family envelope holders)
170 envelopes used

Donations:

In memory of the following: May God grant them
resurrection to eternal life
Agnes Gorkowski - 1/8/11
Eugene Gorkowski - 1/8/14
By: Lori & Mike Osantoski

In Memory of my wife, Beverly Ann Grifka, and friend
Kevin Messing
By Richard Grifka and family

Mass Intentions for the Week of:
January 2 – January 8, 2023

Saturday: St. John site: Good Shepherd Parishioners
Sunday: St. Joseph site: + Edward McInnis
Sunday: St. Columbkille site: + Delphine McEachin

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

In This Sunday's Readings

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense and myrrh.” – Matthew 2:11
Although the gifts that we offer to Jesus are not precious metal
or fragrant or healing materials like the Magi presented, we are
all called to give whatever we can. We are called to generously
share our gifts. In the sharing, our gifts are precious.

Donna Stepka is Retiring !!!

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for
23 years of service that Donna has provided. She has worked as
the secretary and bookkeeper at both St. Joseph church and
Good Shepherd Parish. If you wish to send her a note or card,
please send them to 2020 Robinson Rd., Ubyly, MI 48475.



**We wish to express our deepest sympathies
and condolences to the family of Mary Doerr
who passed away on December 30.**

Please remember your parish when planning your estate



Jesus Cries, "I Thirst!"

Will you quench His thirst for love?

- Fr. Nate's Update -

Dear Saint-in-the-Making, Happy Epiphany!

[Pictures in order: Parish family members decorating our St. Joseph church; our St. John church decorations with lights turned off; next page: child pulling priest who baptized him in sled]

Some Holy Humor

Evangelization "Cat-astrophe"

Two enthusiastic church members were going door to door to invite neighbors to an upcoming event at the church. They knocked on the door of a woman who had a reputation for not being fond of "church" visitors. She told them in no uncertain terms that she did not care to hear what they had to say and slammed the door in their faces. To her surprise, however, the door did not close and, in fact, bounced back open. She tried again with the same result. The door simply would not close.

Convinced these rude church folk were somehow preventing her door from shutting, she reared back to give it a slam that would send them a clear signal, when one of them said: "Ma'am, before you do that again you need to move your cat."

Praise Report

Christmas Miracles: A new resident at a local assisted living facility attended our Christmas Day Mass. He told me after Mass he hadn't been to Mass in 40 years! Also, at one of the houses our youth group sang Christmas Carols, we met a woman who had lost touch with her godmother. She asked Fr. Nate to have her call her. She did, and they got back together! She called it a Christmas Miracle.

Essenmacher Fundraiser

This past fall, our Faith Formation youth generously donated over \$220 towards medical expenses for Jozilyn Essenmacher who has a rare kidney disease. Her mother Jessica was so grateful. We will continue to fundraise through April. Parish family members are invited to donate as well. I was glad to see parish family members at her benefit dinner and other benefits, such as the recent one for Natalie Morgan.

Generous Stewardship

I thank God for inspiring you to practice generous stewardship of your (but really God's) finances towards various collections this past year: CCHD, Religious Retirement Fund, Christ's Mission Appeal (please donate if you haven't so we can reach our goal), and for your Christmas gifts to me. May God reward you in this life and in the next!

"May Pope Benedict rest in peace and rise in glory"

Bishop Robert Gruss was appointed by Pope Benedict to shepherd the Diocese of Rapid City in 2011. Here is his response to news of the pope emeritus' passing.

"While never presuming upon his merits but imploring the Lord to grant him fellowship with all the saints, it is with sadness, that we have received word of the passing of Pope Benedict XVI. At this time, we offer our prayers for the repose of his soul, that the Lord will grant 'this good and faithful servant' eternal rest.

"His contributions and teachings for the Catholic Church are many, always safeguarding Catholic teaching on faith and morals. He, like Pope St. John Paul II before him, guided the Church into a time of renewal, through the call to a New Evangelization."

...Since all parishes in the Diocese of Saginaw are encouraged to offer Masses for the Holy Father's eternal rest, Wednesday's and Thursday's Mass intentions will be for him.



"I was in prison and you visited me"

-Jesus, Matt. 25

Consider sending a letter or postcard to one of these inmates to let them experience the love of Jesus through you. At least say a prayer for them. If the inmate responds you might become pen pals:

Henry Raphael #0321012, Samuel McBride #372469, Brent Agbay #625032.

Address for all: Parnall Correctional Facility, 1780 E. Parnall Rd, Jackson, MI 49201

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

Facilitator: Fr. Jim Bessert; No need to RSVP.

"I was sick and you visited me"

-Jesus, Matt. 25

Are you currently an EMHC (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion) at Mass? We invite you to pray about bringing Holy Communion to the homebound

and those in facilities. There are many who would be grateful to experience the love of Jesus through you in this ministry.

Prayer for Loved Ones to Return to the Faith

*"O Good Shepherd
you never cease to seek out the lost,
to call home the stray,
to comfort the frightened
and to bind up the wounded
I ask you to bring (names)
back to the practice of the faith,
and to remove all obstacles that are keeping them
from experiencing the fullness of your abundant
mercy and the depth of your love
pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit
in order to be a witness to them
and to be a channel of your grace
Please forgive us all of our sins
Help us all to remember
that you love us to the end
and offer yourself to the Father
for the salvation of all. Amen"*

"Prayers for the return of a non-practicing Catholic also should be accompanied by sacrificial and private acts of fasting, and almsgiving in their name"

"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*

January 8, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

“Rise up in splendor,
Jerusalem!

Your
light has
come.”

(Is 60:1)

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

It's easy to stay inside and cozy up on the couch these winter months. Having just gotten through the winter solstice, many of us crave light and warmth. The language of Isaiah may resonate with us even more deeply this time of year: “See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.” In today's Gospel, in the dark of night, the Magi follow a bright star to pay homage to Jesus, whom they recognize as the newborn king of the Jews. On the Epiphany, which means “manifestation,” we celebrate this moment when Christ's light shone forth to the world. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote in *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*: “The key point is this: The wise men from the east are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like the Wise Men who traveled a long distance to pay homage to the Christ Child, each of us journeys every day toward a fuller life in Christ. Just as the Magi followed the light to discover Christ, so does the light of Christ serve as our constant beacon, reorienting us toward God and his holy path. After worshipping the Christ Child at Christmas, let us move forward and pay homage to the Savior through our words and actions. Although Epiphany signifies the official “end” of the Christmas season, it is fitting that it falls at the beginning of a new calendar year because it allows us to reexamine, among our traditional “New Year's resolutions,” how we live our lives in the light of Christ. “The wise men from the east are a new beginning,” the pope said. May their journey and experience inspire us to “begin anew” however we must, and offer Jesus our gifts of love and devotion, considering how his light may shine through us to others.

PRAY “Dear Jesus, as you led the Wise Men to you by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to you by the light of faith. Help us to desire you as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from you. May we, like them, have something to give you when we appear before you. Amen.”



Stewardship of Treasure Remains Strong for Christ's Mission Appeal

As we approach the end of the year, contributions to Christ's Mission Appeal continue to come in from throughout the Diocese. As of Friday, Dec. 16, overall the appeal is **62%** toward the goal of \$3,877,650. That amount has been reached with **32%** of registered parishioners making donations or pledges.

Two More Parishes Meet Their Goals

St. Francis de Sales Parish in Bridgeport and St. Mary University Parish in Mount Pleasant have exceeded their assessments!

More Parishes Exceed 75% of Assessments

Since the end of November, these parishes have moved past the 75% mark: Holy Spirit Parish, Our Lady Consolata Parish, Resurrection of the Lord Parish, Sacred Heart Parish in Gladwin, Sacred Heart Parish in Mount Pleasant,

St. Hubert Parish and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

Remind Parishioners About Online Giving

Online giving to Christ's Mission Appeal is easy – and data from across the country shows that the average contributions made by online giving is as much as 25% higher than direct mail donations or pledges.

Online giving is easy through the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw website: www.saginaw.org

1. Donors should click on the **Christ's Mission Appeal** box on the upper right of the home page
2. A giving page and form will appear on the next page
3. Donors can select **"One-time"** or **"Recurring" gift**
4. Under the **"Fund"** drop down, they should select Christ's Mission Appeal
5. Under the **"Sub Fund"** drop down, they should select their parish
6. They then can select their payment method: credit card, debit card, PayPal or bank account

A confirmation email is sent to a donor upon completion of the form.

Online giving is a sure way that any gifts submitted before the end of the year are recorded as received in 2022 for tax purposes.

The second Christ's Mission Appeal letter from Bishop Gruss was mailed this week to parishioners who have not yet made contributions or pledges.

Contacting the Stewardship & Development Office from Dec. 22 to Jan. 1

If you or your parishioners have questions about Christ's Mission Appeal on Thursday, Dec. 22 or Friday, Dec. 23, please call or email Tammy Heinlein at 989-797-6693 or theinlein@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation education program of Good Shepherd Parish will meet on January 11, 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 and 5:30-6:00pm at Ubyly site

Ubyly site: 5:30-7pm

Sheridan Corners site: 6-7:30pm

Youth Group

We will be meeting on January 8 and January 22 from 5-7:00 pm in the Parish Center

Youth group is for all 7-12th grades & there is no cost.

CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S MEETING

We will be having our first meeting for 2023 on January 10 at 4:00pm at the Parish Center.
(Please note: new time)

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



RUTH K OF C EUCHRE PARTY

Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 1:00pm

K of C Hall in Ruth

Admission \$6.00 Cash Prizes

Hot Lunch Included

Come Join Us!!

TVO AUXILIARY EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, January 8th @ 2:00 pm

Ubyly TVO Hall

Limited to the 1st 40 individuals

\$10 per person - BYOB (no liquor)

RSVP to Tracey Foster @ 989-975-1543 or sign up at the Ubyly Library

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

Plastic Bag Workshop

We will resume our work on folding, cutting and tying bags to make mats for the homeless. We will meet on January 10 and each Tuesday through Feb. 14, 2023. (Weather permitting). We will start at 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.

Knights of Columbus

Ubyly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: We will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on Wednesday, January 11. 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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

January 9: Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker
(Tuesday) January 17: Rose Maikrzek, Luci Kubacki, Ann Ypma

January 23: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski

4:00pm Saturday, January 14th St John site

Lector: Del Czewski

EMHC: Del Czewski

Altar Server: Kylie Keller, Summer Franzel

Sacristan: Del Czewski

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

8:30am Sunday, January 15th St. Joseph site

Lector: Lynn Talaski

EMHC: Lynn Talaski

Greeter: Lisa Briolat

Sacristan: Steve & Lisa Briolat

Ushers: Kevin Hessling, Chuck Izydorek, Steve Briolat

10:30am Sunday, January 15th St.Columbkille site

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Jerry & Valerie Fischer

Altar Servers: Luke Roth, Brynneleigh Bambach

Greeters: Clare & Maria Roth

Gift Bearers: Bismack Family

Ushers: Rob, Matthew & Jack Kubacki

Sew What Day!!

Come learn to sew or bring to finish. Do something with new friends, starting up in Argyle, St. Joseph's Hall January 13 and 14 at 10:00 a.m. Bring a dish to pass & your sewing stuff. Call Edie for more info (810)404-9887

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