



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 26, 2023**

Tues. (1st & 3rd) 3:30pm Meadow Lane, Bad Axe
 Wed. March 1st 11:30 am Parish Center Chapel
 Thur. March 2nd 7:00 pm St. Columbkille
 Fri. March 3rd 9:00 am St. John
 Followed by All Day adoration until 4:00pm
 Sat. March 4th 4:00 pm St. John
 Sun. March 5th 8:30 am St. Joseph
 Sun. March 5th 10:30 am St. Columbkille

Confessions this Week

Wednesday: 11:00 am in Fr. Office – 11:20am
 Thursday: After 7pm Mass St. Columbkille
 Saturday: 3:30 (ask Fr. at the door) St. John

Readings for the Week

Monday, February 27

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Mathew 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 28

Isaiah 55:10-11 Mathew 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 1

Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, March 2

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mathew 7:7-12

Friday, March 3

Ezekiel 18:21-28 Mathew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 4

Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Mathew 5:43-48

Sunday, March 5

Genesis 12:1-4 2Timothy 1:8-10
 Matthew 17:1-9

In This Sunday's Readings

It is written: "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Matthew 4:10

This is not an easy thing to follow, especially in our world that is filled with so many messages and temptations of riches and power. Jesus sets the example for us when the devil tempts him with luxuries and power. He turns away from worldly things and puts service to his Father at the center. He reminds us that we are to put God at the center of our lives, too. This Lent could be a good time to start examining how you could make your life more God-centered.

Please remember your parish when planning your estate

Generous Stewardship - Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection \$3991.00

Loose - \$398.00

Building Fund - \$105.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

116 envelopes used

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

February 27 –March 5, 2023

Sat. St. John site: +Richard Peruski

Sun. St. Joseph site: +Frank Lasceski

Sun. St. Columbkille site: + Good Shepherd Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

February 27: Geraldine Peruski, Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski

March 6: Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin, Charlotte Baker

March 13: Diana Briolat, Judy Messing, Ann Ypma

4:00pm Saturday, March 4 , St John site

Lector: Bev Pawlosky

EMHC: Del Czewski

Altar Server: Judy Messing

Sacristan: Judy Messing

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

8:30am Sunday, March 5th St. Joseph site

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Lori Uhl

Greeter: Shirley Catalano

Sacristan: Bruce & Lori Uhl

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Bruce Uhl, Chuck Izydorek

10:30am Sunday, March 5th St.Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Dana Irion, Delaney Peruski

Altar Servers: Luke Roth, Brynnleigh Bambach

Greeters: Clare & Maria Roth

Gift Bearers: Trent & Morgan Sweeney

Ushers: Ronnie Irion, Aaron Bismack, Steve Peruski

Knights of Columbus

Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

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

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation education program of Good Shepherd Parish will meet on

Family Night, March 1st

Ubly site: 5:30-7pm

March 8th

St. John Ubly 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.

K of C Youth Group Corn Hole Tournament

Sunday, February 26th 2:00-4:30pm

Entry Fee: Toiletries for the food pantry

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

Thumb Veterans Organization

Pancake Breakfast

March 5, 2023 8:00am-12:00pm

T.V.O. HALL 2153 Bingham Street, Ubly, MI

Adults - \$8.00, Children (6-12) \$4.00, 5 & under free

Take outs available – call Steve 989-315-1226

Proceeds to support area veterans

“Help us help them”

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 or contact Maria Coss at mcoss@diosag.org or call 989.797.6646.

EUCHRE PARTIES



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

EUCHRE PARTY

Sunday, February 26, 2023 at 1:00 pm

St. Joseph Church hall in Argyle

Admission \$8:00

Share the Wealth raffle will also be held

1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00

Daughters of Isabella Circle

Sunday March 5, 2023 at 1:00pm

Bad Axe Senior Center on Nugent Road

Admission \$8.00

K OF C – 4TH DEGREE – BAD AXE

EUCHRE PARTY DATES

Come to play: Mar. 19

Admission is \$6.00 Begins at 1:00pm

K of C Hall in Bad Axe

Sponsored by: Bishop Babcock Assembly

Questions contact Don at 989-975-7378

All Euchre Parties

Include a light lunch and prizes

(Must be present to win)

Come out for a fun afternoon!



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

Saginaw Catholic 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

thecatholicmensaginaw@gmail.com

989-341-3303

Annual Focus on Life Benefit Dinner

Thursday, March 16 – 6:30pm doors open

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Thursday, March 16 – 6:30pm doors open
7:00pm dinner and program
Knights of Columbus Hall –1036 Van Dyke, Bad Axe
Call for reservations – Jeanne Gusa
(989)670-3315

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 13th -16th, 2023
910 W. Frank Street Mission Talk every night 7:00pm Caro, MI
Fr. Casey will also be offering all the Weekend Masses March 11th and 12th in Caro and Mayville. **A great occasion for personal spiritual growth and renewal.**

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? Discover all of this and more on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on March 24-26 in Saginaw or April 14-16 in Grass Lake. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Chris & Darla at 517.667.0433 for more information.

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 years 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 over-night 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.

Women's Lenten Silent Retreat

Provide support. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is supporting local partners in their efforts to provide urgent relief and assistance for long-term recovery. CRS has partnerships with Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria, and they will be working where extensive damage has been reported. In coordination with 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

Earthquake Relief Needed - Thousands of people in Turkey and Syria are reeling from deadly earthquakes that struck the morning of February 6. The first registered at magnitude 7.8—one of the strongest earthquakes to hit the region in 100 years—and the second at magnitude 7.5. In northwest Syria, our teams have been able to work since the early hours to respond to this influx because we already had a presence in the region. In other locations, we have donated supply kits, and we are in touch with health authorities to local authorities, CRS is already bringing displaced people to safe, open spaces, and distributing hot meals and much needed clothing. To support this relief effort you may make a donation using your weekend collection in an envelope marked for “Turkey & Syria Earthquake Relief,” or mailing a donation directly here to the diocese. Checks should be made payable to “The Diocese of Saginaw” and may be sent to: Diocese of Saginaw, Attention: Earthquake Relief, 5800 Weiss Street, Saginaw, MI 48603. To make a donation online, visit saginaw.org.



FREE PIANO

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

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"Rescued People... Rescue People"

- Fr. Nate's Update -



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

The first picture is from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Huron County Medical Care facility, in their newly refurbished chapel. The second picture is the Ubly Lions Club (of which I am a member) doing what they were founded to do: serving. They're making pierogi; all profits will go to benefit the public good. \$13 a dozen. Choose sauerkraut, cheese, or potato. Text or call Adrainne Maurer with your order: (989) 670-6880 or visit Ubly Lions Club Facebook page and find link to an order form.

Some Holy Humor...

The smart-alec seminarian thought he had pulled a good one. On the final exam, which asked students to delve into the complexities of theology, he simply wrote: "Only God knows the answers to these questions!" Grading the paper, the professor wrote, "Nice proposition. If true, God gets 100. You get a 0."

Holy Thursday Location Change: Please recall that "Good Shepherd" is one parish, blessed with multiple churches/sites. We all need reminders on our terms! :) The diocese Liturgy Office requires the Easter Vigil to be at the "main church" of our parish, which is our St.

John site in Ubly. However, I believe other Holy Week celebrations are permitted at an "additional use church", so this year our parish Liturgy Commission chose to host our Holy Thursday "Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper" at our St. Columbkille site. "Good Friday of the Lord's Passion" and "Easter Vigil" will still be at our St. John site.

"Soup & Spirituality"

You're invited to encounter Jesus in fellowship, and grow in your spiritual life, Lenten Thursdays:
5:30pm: Soup & bread (Parish Center)

6:15pm: New video series called: "Fearless", a series on fear that will accompany your Lenten journey, featuring Catholic Evangelist Chris Stefanick
7:00pm: Stations of the Cross (St. John Church)

Huron County Right to Life Events in March.

*All teens are invited to our FREE Tri-County Pro-life Teen Rally on March 12 at Open Door Missionary, Sandusky from 2-5pm

*All high school students are invited to compete in our Pro-life Oratory Contest. 1st place \$100; Entries due by March 8th.

*All seniors are invited to compete for a \$500 local scholarship by submitting an essay. The winner will go to the state level for a shot at an additional \$500 scholarship. Entries due by March 17.

*Everyone is welcome to attend our annual spring dinner on March 17th at the Bad Axe KofC Hall from 7pm-9pm. Trevor Pollo, the guest speaker, will offer a passionate, logical, and irrefutable defense against the injustice of abortion. When you register, mention the Good Shepherd table.

Marking the Lenten Season: I pray these changes will help us to mark the change of liturgical seasons, and help us participate more consciously in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For Lent, at the beginning of Mass, we will use form B of the Penitential Act (in hymnal inside cover). These responses are based on these: Baruch 3:2- "Hear, O LORD, for you are a God of mercy; and have mercy on us, who have sinned against you." Psalm 85:8- "Show us, LORD, your love; grant us your salvation." As I wrote before, to put us in union with most parishes throughout the country, we will pray the Nicene Creed most of the year, but in the seasons of Lent through Easter we will use the Apostles Creed, as the Roman Missal suggests.

Pray the Morning Offering for Lent... and All Year:

I encourage every Christian to begin their day with the Morning Offering. This short prayer lets us offer all we do and experience as a sacrifice united to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It releases many graces for people throughout the world in desperate need. Jesus came to "seek and save the lost" and the Morning Offering allows us to cooperate with Him in doing so. His Heart burned with love for all souls when He mounted the cross and offered Himself as the saving sacrifice for their salvation.

There are millions of elderly that ask every day, "Lord, why am I still here?" I have often told people who ask me that question that their mission is to pray for their families and offer their sufferings for them, for the salvation of all, or for a special intention, such as for an end to war, abortion, etc. I encourage you to share this Morning Offering prayer with an elderly person who may be asking this question, and I invite you to pray it every morning:

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,
for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins,
the reunion of all Christians,
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.*

(1844- Fr. François-Xavier Gautrelet; Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, pg. 48)

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."-Jim Elliot

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is celebrated by the Pope in St. Peter's Basilica on Feb. 2. From the USCCB. "Bishop James F. Checchio of Metuchen, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations spoke of how the example of consecrated men and women should spur all of the faithful on to greater holiness. 'With lives of poverty, chastity, and obedience, consecrated men and women provide us with an example of complete dedication to Christ. They remind us that regardless of the vocation the Lord calls us to, we are all called to union with Christ and to do our part to build up the Kingdom of God.'"

I would ask us to do three things year round:

- 1. *Pray daily for vocations from our parish and diocese to priesthood and consecrated life.*
- 2. *Look for a chance to ask a young person, "Have you ever thought of becoming a priest or consecrated sister/brother?" and then tell them a story of how a priest/sister/brother helped you.*
- 3. *Send a thank you card to a priest/sister/brother you know. Or send a thank you to one of these orders, thanking all the members for their service:*

The Servants of God's Love
servantsofgodslove.net 4399 Ford Rd Ann Arbor MI 48105

The Sisters of Our Mother of Divine Grace-
sistersmdg.org 7066 W. Main Street, Port Sanilac, MI 48469

The Trinitarians of Mary- trinitariansofmary.org
62 N Marble Rd Lowell MI 49331

The Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma-
rsmofalma.org 1965 Michigan Avenue Alma MI 48801

The Daughters of St. Paul-
daughtersofstpaul.com

The Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity- SOLT.net (both women and men)

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.

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

February 26, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 | Rom 5:12-19 | Mt 4:1-11

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

Superbowl Sunday was two weeks ago, and many of us were more likely interested in the commercials than the actual game. After all, companies pay a ton of money to have their products paraded in front of us, and – in theory at least – take the time to make these particular ads memorable and funny. If we can be convinced that we will be better people, or our social outings greater and filled with more laughter, we will buy what they are selling. It's the modern version of the words of the serpent in today's first reading: if you eat this, "you will be like gods"! Today's readings are a reminder that we are all sinners and burdened by being vulnerable to false promises – but also that we are relieved of this burden through one man: Jesus Christ. If we tend to forget that the most important part of our salvation story is that it is full of more grace and forgiveness than we can comprehend, this first Sunday of Lent is a good time to prayerfully ponder this. If God seems far away or distant, let us recall that he loved us so much that he breathed our very life into us, and then gave his only begotten Son to us that we might have life eternally. All he asks in return is for us to accept this gift and follow in his footsteps. Lent is the time to be mindful of grace-filled opportunities that draw us closer to God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Let's think about these 40 days. In addition to allowing us to grow in understanding of God, this time is also an opportunity to grow in our understanding of how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world and help to build the kingdom right here and now. How can we keep God at the center of our lives and resist worldly temptations to push him aside? Perhaps today's psalm can help us here: Ask for God's mercy, acknowledge our offenses, seek a "clean heart," renew a "steadfast spirit" within us, and ask God to grant us a "willing spirit" to give him praise. And remember Christ's words from the Gospel: Depend on "every word that comes forth from the mouth of God," which is love and mercy.

PRAY Pray today's psalm: "Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise."

