



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 7 , 2023**

No Cancellations

Readings for the Week

Monday, May 8TH

Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 9TH

Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31

Wednesday, May 10TH

Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 11TH

Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11

Friday, May 12TH

Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 13TH

Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 14TH

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

In This Sunday's Readings

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 Peter 2:7 Sometimes it is easy to see the gifts that God has given to other people but we can't see our own gifts. And the opposite can be true. Other people may see our gifts but they cannot recognize their own. We are all called to use our gifts to build God's kingdom on Earth. Sometimes everyone needs some encouragement to recognize and use their gifts. Help others see their gifts – and ask for help to realize your own gifts.

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 and please pray for this position to be filled.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure - Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$3,229.00

Loose - \$965.00

650 Parish Families – 117 envelopes used

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

May 8th – May 14th 2023

Saturday, St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday, St. Joseph: + Elmer Schultz

Sunday, St. Columbkille: + Ann Messing

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters:

May 8: Judy Messing, Ann Ypma, Marge Briolat

May 15: Barb Roggenbuck, Charlotte Baker, Luci Kubacki

May 22: Rose Maikrzek, Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin

4:00pm Saturday, May 13th St John

Lector: Martin Kubacki

EMHC: Diane Smalley

Altar Server: Utah Guza

Sacristan: Rose Maikzrek

Ushers: John Guigar, Dennis Smalley, Mike Briolat, Bob Brahmer

8:30am Sunday, May 14th St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Paul Guza

Greeter: Rod Walsh

Sacristan: Denise Kubacki

Ushers: Kerry Grifka, Bruce Uhl, Kevin Hessling

10:30am Sunday, May 14th St. Columbkille

Lector: Beth Vanerp

EMHC: Zoe Tyrrell, Jacie Tyrrell

Altar Servers: Luke Roth, Brynneigh Bambach

Greeters: Kempisty Family

Gift Bearers: Brynneigh & Owen Bambach

Ushers: Dan Cregeur, Myah Peruski, Camden Peruski

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings

May 16, 2023

Finance Council Meeting 5:15 pm

Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 pm

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



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

This weekend 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 receive their First Holy Communion.

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.)



Graduation Mass

May 20th St. John
 May 21st St. Columbkille
 May 21st St. Joseph
 Please register with office by
 May 17th, 2023

**Good Shepherd Christian Mothers
 Announcements**

- **Christian Mothers Fun Night:** May 9th
Potluck Dinner served at 5:30 pm, 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
 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.



Ugly Fox Hunters

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 21st, 8:00am – 1:00pm
 Adults \$12.00, Children \$5.00
 5 & under free
 Take Outs available 989-269-9382

Thank you from St. Joseph Alter Society

Our euchre parties were a great success!!!
 We are so grateful to all the ladies that helped and brought desserts.
 Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

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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!

Litany in Honor of St. Isidore the Farmer

May 15th is the feast of St. Isidore the Farmer. He, along with his wife St. Maria, are patron saints of farmers and married couples. Before Masses on May 13/14, we will be praying the "Litany of St. Isidore the Farmer: Patron of Farmers & Workers". This litany is recommended by the Catholic Rural Life organization. You will find the Litany in the bulletin May 13/14.

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.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

The pro-life movement needs you! Wondering how you can help? Participate in this year's Baby Bottle Boomerang. It kicks off Mother's Day weekend. Take a baby bottle home and put your loose and spare change in it. Return it to the church on Father's Day weekend. All proceeds will be shared among two local pro-life organizations: the Huron County Right to Life and Positive Alternative of Bad Axe, a pregnancy resource center. Join us in making abortion unthinkable. For more information, contact Jeanne Gusa at 989-670-3315 or visit www.huronrtl.org.

Deadline Approaching - February 1 – May 15

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Application Period - 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 overnight lodging. For more information, please contact the Coordinator of Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation, Deb Popielarz, at dpopielarz@diosag.org or call 989.797.6660.

May 13 - "Encountering Jesus" Diocesan Day of

Enrichment The Office of Parish Life & Evangelization is hosting a Diocesan Day of Enrichment, entitled Encountering Jesus, on Saturday, May 13, at the Center for Ministry for all parishioners. Fr. John Riccardo, from ACTS XXIX, will give the Keynote address, and Bishop Robert D. Gruss will be the presenter at one of the presentations, entitled Sacraments as Moments of Encounter. The schedule for the day and the list of other breakout topics including How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church, Building the Domestic Church, Engaging Millennials and Gen Z, and more can be found at <https://saginaw.org/event/encountering-jesus-diocesan-day-enrichment-1>. **Register before the end of the day on Monday, May 8.** For questions regarding registration, please contact Amy Dore at adore@diosag.org or call 989.797.6654

Pilgrimage

Fr. Marcel Portelli invites you to join him on a memorable pilgrimage through the heart of Italy this October. Pray at the mountain-top monastery of St. Benedict, the tombs of saints Francis and Clare in Assisi, the tomb of the incorrupt body of St. Padre Pio, and the grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Tour magnificent Florence and the Amalfi Coast. In Rome, we'll venerate the relics of St. Paul, visit St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican museums, then attend an audience with Pope Francis. Full info at <https://bit.ly/3SxegQw> or (989) 426-7154.

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**Beloved Son or Daughter of our
Heavenly Father,
Happy Easter! Happy
Mother's Day Weekend!**

***He is Risen
Indeed!***

Sweeney told me, "They won 5 matches, and lost 5. A great experience for four small town Ubyly kids and parents!" From L-R: Graham Nicol, Brayden Sweeney, John Guza, Beckett Hagen



Retirement of Edie & Kathy: Please say a Hail Mary (or a Rosary) for them both as they retire from many years of faithful service to our parish!

Happy Mother's Day! Heavenly Father, pour out fresh blessings on all mothers! Increase their faith, hope, love, peace, and joy. We thank you for our mothers! May those who have left us rest in the peace of Christ, and one day, rise in Glory. Amen.

Join me in this Renewal Prayer:

Jesus, You "make all things new!" [Rev. 21:5]

May I encounter Your Presence this week through silence, scripture, sacraments, and service.

As Your "disciple", that is, Your student, may I "learn" from You, hear Your Voice, and rest in Your love, by praying with Your Word this week. May I hear the Father say to me: "You are my beloved child, in whom I delight!" Holy Spirit, renew me through the



Above: Some of our children at the End of Year Celebration for Faith Formation. We enjoyed the cake from Murphy's to celebrate the retirement of our two coordinators. The boys above competed in the robotics world competition in Dallas. I'm proud of them! Amy

sacraments,
 especially through the "second baptism" of
 the sacrament of Reconciliation,
 and the "sacrament of love", the Eucharist.
 Fill me with Your love, then give me
 opportunities to pour it out on others
 through sacrificial service and words of
 encouragement.
 Heavenly Father, renew me through Your
 forgiveness.
 Since You've forgive me, I choose to "love
 [my] enemies"
 and to "pray for those who persecute" me.
 O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, Take
 care of everything! Amen

To Offer or to Gripe? That is the Question!

By Fr. Nate Harburg, 2015

Dear Lord, let me partake in your
 redemption of lost sheep
 by offering you my suffering and every
 tear I weep
 Please take my pain, transform it into
 grace for souls in danger
 who've yet to find forgiveness through
 the Child born in-a manger
 I offer you this grief from _____'s
 death which my heart breaks
 for all who grieve without the hope
 Christ offers for our sakes
 I offer you this biting of my tongue when
 I'm insulted
 for people who react to hate with words
 fierce lightning-bolted
 This chilliness I offer up for all the cold
 of heart
 who only care about themselves and
 from you keep apart

I offer this discomfort – Phew! – of
 weather sticky hot
 for folks at risk of choosing hell where
 “worm” and “flame” die not (Mk
 9:48)
 I offer this annoyance Lord of waiting in
 this line
 for folks that see annoyances as times to
 gripe and whine
 I offer you this anger Lord as I seek to
 forgive
 for all in “jails” of unforgiveness,
 choosing there to live
 I offer you my hunger Lord for all with
 hunger true
 who aren't aware they hunger for the
 love that comes from you
 I offer you my thirst, parched throat,
 this yearning for cold drink
 for folks who aren't aware that your
 deep thirst for them won't shrink
 I offer you this headache – Ouch! – and
 every wincing pain
 for folks with heads chock-full of TV's
 lies so dark and vain
 I offer you this vertigo and nauseous
 dizzy spell
 for all who totter dang'rously along the
 brink of hell
 Please take the water of my pain,
 transform it into Wine
 then give this wine to wayward souls in
 need of Grace divine
 Remind me Lord to offer you my su-ffer-
 ings each day
 my life “a living sacrifice” of love for You
 I pray. Amen!

*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*



The April meeting of Council 12850 of the Uby-Sheridan Knights of Columbus was called to order at 7:00 by the Grand Knight. When called to order the Grand Knight led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the pledge of allegiance. There were 14 members present for the meeting. After the roll call the last month's minutes were approved. The Treasures report was given. A Motion to accept the report was offered by Clarence Wolschlager and supported by Joe Radomski. The motion was accepted.

Bills were presented and a motion to pay them was made by Ron Iwankovitch with support by Wayne Lang. The motion was passed.

Old business was discussed:

The Lions club, TVO and our Knights council joined in along with the Foxhunters club to have food give-a-way. Each club donated \$300 to have a Truck load of food from Eastern Michigan food bank on hand on 4-20-23 at the foxhunters.

K of C state convention is 5-24 thru 5-26.

Council reserved a table at the Right to Life banquet for \$200.

There was no Financial Secretary report.

In new business the Grand Knight reported that the 16th annual Gary Bismack tournament will be on May 21st this year. Hole sponsors will be at a cost of \$75 this year. The memorial sponsors will remain at \$50. June 4th will be the 10 year anniversary of Good Shepherd Parish. A celebration is being planned for this event. A motion was made by Wayne Lang with support by Dave Eilers to do our part in helping to organize the event. The motion carried.

Adopt-a-highway will be on Monday April 24th. A safety meeting will precede the pickup. Ray Maurer made a motion to have 8 grab sticks purchased to help with the task. Support was given by Dave Eilers. The motion was approved.

Officer nominations and elections were held with all officers returning to their positions.

Thanks to all that supported the Tootsie Roll drive. We collected \$460 to help the less fortunate in our community.

The District Deputy reported that there will be an upcoming rural mass with the bishop at the octagon barn on May 20th. Special Olympics at CMU will be May 31st to June 2nd.

Bishops blessing of the bikes with ride around the thumb will be June 10th in Caro.

June 24th for will be Tiger Day.

Marv Osentoski was named as Knight of the Month.

Prayers for the good of the order. Carl and Barb Keller, Betty Tracy, Ed Sweeney, Pam Sweeney, Leon Lashinski, Richard Bredow, John Harburg, Joslyn Essenmacher, Natalie Morgan, Ed Sweeney, Dale Gilbert Sr., Bob Mazure, Fr. Bill Spencer, John Dean, Mike Messing, Phil Maurer, Gary Kraus and Melvin Bischer and Melvin Leppek.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 10th @ 7:00 pm