



PALM SUNDAY
April 2, 2023

Tues.	(1 st & 3 rd of month)	3:30 pm	Meadow Lane
Wed.	April 5 th	11:30 am	Parish Chapel
Thur.	April 6 th	7:00 pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	April 7 th	2:00 pm	St. John
Sat.	April 8 th	8:30 pm	St. John
Sun.	April 9 th	8:30 am	St. Ignatius
Sun.	April 9 th	10:30 am	St. Columbkille

Confessions this Week

Wednesday	11:00am -11:20am	in Fr's Office
Thursday	CANCELLED	St. Columbkille
Saturday	CANCELLED	St. John

Readings for the Week

Monday, April 3rd

Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 4th

Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 5th

Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 6th

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday, April 7th

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5; 7-9
John 18:1-40, 19:1-42

Saturday, April 8th

Genesis 1:1-2:2 Exodus 14:15-15:1
Mathew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 9th

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

In This Sunday's Readings

"As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."

Matthew: 27:32 Everyone "carries crosses" of some sort. Some may be very "visible" but many hold crosses of pain, loss, depression, stress and more. God calls us to help others "carry their crosses" whether they are everyday things like helping someone with a chore or project or being available to listen and assist during their crosses that are not so visible.

Donation:

In loving memory of John Beaudin
9th year anniversary - April 3rd
by Carol & family

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure - Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$3997.00
Easter Flowers - \$100.00
Loose - \$285.00
Catholic Relief Services - \$1545.00
650 Parish Families - 128 envelopes used

Confessions for Lent

Sunday	April 2	2:00 pm	St. Columbkille
Tuesday	April 4	7-9 pm	St. John
Wednesday	April 5	3-5 pm	St. John
Friday	April 7	10-1 pm	St. John

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

April 3rd – April 9th, 2023

Saturday: St. John site: + Stanley Briolat
Sunday: St. Joseph site: + Frank Lasceski
Sunday: St. Columbkille site: Good Shepherd Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

April 3: Ann Ypma, Rose Maikrzek, Diana Briolat
April 11: Judy Messing, Kathy Beaver, Charlotte Baker
April 17: Carol Beaudin, Rose Maikrzek, Luci Kubacki

8:30 pm Saturday Mass April 8th St John

Lector: Martin Kubacki
EMHC: Diane Smalley
Altar Server: Kylie Keller
Sacristan: Judy Messing, Luci Kubacki
Ushers: D. Smalley, C. Briolat, M. Briolat, J. Guigar

8:30 am Sunday Mass April 9 St. Ignatius

Lector: Justin Faber
EMHC: Rick Vogel
Greeter: Rod Walsh
Sacristan: Rick & Sandy
Ushers: Gordon Farrelly, Bill Izydorek, Kevin Hessling

10:30 am Sunday Mass April 9 St. Columbkille

Lector: Nathan Prill
EMHC: Zoe Tyrrell, Jacie Tyrrell
Altar Servers: Broden Peruski, Brayden Sweeney
Greeters: Bambach Family
Gift Bearers: Sadie & Jocelyn & Avery Fischer
Ushers: Nathan Peruski, Todd Gingrich, Dennis Sweeney

Please remember your parish when planning your estate. Call 989-797-6613 for info.

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation education program of Good Shepherd Parish will meet on April 5, Stations at 7:30pm & April 12
St. John Ubyly: 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.

2023 Lenten Season Schedule

Stations of the Cross during Lent

St Columbkille – 7:30pm Wednesday
April 5th

April 6th – Holy Thursday

7:00pm – St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

April 7th – Good Friday

2:00pm – St John, Ubyly

April 8th – Holy Saturday

8:30 pm Vigil – St John, Ubyly

April 9th – Easter Sunday

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

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.



Please remember to bring in your Rice Bowls



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

No 9:00 am Mass No First Friday Adoration

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. Resume on Apr. 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15.

The Haiti Project

Thank you to all who donated material. We are blessed with an abundance of fabric at this time and will not be accepting any other donations until further notice.

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, Ubyly, 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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Knights of Columbus

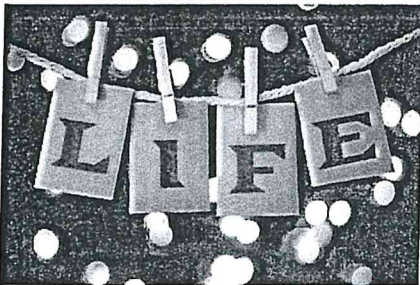
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Next Meeting: We will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on Wednesday, April 5th. We are always looking for New Members – call Jeff Maurer @989-553-4224. Our food pantry is available for anyone in need, located in Ubly. This is completely confidential and anonymous –
Call Jerry @989-550-9664.

Jeff Maurer Grand Knight-Ubly/Sheridan Council-12850



Archbishop Vigneron is confirmed to attend our Knights of Columbus Respect Life Dinner on April 19th (barring pastoral emergencies). This will be a great evening, and we would love to see you there! If you have not registered, you can at the link below. We already have over 400 people RSVP'd so for those of you who have registered, you should have received an email from me confirming your registration and if not, please contact me. Let's make this the biggest dinner yet!



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 10:30am 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.

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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, April 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.

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on campus today.

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Come have fun with fellow Catholic seniors

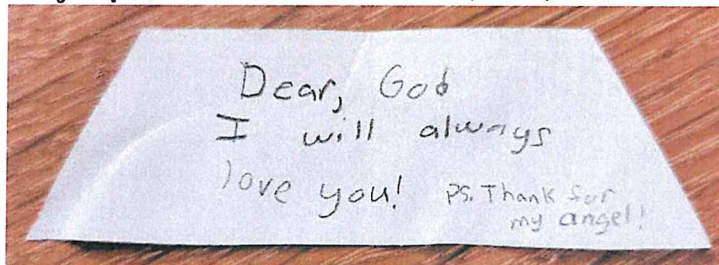
"Rescued People... Rescue People"

Fr. Nate's Update

Dear Disciple, Blessed Holy Week!



(Visiting friends in Slidell for a wedding; on March 19, Solemnity of St. Joseph, they set up a table in honor of St. Joseph, with traditional lemons, lilies, etc.)



A student in our Faith Formation program wrote this note last year! Lord, make us humble like children, so that we may enter your Kingdom!

Some Holy Humor...

Lent is the best time of the year to run a marathon.

Because that's when you fast.

I was going to give up lunch meat for Lent...

But I just couldn't quit cold turkey.

I'm giving up negativity for Lent.

We'll see how long that lasts.

Praise Report:

A friend who attended my mom's funeral almost didn't come because of severe pain. But she came anyway, and the pain went away!

It returned after the funeral, but she brought a greater good out of it by offering it up to God for special intentions. *(Please send me "Praise Reports" to share to build up others' faith: blessings you did/didn't pray for such as spiritual, physical, emotional healing, or any experience of the Lord's personal love)*

New Translation of the Absolution

This is what you will hear when you meet with Jesus (in the person of the priest) at Reconciliation/Confession:

God, the Father of mercies,
through the Death and Resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness
of sins;
through the ministry of the Church
may God grant you pardon and peace.
And I absolve you from your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, +
and of the Holy Spirit.

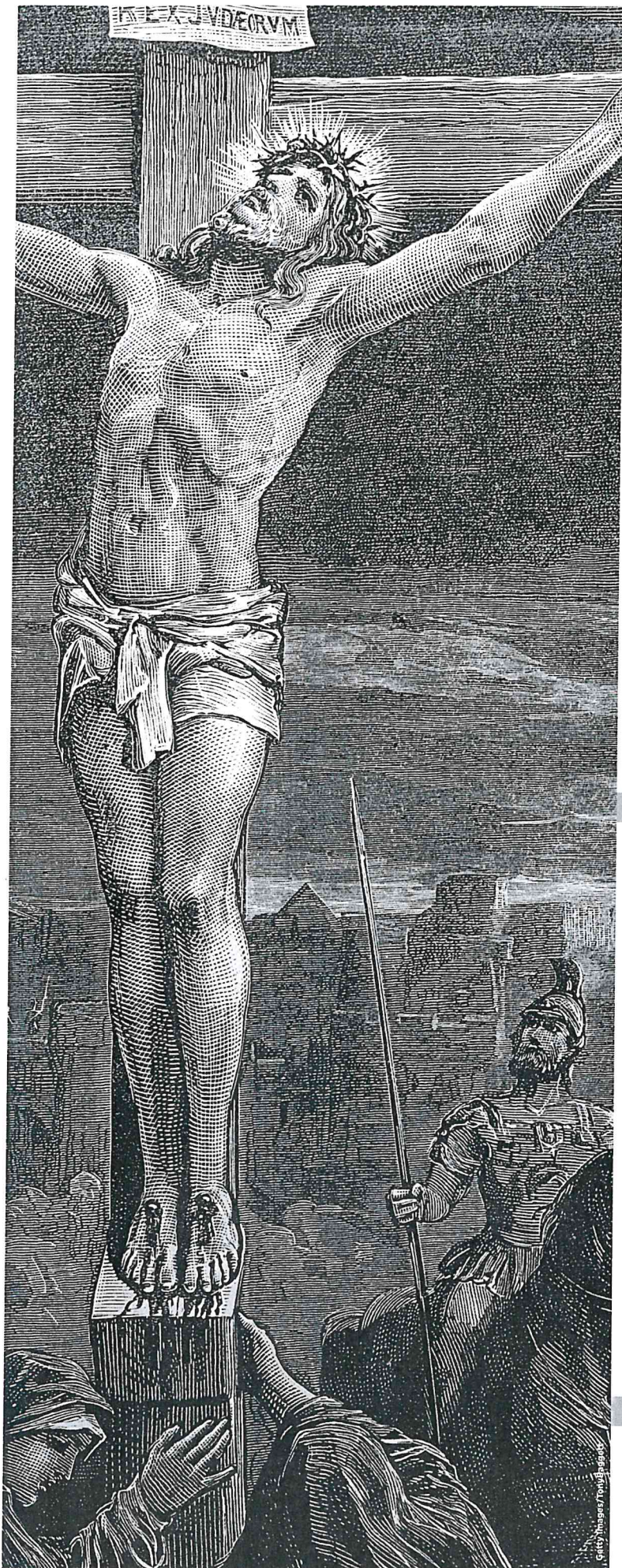
Penitent: Amen

Pray for our Candidates and Catechumens!...

Please join me: "Heavenly Father, we thank you for the miracle of guiding these candidates and catechumens into our OCIA program at Good Shepherd Parish. Help them to make meaningful relationships with parish family members. Help us to welcome them at Mass and introduce ourselves to them. We ask you to enlighten, strengthen, purify from sin, and protect each of them from every danger to their immortal souls that come from "the world, the flesh, and the devil." Protect them from any lies or discouragement the devil will send them to deter them from completing their journey. Make their catechists and sponsors shining examples of love for God, Mary and the saints, and for Christ's Bride, the Church. Remind us to pray for them daily before and after Easter, including our Candidates for Confirmation this year: Grant Gucwa, Luke, Maria, and Claire Roth; and our Catechumens (not-yet baptized) now known as "Elect": Gregory Keller, and Kile and Jaclynne Gucwa. In Jesus' Name, Amen!"

Hail Mary Request: Please say a Hail Mary for all who participate in our Sewing for Haiti Outreach. Thank you!

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



April 2, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mt 26:14—27:66

GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As we begin Holy Week, we hear Matthew's account of the Passion. We see Jesus' humanity as he experiences *sorrow and distress* in the hours before his death. Three times, he asks the Father to "let this cup pass from me, yet, not as I will, but as you will." In our own human experience, I am guessing many of us have asked the Father to "let this cup pass" – for in addition to life's joys, we will all experience setbacks, struggles, and suffering. By example, Jesus shows us that we can turn to our Father, trusting in his will for us. Let this be a reminder in this holiest of weeks that we can bring our suffering and our doubts to the Father, knowing that the joy of Easter will come.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The final words of today's Gospel [shorter version] are those of the centurion and the men keeping watch over Jesus: "Truly this was the Son of God!" Let us keep in mind this central proclamation of our faith while attending Triduum services this week. On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, celebrating Christ's outpouring of love for us. On Good Friday we venerate the cross as we solemnly recall the passion and death of Jesus. And of course at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the story of our salvation, culminating in Jesus' resurrection. As Christians, we know that the cross will give way to the empty tomb and the promise of new life in Christ. Let our voices be strong this week as we echo the centurion's words above, and may Jesus' name be praised forever!

PRAY Praying the Stations of the Cross allows us to walk with Jesus through his passion and death. Make that journey with Jesus this week.



Save the Dates

*upcoming Charismatic
Mass dates:*

April 4, 2023

May 2, 2023

June 6, 2023

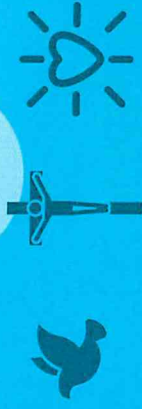
note: Mass is celebrated the 1st Tuesday of each month

*Mass is celebrated at 7pm
Our Lady of Peace Parish
607 E. South Union
Bay City, MI 48706*



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

LIVING A SPIRIT FILLED
CATHOLIC LIFE



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 7:00PM-

MAY 3, 10, 17 & 24TH

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The Two Shall Become One: The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Marriage

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Called to Be Holy

The Second Vatican Council has emphasized that "all in the Church... are called to holiness" (Constitution on the Church, n. 39). Christian marriages are an essential means used by God to sanctify the members of Christian families.

"The sacrament of marriage is the specific source and original means of sanctification for Christian married couples and families" (Role of the Christian Family, n. 56). As married couples, we are to examine our lives in light of the responsibilities we have to God's call to holiness. These responsibilities are fourfold in nature: 1) to God; 2) to our spouse; 3) to our children; 4) to society at large. By rooting out sin and through the healing and empowering effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will be able to attain the holiness to which we are called."

An Examination of Conscience for Married Persons

Responsibilities to God:

Have I gone to Mass every [weekend and holy day of obligation, unless a serious reason prevented me]? Have I participated at Mass or have I day dreamed or been present with a blank mind?

Have I prayed every day [for at least 15-20 minutes]?

Have I read the Bible? Have I studied the truths of our faith and allowed them to become more part of the way I think and act? Have I read any spiritual books or religious literature?

Have I told God that I want to love him with my whole heart, mind and strength? Do I hold any resentments toward God?

Have I recognized my need for Jesus and his salvation? Have I asked the Holy Spirit to empower me to live the Christian life, to be a proper husband/wife and parent?

Have I been financially generous to the Church? Have I participated in parish or religious activities?

Have I held resentments toward the Church or Church authorities? Have I forgiven them?

Responsibilities to my spouse:

Have I cared for my spouse? Have I been generous with my time? Have I been affectionate and loving? Have I told my spouse that I love him or her?

Have I been concerned about the spiritual well-being of my spouse?

Have I listened to my spouse? Have I paid attention to his other concerns, worries, and problems? Have I sought these out?

Have I allowed resentments and bitterness toward my spouse to take root in my mind? Have I nurtured these? Have I forgiven my spouse for the wrongs he/she has committed against me?

Have I allowed misunderstanding, miscommunication or accidents to cause anger and mistrust? Have I nurtured critical and negative thoughts about my spouse?

Have I manipulated my spouse in order to get my own way?

Have I tried to bully or overpower my spouse?

Have I spoken sharply or sarcastically to my spouse? Have I spoken in a demeaning or negative way? Have I injured my spouse through taunting and negative teasing? Have I called my spouse harsh names or used language that is not respectful?

Have I physically abused my spouse?

Have I gossiped about my spouse?

Have I undermined the authority and dignity of my spouse through disrespect and rebelliousness?

Have I been moody and sullen?

Have I bickered with my spouse out of stubbornness and selfishness?

Have I lied or been deceitful to my spouse?

Have I misused sexuality? Have I used sexual relations solely for my own selfish pleasure? Have I been too demanding in my desire for sexual fulfillment? Have I been loving and physically

¹<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/sacrament-reconciliation-married-persons-examination-of-conscience>

affectionate in my sexual relations or have I used sexual relations in a way that would be demeaning or disrespectful to my spouse? Have I refused sexual relations out of laziness, revenge or manipulation?

Have I refused to conceive children out of selfishness or material greed? Have I used artificial means of contraception? [See note below²]

Have I had an abortion or encouraged others to have one?

Have I masturbated?

Have I flirted or fostered improper relationships with someone else, either in my mind or through words and actions?

Have I used pornography: books, magazines or movies?

Have I committed adultery?

Have I misused alcohol or drugs?

Have I been financially responsible?

Responsibilities to children:

Have I cared for the spiritual needs of my children? Have I been a shepherd and guardian as God has appointed me? Have I tried to foster a Christian family where Jesus is Lord? Have I taught my children the Gospel and the commandments of God?

Have I prayed with them?

Have I been persistent and courageous in my training and teaching? Have I disciplined them when necessary? Have I been lazy and apathetic?

Have I talked with them to find out their problems, concerns and fears? Have I been affectionate toward them? Have I hugged them and told them that I love them? Have I played or recreated with them?

Have I been impatient and frustrated with them? Have I corrected them out of love in order to teach them what is right and good? Have I treated them with respect? Have I spoken to them in a sarcastic or demeaning way?

Have I held resentments against them? Have I forgiven them?

Have I been of one heart and mind with my spouse in the upbringing of the children? Or have I allowed disagreements and dissension to disrupt the training, educating and disciplining of our children?

Have I undermined the role of authority in the eyes of my children by speaking negatively against God, the Church, my spouse or others who hold legitimate authority over them?

Have I been a good Christian witness to my children in what I say and do? Or do I demand one standard for them and another for myself?

Have I been properly generous with my children regarding money and physical and material well-being? Have I been miserly? Have I been extravagant, thus spoiling them?

Responsibilities to society:

Have I been a Christian witness to those with whom I work or associate? Have I spoken to anyone about the Gospel and how important it is to believe in Jesus?

Have I held resentments and anger against those with whom I work, relatives or friends? Have I forgiven them?

Have I been unethical in my business dealings? Have I stolen or lied?

Have I allowed the Gospel to influence my political and social opinions?

Have I had a proper Christian concern for the poor and needy?

Have I paid my taxes?

Have I fostered or nurtured hatred toward my "political" enemies, either local, national or international? Have I been prejudiced toward others because of race, color, religion [etc.]?

²"Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general term for fertility awareness-based methods of family planning that are science-based, accurate, natural, healthy and effective" (chsbuffalo.org). "The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural Family Planning because they respect God's design for married love... the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives because these methods can be used to both attempt or avoid pregnancy" (USCCB).