



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 29, 2023**

Wed. February 1 - No Mass-  
Thur. February 2 - No Mass-  
Fri. February 3 - No Mass & No Adoration-  
Sat. February 4 4:00 pm St. John site  
Sun. February 5 8:30 am St. Joseph site  
Sun. February 5 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

Adoration rescheduled for February 10th

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, January 30**

Hebrews 11:32-40 Mark 5: 1-20

**Tuesday, January 31**

Hebrews 12:1-4 Mark 5:21-43

**Wednesday, February 1**

Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15 Mark 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 2**

Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

**Friday, February 3**

Hebrews 13: 1-8 Mark 6: 14-29

**Saturday, February 4**

Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21 Mark 6: 30-34

**Sunday, February 5**

Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16

**In This Sunday's Readings**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” – Matthew 5:3

Some of the Beatitudes can be difficult to understand by our modern language meanings. The phrase “poor in spirit” speaks of a spiritual condition of poverty. It describes a person who recognizes his or her need for God. Those who do rely on God realize that God is at the center of all things are one in the kingdom of God.

**Let Us Give Thanks!**  
**Weekend Collection \$3407.00**  
**Loose - \$392.00**  
**650 Parish Families**  
**(297 Family envelope holders)**  
**123 envelopes used**

**Donations:**

In memory of Lorraine Lackowski  
By: Ronald & Doreen Lackowski

**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

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**January 30 – February 5, 2023**

Saturday: St. John site: Good Shepherd Parishioners  
Sunday: St. Joseph site:+ Frank Lasceski  
Sunday: St. Columbkille site:+ Audrey Osentoski



*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

**Christian Mother's Announcements**

- Looking for monetary 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.

**BINGO - Come and enjoy the day!**

**Christian Mothers**

.....will be holding a Bingo  
on Sunday, February 19, starting  
promptly at 1 pm at the parish center, 1935 Hamilton St.  
located behind St. John Church in Ubyly.  
All are welcome to enjoy an afternoon of Bingo  
with a light lunch served after.

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!**

[Above: Anastasis Icon, see below for description]

*In order to help you understand “The Story”, God's Story, and how your story fits into it, so you can help Jesus rescue others in danger, here is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 evangelize. 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, so we can help Jesus rescue others.

[See last week's bulletin for Homily #4, Part 1]

4. The fourth part of The Story is RESPONSE; your personal response to being created and rescued.

\*Grace to pray for: *Good Father, gives us the specific graces of gratitude, surrender, and courage:*

- Gratitude for all that God has done for us in Jesus
- Surrender to Jesus as Lord of my life
- Courage to help God get His world back as an “agent of sabotage”

RESPOND with gratitude: offering Him not only worship but also GRATITUDE for all He DID in the past, and all He is DOING in our daily lives.

Fr. John says, ask yourself, “What's the reasonable, logical, and intelligent response to a God who is so grand that he made a universe that's [90] billion light-years across?” ... a God who loves so deeply that he humbled himself to become flesh, disguised himself to go into battle, bound the strong one, crushed the powers of sin and death, and laid down his life for us and rose from the dead who is now preparing a place for you and me and will come back to create a new heaven and a new earth. What's the reasonable response to a God who does all that? Isn't it to give him everything?”

RESPOND with surrender to Jesus: to give Him everything. Jesus on the cross says, “I thirst” (John 19:28). He thirsts for you, and for me, to entrust our lives to him! Surrender to Jesus means offering Him our idols. What is an idol?

- Anything we see as more important than God
- Anything that absorbs our heart and mind more than God
- Anything we hope can satisfy and fulfill us when only God can

Offering Him our idols is a daily struggle: to say no to temptation and yes to Jesus.

Surrender to Jesus is not a one time thing but a daily thing. A priest was asked, "When did you decide to become a priest?" He said, "This morning." Every day Jesus invites us to surrender our lives to him again, to echo Mary, "Behold, the servant of the Lord; be it done unto me according to your Word." (Luke 1:38). In other words, "I am yours; do whatever you want in my life."

RESPOND with courage: courage to help God get his world back! Our goal as Christians is not just to "reach heaven," it's also to help others reach heaven. C. S. Lewis says this means becoming an "agent of sabotage"; sabotaging the enemy's plans for your life and for others. *RESCUED PEOPLE... RESCUE PEOPLE!*

Last time I had us imagine being a victim of human trafficking, captured and held in a prison, and then being rescued by a Rescuer, who conquers and ties up the trafficker, and leads you to freedom. Imagine you had made friends with other victims, wouldn't you want to rescue them also? To help your Rescuer to rescue them?

Jesus has rescued us to help Him rescue others. We help Him rescue others first with our example, by living differently, by showing "head turning love", by forgiving our enemies and praying for them. To live in such a way that people will think, "Because of you, I know who God is. Because of you, I know God loves me."

But we also help Jesus rescue others with our words. My hope for us is that we will look for opportunities to share The Story by using these four words: **Created, Captured, Rescued, Response**. We can share it quickly and in our own words, but it takes practice. The free Rescue Project videos online at [therescueproject.us](http://therescueproject.us), or the book Rescued can help us to better know The Story; it is available at the office.

[Above] Here is an icon called the Anastasis, which means "resurrection." Jesus is shining in glory. Here is his divine light surrounding Him. Below are locks and keys, representing sin and death, that made us CAPTIVES. There is the enemy, the devil, tied up and powerless. He is pulling Adam and Eve out of their graves, the realm of the dead.

See how His knees are bent and his hands are outstretched. He invites YOU to reach out and allow

Him to grasp your hand, and pull you into His embrace.

To pull you out of whatever tomb, prison, or personal hell you're in.

To strengthen you to carry your cross, to suffer well, to offer your suffering to God for the salvation of souls, to not be bitter or resentful.

To empower you to fight against our enemies; sin, death, and the devil.

To empower you to help Him get his world back, to rescue others, to invite others to reach out to Him, as you have.

I invite you to pray this surrender prayer from Fr. John:

*God, I believe that out of your infinite love, you created me. I'm sorry for all the times I have believed the enemy's lies that you are not a good Father and that you don't love me. Please forgive me for all of my sins. Thank you for sending Jesus, the Ambush Predator, to rescue me from sin, death, hell and Satan. I choose this day to place your Son, Jesus, at the center of my life. And so, today, here and now, I surrender to you, Jesus, and desire your lordship over every area of my life. I ask you now to flood my soul with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help me to know my true identity as a beloved son/daughter. Help me to know that I matter and that I am worth dying for. Recreate me to be the person you destined me to be. Please use me as an instrument in your merciful hands to rescue others and to help recreate this world that you so love. Amen*

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

## Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina (Divine Reading)

*The Church encourages us not just to read Scripture, but to pray with it. Throughout the centuries, Christians have practiced a form of praying with scripture called Lectio Divina, or Divine Reading. They've found it really helpful to deepen their relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It will help you hear God speaking personally to you in life-changing ways. You will experience new faith, hope, love, and peace.*

The steps:

- **FIND** a short passage from one of the Gospels, e.g. Gospel for Sunday.
- **ASK** the Holy Spirit for enlightenment (the most important step). Also, ask for a specific grace, like one of the graces from *Created-Captured-Rescued-Response*, or to taste the Father's love for you; to get to know Jesus better; to grow in trust, etc.
- **READ** (lectio): *What does the passage say in itself?* Read the entire passage. It is helpful to read it with a Catholic commentary to help you understand, such as the Word on Fire Bible.
- **MEDITATE** (meditatio): *What does the passage say to me?*
  - Re-read the passage, and if a verse, phrase, or word strikes you, stop and savor it by repeating it slowly aloud or in your mind. No rush- the Holy Spirit may wish you to savor one word or phrase for the entire prayer time!
- **PRAY/CONVERSE** (oratio): *What do I say to God in response to His Word?* Talk freely with whomever you want to- the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Mary, etc. Ask about what conversion/change of mind, habit, or lifestyle the Lord may be asking of you.
- **CONTEMPLATE** (contemplatio): Rest in God's presence. Focus on Jesus' Presence in your heart, or in the tabernacle if you're in a Catholic Church. "Be still and know that I am God." You don't need to say anything. You might find it helpful to slowly, quietly whisper the Name of Jesus, or Abba Father, or Come Holy Spirit.
- **JOURNAL**: Afterwards, it's really helpful to write down a few thoughts, feelings, desires, even if just a couple sentences, and review it next time.

*As you practice praying with the Word, you will let Jesus fill you with His light, and His light will shine through you whether you realize it or not!*

**"[Jesus], Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine, So to shine as to be a light to others; The light, O Jesus will be all from You; none of it will be mine; It will be you, shining on others through me..." -St. John Henry Newman and others**

January 29, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Mt 5:1-12a

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

I have a competitive streak. Whether it's guessing Wordle in one try, grabbing the last Doorbuster deal at Kohl's or snagging Boardwalk early in a game of Monopoly, I like to win. For this reason, the readings today especially challenge me. In a world that values success, wealth and "winning," today's readings turn things upside down when it comes to status and justice. In Zephaniah, God chooses the "humble and lowly." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus lays out a road map to lasting happiness that bears little resemblance to what the world tells us, and even what our own instincts may tell us, about being "happy." I'll still buy Boardwalk at the first opportunity, but Jesus' words invite me to focus on seeking righteousness, and to be merciful and "clean of heart." They encourage me to seek the happiness that only Christ can give. Through prayer and reflection on these words, we can ask the Lord to transform our hearts and lives to align with what it truly means to be blessed.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Pope Francis has referred to the Eight Beatitudes as a kind of Christian "identity card." (General Audience, Jan. 2020) And he had a suggestion for those of us, like me, who love to listen to the Sermon on the Mount but may not be sure where to start when it comes to living it. His suggestion is simple: "There are eight Beatitudes, and it would be nice to learn them by heart and to repeat them in order to keep this law that Jesus gives us in our mind and in our hearts." Perhaps we can place each Beatitude on a sticky note by the mirror, incorporate them into our morning prayers, teach them to our children or discuss them with friends. Practice makes perfect, yes? As Pope Francis reminds us, "the Beatitudes always bring you to joy; they are the paths to reach joy."

**STUDY** Memorize the Eight Beatitudes. Learn about each one by reading the writings of Pope Francis or another theologian such as Bishop Robert Barron. Ask God to help you incorporate them into your daily life.



### 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](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.michigan@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.michigan@gmail.com), or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

### Plastic Bag Workshop

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 over-night lodging. For more information and any questions, please contact the Coordinator of Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation, Deb Popielarz, at [dpopielarz@diosag.org](mailto:dpopielarz@diosag.org) or call 989.797.6660.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

**March 24-26 or April 14-16** -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](http://wwme.org) or contact Chris & Darla at 517.667.0433 for more information.

### Walking with Moms in Need

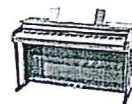
Due to the passing of Proposal 3 to legalize abortion up to the moment of birth, the fight to protect the dignity of life has intensified. Walking with Moms in Need Ministry is active in several parishes in each of the 5 Vicariates throughout the diocese. The most important task of the ministry is to 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](mailto: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, 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  
Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281.

### Right to Life Youth Award

Michigan Educational Fund will award a \$500.00 scholarship to a high school senior. You must write a 300-400 word essay. If interested please call 616-532-2300. Deadline March 24, 2023. Also Huron County will award a \$500.00 scholarship to a local winner. Deadline March 17, 2023. More information [HURONRTL@gmail.com](mailto:HURONRTL@gmail.com)



#### **FREE PIANO**

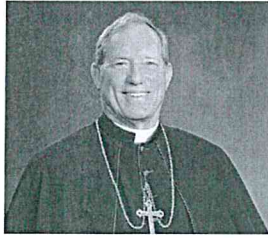
It is out of tune but works.  
If interested, please call the parish office.

# Putting on the Armor of God

Saginaw Catholic Men's Conference

March 25, 2023 from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption • 615 Hoyt Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607



## Bishop Gruss

Bishop Robert Gruss was born June 25, 1955, in Texarkana, Arkansas. He attended Madison Area Technical College, in Madison, Wisconsin, and Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was a corporate pilot and flight instructor from 1980-1989 before entering seminary. He pursued seminary studies at St. Ambrose University, in Davenport 1989-1990; at North American College, Rome, 1990-1994; and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, also known as the Angelicum, in Rome. He additionally earned a Master of Arts degree in Spiritual Theology at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in 1994. In 1999, he completed studies at the Institute of Priestly Formation (IPF) with an emphasis on Spiritual Direction training.

Bishop Gruss was ordained to the priesthood on July 2, 1994 by Bishop William E. Franklin, seventh Bishop of Davenport. In 2007, Pope Benedict named him a Chaplain of his Holiness, giving him the title of monsignor. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as Bishop of Rapid City in 2011 and consecrated as a bishop on July 28, 2011.



## Peter Herbeck

Peter Herbeck is the Executive Vice President and Director of Missions for Renewal Ministries. For more than thirty years, he has been actively involved in evangelization and Catholic renewal throughout the US, Canada, Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe. Peter is the co-host of the weekly television show, *The Choices We Face*. He hosts the daily radio show *Fire on the Earth*. He is a frequent conference speaker, has authored *When the Spirit Comes in Power*, *When the Spirit Speaks*, and numerous booklets, and is a frequent contributor to Renewal Ministries' popular YouTube channel. Peter and his wife, Debbie, have four children and nine grandchildren, and reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



## Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is an internationally renowned speaker, author, and preacher. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Theological Studies Degree from the University of Dallas. He has appeared as a guest on numerous international Catholic radio and television programs, and is the host or co-host of several popular series on the Eternal Word Television Network. Deacon Harold, a Benedictine Oblate, is the author of the best-selling book, *Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality*, and has written the acclaimed work, *Father Augustus Tolton: The Slave Who Became the First African American Priest*. He is a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy.

For further information please contact The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Saginaw

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To purchase Tickets Visit:

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Online Only Price: \$25

Pricing ends on March 14, 2023

Lunch Included - Admission at door: \$30

Walk-up registration starts at 8:00 AM





**THUMB VETERANS  
ORGANIZATION  
POST #1**



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

**SERVING 8:00 – 12:00**

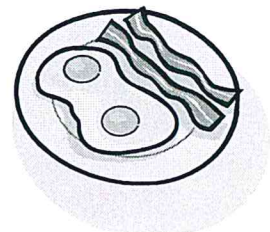
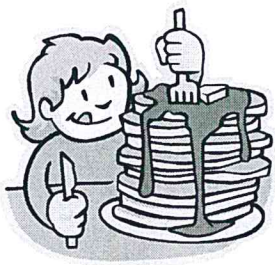
**T.V.O. HALL  
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UBLY, MI**

**ADULTS - \$8.00  
CHILDREN (6-12) - \$4.00  
5 & UNDER – FREE**

**TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE – CALL STEVE 989-315-1226**

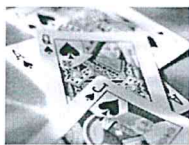
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**“HELP US HELP THEM”**





## 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  
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 – 4<sup>TH</sup> 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  
Sarahfranzfitness@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



### 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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Counters:

**January 30:** Judy Messing, Barb Roggenbuck, Diane Briolat  
**February 6:** Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin, Kathy Beaver  
**February 13:** Diana Briolat, Luci Kubacki, Barb Roggenbuck

### 4:00pm Saturday, February 4th St John site

**Lector:** Luci Kubacki  
**EMHC:** Bev Pawlosky  
**Altar Server:** Maze Gusa  
**Sacristan:** Judy Messing  
**Ushers:** Charlie Briolat, Mike Briolat, John Guigar

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

**Lector:** Shirley Catalano  
**EMHC:** Shirley Catalano  
**Greeter:** Steve Briolat  
**Sacristan:** Steve & Lisa  
**Ushers:** Steve Briolat, Bruce Uhl, Kerry Grifka

### 10:30am Sunday, February 5 St.Columbkille site

**Lector:** Nathan Prill  
**EMHC:** Dana Irion, Delaney Peruski  
**Altar Servers:** Sarah Romzek, Laura Romzek  
**Greeters:** Kempisty Family  
**Gift Bearers:** Courtney, Ryan Kempisty & Paige Sweeney  
**Ushers:** Nathan Peruski, Todd Gingrich, Dennis Sweeney

### Faith Formation

The Faith Formation education program of Good Shepherd Parish will meet on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and **Family Night**, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ubly site: 5:30-7pm

**Sheridan Corners site: 6-7:30pm**

### 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.

### Thumb Veterans Organization

#### Pancake Breakfast

February 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”

Please remember your parish when planning your estate