



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 26, 2023

Tues. (1st& 3rd of month) 3:30 pm Meadow Lane
 Wed. March 29th 11:30 am St. John
 Thur. March 30th 7:00 pm St. Columbkille
 Fri. March 31st 9:00 am St. John
 Adoration following Mass until 10:30am
 Sat. April 1st 4:00 pm St. John
 Sun. April 2nd 8:30 am St. Joseph
 Sun. April 2nd 10:30 am St. Columbkille

Confessions this Week

Wednesday 11:00am -11:20am in Fr's Office
 Thursday after 7pm Mass St. Columbkille
 Saturday St. John (ask Fr.at the door)

Readings for the Week

Monday, March 27

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 John 8:1-11

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

Tuesday, March 28

Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 29

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 John 8:31-42

Thursday, March 30

Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59

Friday, March 31

Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42

Saturday, April 1

Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56

Sunday, April 2

Mathew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11

Mathew 26:14-27

In This Sunday's Readings

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” John 11:40

It is probably easy to say that we believe in God when life is going the way we plan. When things are good, we readily verbalize our belief and do the things we are “supposed to do,” like attend Mass and participate in our parish and community.

But when life is not going the way we would like and when things are hard do, we really believe? Take some time in prayer to ask for the guidance to fully put your trust in the Lord in the good times and the not-so-good times.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure - Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$3377.14

Easter Flowers - \$1367.00

Loose - \$458.14

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

98 envelopes used

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

March 20th – March 26th, 2023

Saturday: St. John site: +Charlotte Romzek

Sunday: St. Joseph site: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday: St. Columbkille site: +Kay Sweeney

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

March 27 – April 2, 2023

Saturday: St. John site: +John Beaudin

Sunday: St. Joseph site: +Lillian Seebaldt

Sunday: St. Columbkille site: Good Shepherd Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

March 27: Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski

April 3: Ann Ypma, Rose Maikrzek, Diana Briolat

April 11: Judy Messing, Kathy Beaver, Charlotte Baker

4:00pm Saturday Mass April 1 St John

Lector: Luci Kubacki

EMHC: Diane Smalley

Altar Server: Judy Messing

Sacristan: Judy Messing

Ushers: Dennis Smalley, Charlie Briolat, Mike Briolat, John Guigar

8:30am Sunday Mass April 2 St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Shirley Catalano

Greeter: Bruce Uhl

Sacristan: Bruce & Lori

Ushers: Kerry Grifka, Steve Briolat, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Mass April 2 St. Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Jerry & Val Fischer

Altar Servers: Luke Roth, Brynneleigh Bambach

Greeters: Kempisty Family

Gift Bearers: Rita, Clare and Beth Roth

Ushers: Brayden Sweeney, Marv Osentoski, Jeff Sweeney

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Knights of Columbus

Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: We will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on Wednesday, April 5th. 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 April 5

No March 29th meeting, Spring Break

St. John Ubly: 5:30-7pm

Sheridan Corners: 6-7:30pm

Youth Group

We will be meeting 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

5-7:00 pm in the Parish Center

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

Faith Formation

Holy Week Retreat

All parish family members are invited to join our Faith Formation children for a **holy week retreat**.
Wednesday April 5 at St Columbkille at 6:00pm featuring a talk by Catholic Evangelist Keri Tarrant.
Fr. Nate will lead Stations of the Cross at 7:30.

Good Shepherd Christian Mothers

Announcements

- **College textbook fund:** Applications are available to all parish high school graduating seniors by stopping by the parish office or by calling 658-8824 and getting it emailed to you! Deadline to return application is April 27, 2023, at 3:00 pm Recipients will be announced at Mass.
- **Looking for new Christian Mothers members:** If interested call Debbie Sadro-989-658-8325.
- **Spring Cleaning:** Once again Christian Mothers are having a garage sale during Homecoming week. Please save your treasures and donate to this event. Details to follow.
- **Plastic Bag Update:** This winter we have made 120 plastic mats for the homeless coalition in Bay City. We do not need any more bags currently. We are still meeting on the 28th.

Rosaries

Join us for the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass:
3:40pm at St John
8:10am at St Joseph
10:10am at St Columbkille

2023 Lenten Season Schedule

Soup & Spirituality

Thursday: March 30

Good Shepherd Parish Center

5:30 Soup Supper

6:10-6:45 Video series called "Fearless."

Stations of the Cross during Lent

St John – 7:00pm Thursday, March 30

St Columbkille – 7:30pm Wednesdays

March 29 & April 5

Individual Reconciliation/Confession

Upcoming dates/times will be posted in bulletin.

April 6th – Holy Thursday

7:00pm – St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

April 7th – Good Friday

2:00pm – St John, Ubly

April 8th – Holy Saturday

8:30 pm Vigil – St John, Ubly

April 9th – Easter Sunday

8:30 am – St Ignatius, Freiburg

10:30am – St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

Good Shepherd Parish

Cemetery Clean-up Notice

The spring cemetery clean-up will take place during the month of April. Please remove all decorations from graves by April 10th. All items remaining after April 10th will be disposed of during the clean-up process. New decorations are permitted after May 1st. Thank you."

Thumb Veterans Organization

Pancake Breakfast

April 2, 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."

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GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Reconciliation Schedule

TUESDAYS

March 28 & April 4

7-9pm at St. John

WEDNESDAYS

March 29 & April 5

3-5pm at St. John

THURSDAY

March 30

7:30-9pm at St. Columbkille

FRIDAYS

March 31 & April 7

10am to 1pm at St. John

SATURDAY

April 1

5-6pm at St. John

SUNDAY

April 2

12pm at St. Columbkille

**Local Communal Penance Service
Wednesday, March 29 at 7pm at
St. Agatha, Gagetown**

Pro Life Apologetics Training

Mark your calendar. There will be two Pro-life Apologetics 101 training sessions held in April in the thumb. Haili Gusa, Training Coordinator for Protect Life Michigan, will be the presenter.

Sunday, April 23rd

St. Columbkille Church located at 3031 McAlpin Rd., Bad Axe (at the corner of M-53/Atwater) following 10:30 am Mass.

Monday, April 24th

Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic School located at 413 S. First St., Harbor Beach 6:30pm-8:00pm.

All are welcome. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

Huron County Right to Life

\$500 scholarship to one local high school senior.

The recipient will automatically advance to the State level contest competing for an additional \$500 scholarship. Selection criteria include the student's application, a 300-400 word essay, and a list of participation in prolife activities. The deadline is Friday, March 17th at 11:59pm. Submit entry to HURONRTL@gmail.com Questions: Jeanne Gusa 989-670-3315.

Local Pro-life Call to Action

Boycott Bad Axe Walgreens as they are in the process of gaining approval to fill the abortion pill by prescription, turning their pharmacy into an abortion clinic. All local pharmacies are being approached to follow suit. Please let your pharmacy know that you do not want them to dispense the abortion pill. This pill is dangerous. In the United States alone, 28 women have died using the abortion pill. I urge you to stand up! For more information contact Jeanne Gusa 989-670-3315.

April 12, Easter Wednesday:

Easter Pilgrimage of Downtown

Detroit Historic Churches

Planned Pickup & Return Locations: Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights, Orchard Mall Planet Fitness in West Bloomfield Township, Downriver Church TBD

Planned Religious Sites to Visit: Basilica & Chapel of Ste. Anne de Detroit, Most Holy Redeemer Church, St. Francis D'Assisi Church, St. Hedwig Church, St. Hyacinth Church, Sweetest Heart Of Mary Church St. Joseph Shrine

Other Helpful Information:

Lunch on your own in Detroit's Mexican town

Projected Cost: \$40 per person

April 14, Easter Friday

Easter Pilgrimage of Windsor, Ontario Historic Churches
Planned Pickup & Return Locations: Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights, Orchard Mall Planet Fitness in West Bloomfield Township,

St. Joseph Shrine in Detroit

Planned Religious Sites to Visit: St. Alphonsus Church, Our Lady of the Assumption Church & Rosary Chapel, St. Angela Merici Church, Ste. Anne's Church, St. Peter's Maronite Church and

St. Cecilia International Academy & Chapel

Other Helpful Information: Passport or Driver's

Enhanced ID required for entry into Canada; Early Lunch on your own in downtown Windsor;

Dinner on your own in Little Italy

Projected Cost: \$50 per person

Jail & Prison Ministry

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says, "I was in prison, and you came to me." Those who are incarcerated have many different and individual needs, including the need to continue, strengthen or renew their relationship with God. Right now, someone is waiting for a visit to receive Holy Communion, a Bible, or for someone to listen and provide spiritual care. Within the Diocese of Saginaw, there are eleven county jails and two prisons in need of clergy and laity minister visits. Currently, there are not enough ministers and clergy to meet these needs. If you feel that Jesus is calling you to this vital ministry, we invite you contact Lori Becker, Coordinator of Diocesan Outreach, at 989.797.6652 or lbecker@diosag.org for more information. Training and mentoring are provided at no cost. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

EUCHRE PARTY

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

Sunday, March 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

Include a light lunch and prizes.

(Must be present to win)

Come out for a fun afternoon!

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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

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

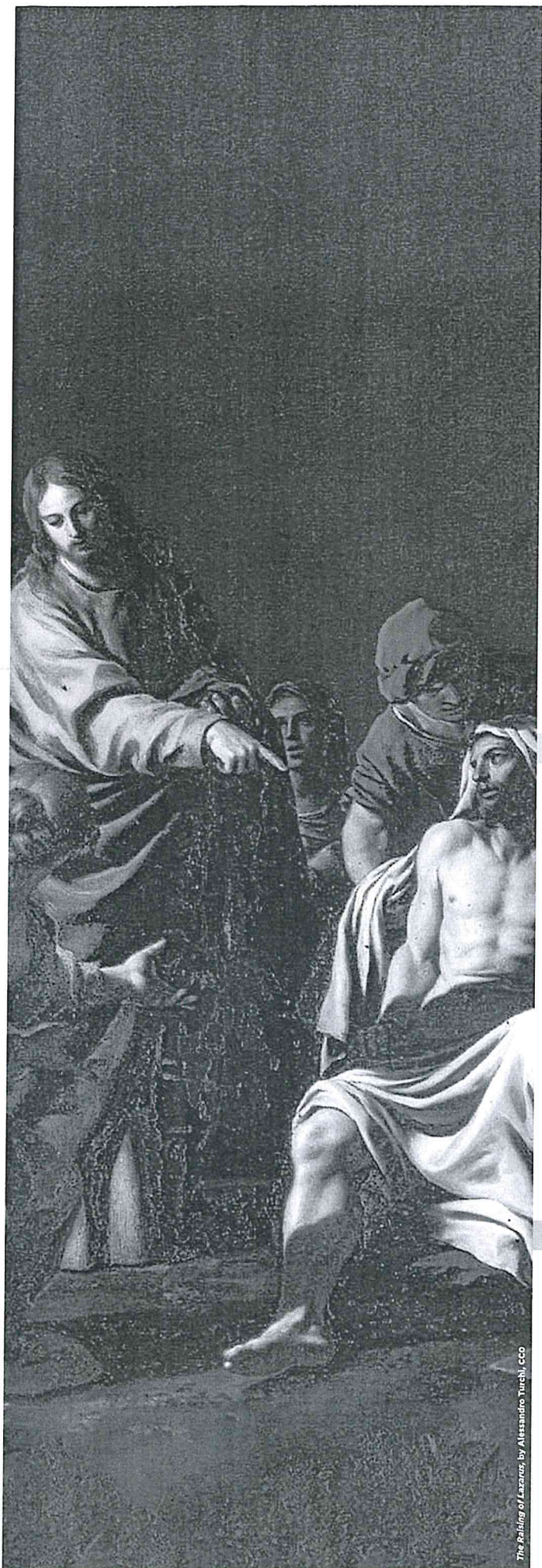
In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

ACTION As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: usccb.org.



The Raising of Lazarus, by Alessandro Turchi, CCO