



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
February 19, 2023**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wed. February 22 See Schedule enclosed  
Thur. February 23 7:00 pm St. Columbkille's  
Fri. February 24 9:00 am St. John's  
with Adoration for Vocations until 10:30am  
Sat. February 25 4:00 pm St. John's  
Sun. February 26 8:30 am St. Joseph's  
Sun. February 26 10:30 am St. Columbkille's

**Confessions this Week**

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

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, February 20**

Sirach 1:1-10 Mark 9:14-29

**Tuesday, February 21**

Sirach 2:1-11 Mark 9:30-37

**Wednesday, February 22**

Joel 2:12-18 2Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
Mathew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, February 23**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25

**Friday, February 24**

Isaiah 58:1-9 Mathew 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 25**

Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32

**Sunday, February 26**

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19  
Mathew 4:1-11

**In This Sunday's Readings**

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you ..." Matthew 5:44

This is a big statement from Jesus and one that is often difficult to follow. Of course, it is easy to love our family and friends and people who think and live like us. But, Jesus calls us to love our enemies. Praying about how to do that is important. Whenever we pray, we get closer to God. In praying about how to do something that is difficult we can get new insights into ourselves and strengthen our relationship with God.

**Donations:**

In memory of the following: Beverly Grifka (6 months)  
and our son Kevin Grifka (10 years)

By: Richard Grifka and family

May God grant them resurrection to eternal life.

**Let Us Give Thanks!**  
**Weekend Collection \$5126.00**  
**Loose - \$305.05**  
**650 Parish Families**  
**(297 Family envelope holders)**  
**110 envelopes used**

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**  
**February 13 - February 19, 2023**

Sat. St. John site: +Thelma Murray  
Sun. St. Joseph site: Good Shepherd Parishioners  
Sun. St. Columbkille site: +Micheal T. Sweeney

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**  
**February 20, - February 26, 2023**

Sat. St. John site: +Tony Grifka  
Sun. St. Joseph site: +Kevin Messing  
Sun. St. Columbkille site: Good Shepherd  
Parishioners

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Counters:**

**Tuesday, February 21:** Rose Maikrzek, Judy Messing,  
Ann Ypma  
**February 27:** Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn  
Peruski  
**March 6:** Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker

**4:00pm Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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, February 26<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph site**

**Lector:** Lynn Talaski

**EMHC:** Lynn Talaski

**Greeter:** Edie Izydorek

**Sacristan:** Bill and Edie Izydorek

**Ushers:** Gordon Farrelly, Kevin Hessling, Kerry Grifka

**10:30am Sunday, February 26 St. Columbkille**

**Lector:** Kevin Romzek

**EMHC:** Jerry and Val Fisher

**Altar Servers:** Sarah and Laura Romzek

**Greeters:** Bambach Family

**Gift Bearers:** Sadie, Joslyn and Avery Fisher

**Ushers:** Marv Osentoski, Jeff Sweeney, Brayden  
Sweeney

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# “Rescued People... Rescue People”

- Fr. Nate's Update -



taking the candid photos). If you'd like to help feed Jesus by providing hospitality, please call the office: *“I was hungry and you fed me”* (Mt. 25). The bottom picture is of Diane and Dennis Smalley, Clarence and Pat Heleski in Florida, dropping off clothing lovingly made by parish family members and others to be shipped to children in Haiti. Thank you to all involved in various parts of this beautiful ministry of clothing Jesus: *“I was naked and you clothed me”* (Mt. 25)

### Some Holy Humor...

*Once there was a church that had a bell that no one could ring. One day, a boy came and asked the pastor if he could try. So the boy went up into the tower and ran straight into the bell, face-first. The bell tolled loud and clear! The pastor ran to the congregation and asked, “Does anybody know that boy’s name? I don’t know him, but his face rings a bell.”*

**A loving invitation from your pastor:** I am glad that parish family members read this bulletin! Much hard work is put into each bulletin. When people read the bulletin during the homily, they may not realize it, but distracts people who see them reading it. Also, it prevents the reader, and the distracted neighbor, from hearing what the Lord might want to say to them in the homily. Thank you for considering this invitation to read the bulletin after Mass. With love, Fr. Nate.

**Testimonies of Mass Journals:** Speaking of hearing from the Lord, for those of you who use a Mass Journal, I invite you to email or tell me a testimony of how the journal has helped you to hear God at Mass, through the music, readings, homily, conversations after Mass, etc. *“My sheep hear My voice”* (Jn 10)

**Praise Report:** Thank you for your prayers! Fr. Nate's dad, John, believes God cured his bladder cancer in a miraculous way. Fr. Nate believes the prayers of the Good Shepherd Prayers Warriors, others, and the sacrament of Anointing, all brought about this healing. At first the doc determined his bladder should be removed. During the next surgery to remove any remaining tumors, they had all disappeared. No medical explanation; John had not received chemo. Now John is cancer-free. Thank you Jesus!

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

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

The first two pictures are from the last Fellowship Weekend after our 10:30am Mass (Thank you Paige for

### **Women's Lenten Silent Retreat**

Theme—Then Their Eyes Were Opened

Kindling Eucharistic Faith

Spiritual talks, Meditation time, Confession, Mass,  
Rosary, Stations of the Cross

Led by Fr. Andy LaFramboise

Saturday, March 18, 2023 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Center for Ministry/Diocese of Saginaw

5800 Weiss Street, Saginaw

\$27 (in advance) includes lunch

RSVP to Rita Maher at 989-635-7072 by March 13

Sponsored by: Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic  
Women

### **Men's Conference**

Putting on the Armor of God

Saturday, March 25, 2023 8:30am – 5:00pm

Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption

Bishop Gruss, Peter Herbeck, Deacon Harold Burke

Please contact: [www.thecatholicmen.com](http://www.thecatholicmen.com)

[thecatholicmensaginaw@gmail.com](mailto:thecatholicmensaginaw@gmail.com)

989-341-3303

### **Right to Life Youth Award \$500.00**

Michigan Educational Fund will award a \$500.00 scholarship to a high school senior. Deadline March 24, 2023. Also, Huron County will award a \$500.00 scholarship to a local winner. Deadline March 17, 2023. You must write a 300-400 word essay.

If interested: 616-532-2300,

[HURONRTL@gmail.com](mailto:HURONRTL@gmail.com)

### **Lay Ecclesial Ministry Lenten Retreat**

March 10-12 – Center for Ministry. The theme for retreat will be Repent...Renew...Rejoice, and will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. This retreat

is open to all Lay Ministers and Lay Ministry candidates. Check-in begins at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, begins at 7:00p.m.

The presenter is Fr. David Parsch.

The deadline to register is Friday, March 3. If you have any questions Deb Popielarz: [dpopielarz@diosag.org](mailto:dpopielarz@diosag.org) 989.797.6660. If you have questions regarding registration, contact Amy Dore at [adore@diosag.org](mailto:adore@diosag.org) or call 989.797.6654.

### **March 24-26 or April 14-16 – Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

- Looking for the perfect gift for your spouse? How about the gift of better communication, stronger faith, more romance, and 44 hours alone together? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on March 24-26 in Saginaw or April 14-16 in Grass Lake. Apply today at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or contact Chris & Darla at 517.667.0433 for more information.

**Personal Product Drive:** 1 out of 3 families in the Thumb are struggling financially. Many families don't have enough money for the basics, and some make too much money to qualify for help. This includes children, veterans, and seniors. People working two jobs to make ends meet and individuals with a disability. People with limited incomes need products such as toothpaste, deodorant, feminine products, diapers, shampoo, soaps, or laundry detergent. The Thumb Community Health Partnership is sponsoring a regional drive for these products which will be distributed to local charities. Donations can be dropped off at the Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, or Tuscola County Health Departments.

### **Diabetes Path**

Diabetes Path is a self-management workshop where you learn tools to manage diabetes. Register Online: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/DPATHFeb2023KL/> Tuesdays February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14 2023 Classes online via Zoom, No cost – Free Contact: Laura Anderson, [ander359@msu.edu](mailto:ander359@msu.edu)

Kris Swartzendruber [swartze6@msu.edu](mailto:swartze6@msu.edu)

**CRS Rice Bowl** Begins 2023 - CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$320 million. For more CRS information and stories, visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) or contact Maria Coss at [mcoss@diosag.org](mailto:mcoss@diosag.org) or call 989.797.6646.

### **EMHC Certification Training**

A session has been scheduled for Vicariate 2 as follows:

March 16, 2023 (THURSDAY)

Parish: Blessed Trinity (Frankenmuth)

Location: in the church

Address: 958 E. Tuscola St.

Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Contact: Karen Smith (Pastoral Associate)

E-mail: [ksmith@btmuth.org](mailto:ksmith@btmuth.org) (989) 652-3259

Facilitator: Fr. Jim Bessert

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# focus on life

2023 Annual Benefit Dinner

March 16, 2023

Knights of Columbus Hall  
Bad Axe, MI



March 16, 2023

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner & Program at 7:00 p.m.

## Knights of Columbus Hall

1036 S Van Dyke Rd  
Bad Axe, MI 48413

## Mailing Address

Huron County Right to Life  
4639 Margie St  
Udly, MI 48475

## For More Information

Jeanne Gusa  
(989) 670-3315  
huronrtl@gmail.com



## Trevor Pollo

*special guest speaker*

Trevor Pollo is the Director of Training for Protect Life Michigan (formerly known as Students for Life of Michigan) and has visited over 100 college campuses bringing the prolife message to both friendly and hostile crowds. He leads a statewide Stump the Pro-Lifer tour where he intentionally engages pro-choice advocates in constructive dialogue and defends the prolife worldview in a passionate, reasoned and scientific manner. In addition, he has trained thousands of students and prolife leaders in apologetics and leadership. His focus is on offering a passionate, logical, and irrefutable defense against the injustice of abortion.

Tickets will be waiting for you at the door the day of the event.



## Please Reserve My Place

Please return the completed form with payment by **March 9**.

### Reservations

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Student

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200 Table of 8

### Donation

I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Table Captain (if applicable)  
\_\_\_\_\_

All checks payable to Huron Co. RTL (not tax-deductible).

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Sponsored by Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola  
County Right to Life affiliates.

Food, Fun, Prizes  
Praise & Worship Band  
Break out Sessions

REGISTER BY March 5 and you will be  
entered into a drawing for either a  
JBL portable speaker or a \$50 Walmart gift card!  
4 WINNERS in all

**Sunday,**  
**March 12**

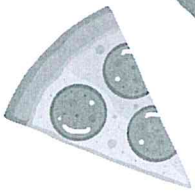
at Open Door  
Missionary Church  
770 W. Sanilac Road  
Sandusky, MI  
2:00 - 5:00 pm

**FREE**

ALL  
High School &  
Junior High  
kids  
welcome!



For any questions you can text  
Jeanne Gusa @ 989-670-3315  
Register by sending you name and phone # to  
**HURONRTL@gmail.com**



February 19, 2023

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 | 1 Cor 3:16-23 | Mt 5:38-48

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

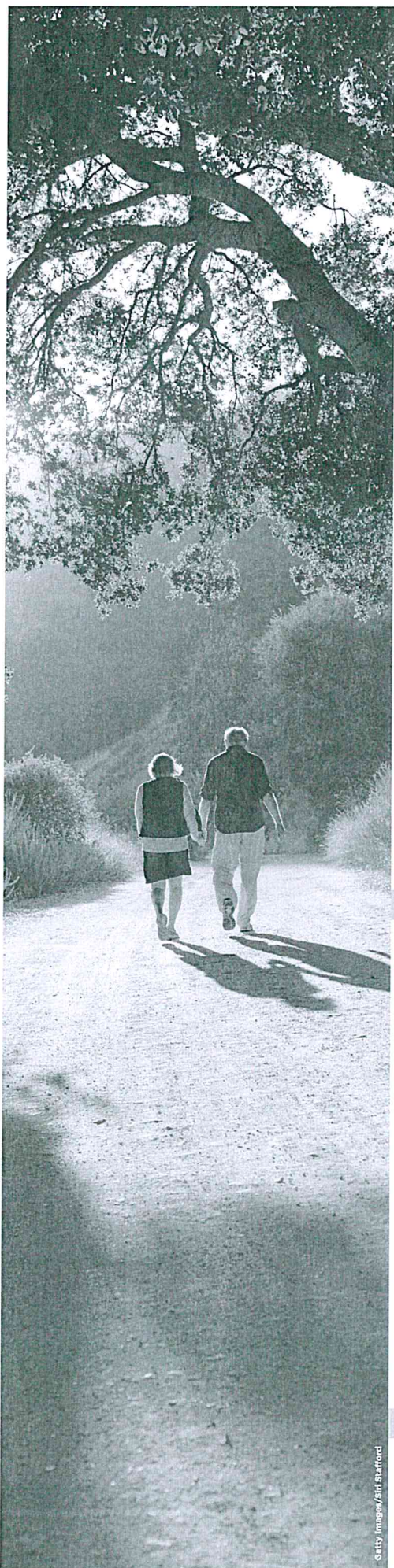
Today is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Lent begins. I realize in saying it that way, however, it sounds like a warning (“the bookstore will be closing in five minutes, please bring your purchases to the register!”) rather than an acknowledgement of the celebration that it is. So let me put it another way: Today is the 7th – of 33 – Sundays in Ordinary Time this year, which means, we’ve only just begun. We are in some of the earliest days of the Church’s “ordered” (ordinary/numbered) approach to helping us mature and grow in faith. We do this by living with and in the life of Christ over the course of a year. At each step we celebrate the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Christ, but we also set aside different seasons to focus on those specific elements. And so it makes sense that as we approach Lent, we hear more about what exactly God asks of us. Lent will be a season of preparation for Christ’s passion; have we prepared our hearts accordingly to receive him? Today’s readings remind us of what sets us back: hatred for others; desire for revenge; grudges; worldly wisdom; all things which are destructive of God’s temple – our souls, as Saint Paul says. Having a heart full of these things means there is no room for love, which means there is no room for Christ. Let us pray for God’s help in ridding ourselves of all that is destructive, and for the strength to grow a heart only for him.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

I’d argue that in some ways, Lent actually starts before Ash Wednesday since it requires forethought and planning. We have to prepare for a season of preparation! We have to figure out what to fast from or add to our spiritual lives, and how we might specifically direct our almsgiving. But how ready are we to respond in a meaningful way to the fact that Christ died for love of us? His death transformed our death into the promise of eternal life. Today’s Gospel offers practical actions, things which all Christians should strive for daily, but especially observe during Lent if a spiritual reset is needed. Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek. Hand over your cloak. Go the extra mile: “Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.” Love your enemies and pray for your persecutors. Lent is a call to act out of love, especially in tough situations. Take these next couple of days to prepare for Ash Wednesday and the weeks that follow.

**REFLECT** Spend some time taking stock of your spiritual life. Are you holding contempt for someone, or seeking revenge for something? Where might you be falling short in striving to imitate Christ? Bring these thoughts to God in prayer.



# K of C Youth Group Corn Hole Tournament

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6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade students are invited to a round robin (no one is eliminated) corn hole tournament being held at

Good Shepherd Parish Center Gym  
1935 Hamilton St. Ubly, MI 48475

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:30pm

Entry Fee: Toiletries for the food pantry

Prize: \$40/each for 1<sup>st</sup> place men's, women's, & mixed teams.

Please RSVP to [pd12850@mikofc.org](mailto:pd12850@mikofc.org) or 989.553.3434 with your team name by Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> so we can plan accordingly.

The first 16 teams will be guaranteed a spot.

Supper will be provided after the tournament.

The Good Shepherd Youth Group will be meeting after the meal, please consider staying to see what you have been missing.

### Faith Formation

The Faith Formation education program of Good Shepherd Parish will meet on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday, 7:00pm, Liturgy & Ashes at both St. John & St. Columbkille sites Also, Youth Mass on Feb. 25 at 4:00 pm

### Youth Group

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

### Youth Mass

Next Saturday is our Youth Mass at our St. John site at 4:00 pm. All our families in Faith Formation are invited! In March, we will have our Youth Mass at St. Columbkille site in Sheridan. We are hoping that ALL of our families in Faith Formation will attend these youth Masses at both sites. All 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join the youth choir for the Youth Mass.

### Christian Mothers

#### **BINGO**

14	29	38	52	74
4	18	33	46	62
7	16	★	60	71
9	27	44	51	67
12	23	35	47	73

### **Come and enjoy the day!**

Sunday, **February 19**, starting promptly at **1 pm** at Parish center, 1935 Hamilton St. located behind St. John Church in Ubly.

All are welcome to enjoy an afternoon of Bingo with a light lunch served after.

**Plastic Bag Workshop** is in need of more plastic bags for plastic mats. They would appreciate if you could flatten them out first. They will accept bags until March 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

We will meet each Tuesday through March 28, 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.

Any questions: Lori Osantoski at 989-375-4281

### **Consider this a Lenten service project**

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### **2023 Lenten Season**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

#### **February 22, 2023**

8:30am – St. Joseph’s - Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
11:30am – St. John’s - Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
7:00pm – St. Columbkille’s - Lit. of the Word & Dist. of Ashes  
7:00pm – St. John’s - Lit. of the Word & Dist. of Ashes

#### **Mass Schedule**

#### **April 6<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday**

7pm – St. Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

#### **April 7<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday**

2pm – St John, Ubly

#### **April 8<sup>th</sup> - Easter Vigil**

8:30pm Vigil – St John, Ubly

#### **April 9<sup>th</sup> - Easter**

8:30am – St. Ignatius, Freiburg  
10:30am – St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

#### **Individual Reconciliation Services**

Upcoming dates/times to be announced

### **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. Feb. 20. We will take a Lenten break. Resume on Apr. 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15.

### **Parish Mission, Caro**

St. Christopher Parish, the Mission speaker is the popular EWTN host **Fr. Bill Casey, CPM** of the Fathers of Mercy who will provide sound catechesis on: The foundation of the Catholic Church; the biblical and historical foundation of the Mass and Holy Eucharist; the power of prayer, our Blessed Mother and much more! The Mission will be at:  
Sacred Heart Church                      March 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
910 W. Frank Street                      Mission Talk every night  
7:00pm  
Caro, MI

Fr. Casey will also be offering all the Weekend Masses March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> in Caro and Mayville.