

HAPPY
retirement

We would like to thank the following devoted women for leading our Faith Formation Programs at Good Shepherd Parish for several years. These ladies are retiring, and we would like to extend our appreciation to:

Faith Formation Coordinator
St. John

Edie Izydorek
3341 Decker Rd.
Decker, MI 48426

Faith Formation Leader
St. Columbkille

Kathy Cregeur
37785 Grassmere Rd.
Bad Axe, MI 48413

Youth Group Leader
Sheila Grifka

1899 Huron Line Rd.
Ubly, MI 48475

Please offer a kind word or send a card of appreciation to these dedicated leaders in our parish that we will greatly miss.



Graduation Mass

May 20th St. John

May 21st St. Columbkille

May 21st St. Joseph

Please register with office by
May 17th, 2023

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Ann Messing who passed away March 31, 2023.

Eternal rest granted unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



The celebration of First Holy Eucharist will be a memorable day for these Good Shepherd students:

Phoebe Coddington
Owen Gentner
Grayson Guigar
Paloma Fabian
Ricardo Fabian
Aubrey Laming
Emelia Peruski
Abigail Stacer
Trent Sweeney

The first weekend in May will be a benchmark moment in their journey to full membership in the Catholic community of faith. As they receive their First Holy Communion, the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, may they always be faithful and treasure the gift of Eternal Life in Christ. Please say a prayer for our nine children as they prepare for their First Holy Eucharist.

Extraordinary Minister Training

Are you interested in becoming a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

There will be a training class held on May 3rd
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Roch
6253 Main Street, Caseville
6:30 – 8:00pm

EMHC Blood of Christ Refresher Training

We need a refresher training to bring back the Eucharistic Cup. If you are a current EMHC, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, I would ask you to stay after one of the Masses the weekend of May 13 & 14, for a brief refresher about offering the Blood of Christ, the Eucharistic Cup, at Mass. No need to RSVP (While you are encouraged to do so, you do not need to receive from the Cup to offer it to others.)

Life in the Spirit Seminar:

Learn how to live a Spirit, Joyful filled life.
Charismatic Renewal Ctr 607 E. South Union, Bay City.
Wednesday Evenings – May 3, 10, 17 & 24th . 7:00 pm

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 30th , 2023**

**Wednesday, May 3rd 11:00 Confession
11:30 Mass St. John**
Thursday, May 4th Mass Cancelled
Friday, May 5th 9:00 Mass
With Adoration following Mass until 4:00
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:45

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 1st

Acts 11:1-18 John 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 2nd

Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 3rd

1Corinthians 15:1-8 John 14:6-14

Thursday, May 4th

Acts 13:13-25 John 13:16-20

Friday, May 5th

Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 6th

Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14

Sunday, May 7th

Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

In This Sunday's Readings

"Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ ...' " Acts 2:38 Peter calls those hearing him to repent – to change but change is difficult. Change often takes several steps. First, we must recognize that we need to make a change, or changes, in our lives to better serve Jesus. We then need to determine how we are going to go about that change, or changes. We also should remember that we are not alone with those changes we are making. Jesus will help guide us through those changes.

Faith Formation Coordinator

We are looking to fill the Faith Formation Coordinator position for Good Shepherd Parish. If interested in this part-time position, please call the office.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure - Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection -\$6,167.00

Loose - \$480.00

650 Parish Families – 128 envelopes used

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

April 24th - April 30th 2023

Sat., St. John: +Grandparents of Steve & Sandi Guza

Sun., St. Joseph: +Ernie Seebaldt

Sun., St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

May 1st – May 7th , 2023

Saturday, St. John: + Charlotte Romzek

Sunday, St. Joseph: + Virginia Schultz

Sunday, St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Congratulations Good Shepherd Parish

CMA Goal \$52,323.00

CMA Pledges \$52,407.00

We reached our Goal!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

May 1: Carol Beaudin, Kathy Beaver, Ann Ypma

May 8: Judy Messing, Ann Ypma, Marge Briolat

May 15: Barb Roggenbuck, Charlotte Baker, Luci Kubacki

4:00pm Saturday, May 6th St John

Lector: Luci Kubacki

EMHC: Martin Kubacki

Altar Server: Kylie Keller

Sacristan: Rose Maikzrek

Ushers: T. Murray, W. Pawlosky, A. Peruski, J. Crewski

8:30am Sunday, May 7th St. Joseph

Lector: Lynn Talaski

EMHC: Shirley Catalano

Greeter: Steve Briolat

Sacristan: Steve & Lisa

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Chuck Izydorek, Gordon Farrelly

10:30am Sunday, May 7th St. Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osantoski

EMHC: Dana Irion, Delaney Peruski

Altar Servers: Broden Peruski, Luke Roth

Greeters: Clare & Maria Roth

Gift Bearers: Keara & AJ Lanley

Ushers: Brayden Sweeney, Marv Osentoski, Jeff Sweeney

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May 13 - "Encountering Jesus" – Diocesan Day of Enrichment - This event is hosted by the Office of Parish Life & Evangelization and will take place on Saturday, May 13, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Center for Ministry, located at 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw. It will be a Day of Enrichment for all who minister in our parishes and community. The day will begin with Mass, followed by breakfast and a keynote address from Fr. John Riccardo from ACTS XXIX. There will be 3 breakout sessions (A, B, & C), and a choice to choose one of three presentations in each breakout session. The cost is \$45 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. To register, please visit our website at saginaw.org, or contact Amy Dore at adore@diosag.org or 989.797.6654. The deadline to register is May 5.

Positive Alternatives – A Care Net Pregnancy Center

Open Houses

May 5, 2023 3:00 – 6:00pm
1596 E. Caro St., Caro, MI

May 12, 2023 3:00 – 6:00pm
132 E. Huron Ave, Bad Axe, MI

Light refreshments at each open house

Please boycott the Bad Axe Walgreens as their corporation continues to seek approval to distribute the abortion pill. The abortion pill is currently used in over 50% of abortions. Your local Walgreens is becoming an abortion business. StopAbortionRx.com

Good Shepherd Christian Mothers

Announcements

- **Christian Mothers Fun Night:** May 9th 5:30 pm
Potluck Dinner, chicken is provided.
Please bring a dish to pass & \$2.00 in quarters.
Please RSVP by May 5 so we know how much chicken to order. RSVP to:
Debbie Sadro - 989-658-8325 or
Cathy Stacer - 989-551-3877.
- **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.

The East Region Council of Catholic Women

will hold their Spring Meeting on Wednesday, May 10, at St. Elizabeth Church in Marlette. Registration & refreshments will begin at 9:30 a.m.; the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The morning speaker will be Beth Bauer from the Respect Life Office of the Diocese. She will address the topic of the Walking with Moms in Need project. Mass will be celebrated, and lunch will be served. The afternoon speaker will be Verene Goulette who will tell of her experience in assisting Ukrainian refugees. Cost is \$12. All women of the Diocese are invited! Please RSVP to Vivian Janes at 989-635-7798 before May 5.

Scripture Study

We will be studying the Letter of St Paul to the Romans. Ignatius Press. 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.
May 1, 8, 15.

THUMB VETERANS' ORGANIZATION POST #1

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday May 7th, 2023 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
T. V. O. Hall
2153 Bingham Street, Ubyly
Admission \$8.00
Special Price for All Mothers \$4.00
Children (6-12) - \$4.00
Support Area Veterans.
Take outs – call Steve 989-315-1226

Future Farmers of America Members Needed

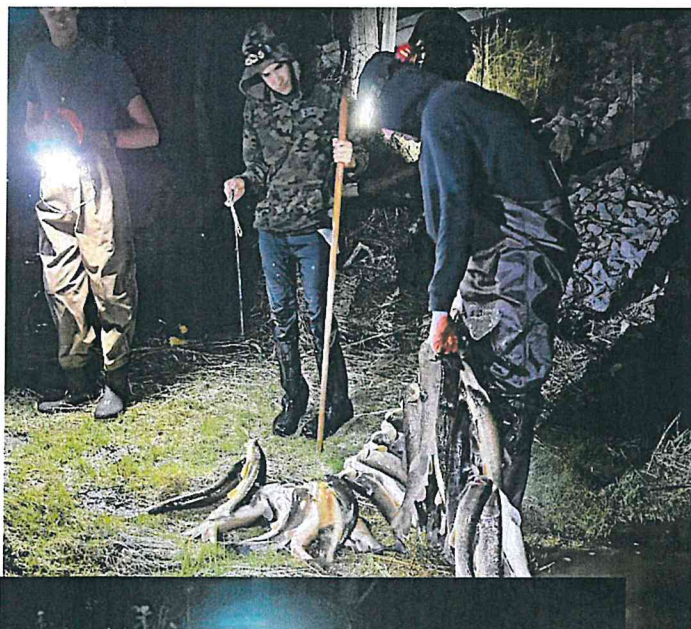
Bishop Gruss will celebrate "Mass at Seed Time" at the Octagon Barn in Gagetown on Saturday, May 20, at 11:00 A.M. We would like to have high school students who are members of the Future Farmers of America wear their jackets and join us. They will join Bishop Gruss in procession at the beginning of Mass. Transportation can be arranged. Please call Joe Sutherland at 810-710-0899 or 810-580-2814, if you have questions. Thank you!

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**Beloved Son or Daughter
of our Heavenly Father,
Happy Easter!
He is Risen Indeed!**



Above: Thank you to all who decorated our churches for the glory of our Risen Lord and for the sanctification of His people. Below: Sucker Spearing. I speared only about 5; my light wasn't bright enough!



Haili Gusa's apologetics presentation, see next page

Reflection from book *The Tarantella Dancers* by Mary Moeggenborg (Copyright 2000- Mary gave me permission to share)

Monday:

Dear God, I want to offer you this day, but this day isn't good enough.

I didn't get the laundry done and I burned the toast this morning. So I'll wait and offer you another day. And God said, "I'll be here."

Tuesday:

Dear God, I want to offer you this day, but this day isn't good enough.

I didn't get the baking done and I yelled at the kids. So I'll wait and offer you another day. And God said, "I'll be here."

Wednesday:

Dear God, I want to offer you this day, but this day isn't good enough.

I broke a confidence and betrayed a friend.

So I'll wait and offer you another day. And God said, "I'll be here."

Thursday:

Dear God, I want to offer you this day,
but this day isn't good enough.

A friend asked me to be there
but I had other things to do.
So I'll wait and offer you another day.
And God said, "I'll be here."

Friday:

Dear God, I want to offer you this day,
but this day isn't good enough.

Someone did me a favor
and I never said "Thank you."
So I'll wait and offer you another day.
And God said, "I'll be here."

Saturday:

Dear God, I want to offer you this day,
but this day isn't good enough.

I've lost sight of you
and I don't feel like talking just now.
So I'll wait and offer you another day.
And God said, "I'll be here."

Sunday:

Dear God, I want to offer you this day,
It isn't perfect
but neither am I.

So I'll give you this day
with its smudges and streaks,
and its bruises and bumps,
its jelly covered doorknobs,
and its dented fenders
and unpaid bills,
because it's all I have to offer.
And God said, "It's all I ever wanted."

(We need to remember that God's love doesn't
come with conditions. He already has
perfection . . . what He wants is us.)"

"April Apologetics Tour" presentation: *Parish family member Haili Gusa gave a powerful pro-life apologetics presentation on April 23, see photo above. She works for Protect Life Michigan, a very **fruitful** new pro-life organization. Why do I say **fruitful**? Some stats:*
4.1 million people reached with the pro-life message
53,000 conversations about the dangers of abortion
30,000 people changed their position or voted no on abortion
6,787 hours of outreach
1,446 new students recruited
800,000 people reached on social media

From their website:

"To make abortion unthinkable in Michigan, bold & sacrificial activists are needed to defend the unborn. We aim to be strategic, reaching as many people as possible and changing their minds through compassionate and winsome dialogue.

"OUR VISION: Our vision is to bring about an end to abortion by equipping and deploying generations of pro-life leaders to expose the injustice of abortion and strategically change public opinion.

"OUR MISSION: Our mission is to end abortion by
(1) recruiting and training young people for pro-life leadership,
(2) educating youth on life issues and pregnancy resources, and
(3) networking young people within their communities to strengthen their impact.
Discover more at: <https://www.protectlifemich.org>

Please say a "Hail Mary for Haili and all who work/volunteer/support Protect Life Michigan!

*Until we meet again, "in this life or the next",
God loves and thirsts for you; I love and pray
for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate*



Look for this colorful logo in the app store

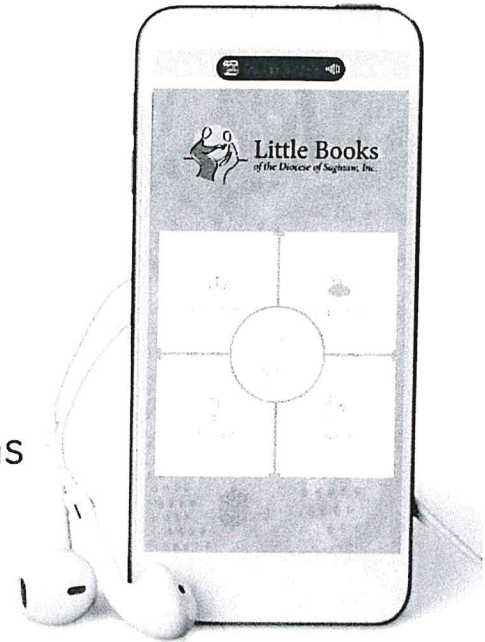
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Blood Drive Ubly Heights

2409 E. Atwater

**Monday, May 8, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.**

Sponsored by Ubly Lions.

For info or appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org
(sponsor code: UblyLions) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

2023

WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS

Amy Mortensen



"JOY IS THE NET OF LOVE BY WHICH WE CAPTURE SOULS." ~ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



Fr. David Roman first heard God's call to the priesthood shortly after the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary, which was a few miles away from the Catholic school where he taught.

WILL YOU LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE?

CLARITY AFTER TRAGEDY LEADS TO PRIESTHOOD

Thirteen years ago, Catholic school teacher David Roman was huddled together with students in Danbury, Connecticut. Just a few miles away, at Sandy Hook Elementary, there was an active shooter and all area schools were on lockdown. In those tragic hours, all he knew to do was pray the rosary.

"I asked the kids to pray for people who were hurting, and for people who hurt others," Fr. Roman recalled. "Later, I was reflecting on all of it and I realized how much I loved those kids. I realized that I would die for them."


As he re-lived that awful day in prayer, David felt the Lord asking, "You would die for those children. What will you do for the rest of my people?"

The truth was, he had spent a lot of time telling his students about the priesthood, but he'd never thought about it for himself. Thus began a long journey of discernment, and eventually seminary. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bridgeport in 2019.

Fr. Roman has since learned that the priesthood really is about sacrificing everything. Like Jesus, priests are called to lay down their lives to be present to people, certainly through the sacraments, but also in the most painful moments of life.

SITE RE-LAUNCH

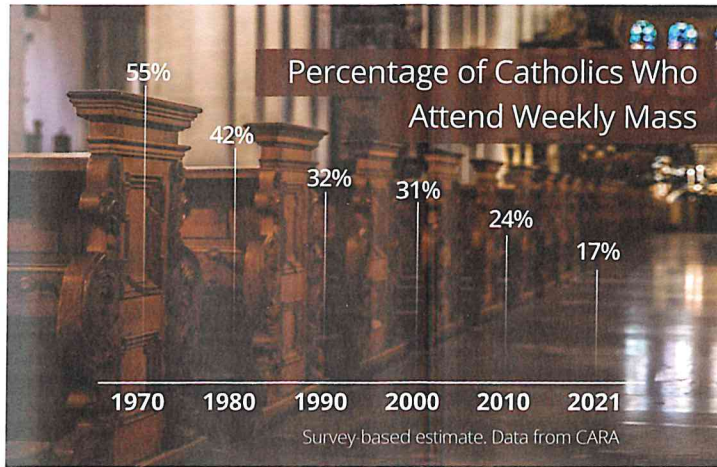
Invisible Monastery

 Pledge to pray for vocations at invisiblemonastery.com and receive monthly vocation prayers & updates.





U.S. CHURCH STATS EVANGELIZATION NEEDED



“It is not surprising that where people pray fervently, vocations flourish.”

Pope Benedict XVI
1927-2022



CHANGES IN SEMINARY



Seminaries are adapting to new requirements. The Church’s *Program for Priestly Formation* was significantly updated in 2022, and two changes (among many) stand out. First, at the beginning of seminary formation, new men will enter a “propaedeutic phase” intensely focused on maturity and spiritual growth. Secondly, toward the end of formation, transitional deacons will no longer remain at seminary full-time in their final year before being ordained priests. Instead, deacons will be stationed in parishes for at least six months, working alongside seasoned pastors, as an apprenticeship to learn parish ministry. Overall, the idea is to build a firm spiritual foundation at the beginning of formation, and have a smoother transition to parish life at the end.

IS CELIBACY AN OUTDATED PRACTICE?

Many have wondered why the Church steadfastly honors the tradition of celibacy. Wouldn’t we solve the vocation shortage if priests were allowed to marry?

The first thing to remember is that the Church did not “make up” the idea of celibacy, but rather, takes it from scripture. St. Paul famously said that “it is good to stay unmarried, as I am” (1 Cor 7). And Jesus himself said, “Some have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it” (Mt 19:12).

It’s important to keep in mind that even if the Church were to change the discipline of celibacy for *diocesan* priests (which is unlikely), we would still have religious brothers and sisters who take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

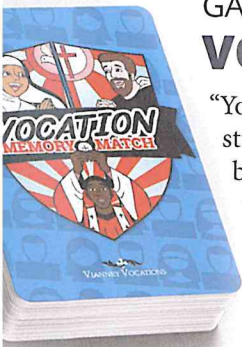
Finally, when we look to the Eastern Catholic Churches, who have long allowed married clergy, it is not true that they have solved the vocation shortage. Rather, as Eastern-rite bishops would attest, there are significant challenges managing a married presbyterate, especially with the difficulty (and high cost) of seminary formation and supporting a priest with a family.

So while the Church truly cherishes its married clergy, there is good reason for celibacy, found in scripture, long tradition, and practical experience. Priests who can be single-hearted in their devotion to the Lord and their parish are a blessing to the Church.



GAME FOR KIDS VOCATION MATCH

“You can’t want to be what you never see.” Catholic students so rarely encounter religious sisters or brothers, it’s hard for them to envision themselves wearing a habit or living in a monastery. As one bishop said, “We have to help kids get these vocations on the menu.” This clever memory card game includes 12 different characters in various stages of their vocations, including marriage, diaconate, and more.



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