



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

July 2, 2023

**New opportunity to join us for Mass!
Sundays - 5:00pm at St. John
Offered weekly**

**Friday, July 7th 9:00 Mass
With Adoration following Mass until 4:00**

No Cancellations!

Readings for the Week

Monday, July 3th

Ephesians 2:19-22, John 20:24-29

Tuesday, July 4th

Genesis 19:15-29, Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 5th

Genesis 21-5, 8-20a Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday, July 6th

Genesis 22: 1b-19, Matthew 9:1-8

Friday, July 7th

Genesis 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67, Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday, July 8th

Genesis 27: 1-5, 15-29, Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday, July 9th

Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

In This Sunday's Readings

“... and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” **Matthew 10:38** Jesus knows that following him is not always easy. There are many times when it is tempting to take easier paths and not “take up his cross” but following Jesus even through the tough periods has more reward than we could ever imagine. Pray that you have the strength and conviction to pick up your cross and follow Jesus.

Carpentry Help Needed

We are looking to add a few new or refurbished cabinets to the Parish Center. If you have experience or know of someone that can help us with this project, please let the office know.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure - Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection -\$3734.00

Loose - \$609.01

650 Parish Families – 117 envelopes used

Priest Retirement Fund \$370.00

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

July 1-2, 2023

Saturday, St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday, St. Joseph: +Tina Frost

Sunday, St. Columbkille:+ Ann Messing

Sunday, St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

July 8-9, 2023

Saturday, St. John: + Sandy Peplinski

Sunday, St. Joseph: + Frank Lasceski

Sunday, St. Columbkille: + Michael T. Sweeney

Sunday, St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

We thank God for your generous stewardship of time and talent

Counters:

July 5: Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Judy Messing

July 10: Barb Roggenbuck, Ann Ypma, Rose Maikrzek

July 17: Carol Beaudin, Kathy Beaver, Ann Ypma

4:00pm Saturday, July 8th St John

Lector: Jeanne Gusa

EMHC: Debbie Osentoski

Altar Server: Utah Gusa

Sacristan: Del Czewski

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Bob Brahmer, John Guigar

8:30am Sunday, July 9th St. Joseph

Lector: Lynn Talaski

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Altar Server: Shirley Catalano

Greeter: Chuck Izydorek

Sacristan: Denise Kubacki

Ushers: Gordon Farrelly, Kerry Grifka

10:30am Sunday, July 9th St. Columbkille

Lector: Kathy Cregeur

EMHC: Margy Shaft, Jerry & Kevin, Karen Pichla, Dana Irion

Altar Servers: Brayden Sweeney, Westin Bambach

Greeters: Clare & Maria Roth

Gift Bearers: Trent & Morgan Sweeney

Ushers: Dan Creguer, Myah Peruski, Camden Peruski

5:00pm Sunday, July 9th St. John

Celebrant: Fr. George Amos, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Caseville

Faith Formation

Registration packets for the fall have been mailed and need to be returned by July 6th. If you did not receive one or have a new student, please pick up a packet from the office.

Please pray for all who come together for our programs.
Have a great summer and we'll see you in the fall

Office Closed

Monday July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th



Good Shepherd Christian Mothers

Thursday July 6th & Friday July 7th 8am - 5pm

Join us for HOT DOG ROAST

Thursday July 6th 10am - 3pm

Rummage Sale 8am-5pm

Parish Center

1935 Hamilton Street

This is a fundraising project for Christian Mother's.

Blood Drive

Uby Heights, 2409 E. Atwater

Monday, July 10, 2023

1:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Sponsored by Uby Lions.

For info or appt. visit RedCrossBlood.org
Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

"Thirsting for God?"

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic tradition? An acquaintance or coworker who may have asked you questions about the Catholic Church? Someone thirsting for peace, hope, and joy? Someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation, First Reconciliation, and/or First Holy Communion? Consider inviting them to **OCIA/Adult Faith Formation**. But you're invited too: **OCIA/Adult Faith Formation** is for all Catholics thirsting to understand their Faith. It is a place to ask questions, deepen our friendship with Christ, and discover how He wants to quench our deepest thirsts. The best invitation is in how we live our daily lives. What do people see in the way we love, listen, and serve? Do our lives attract us to the peace, hope, and joy of Christ? Contact Office to register.

Knights of Columbus

Uby/Sheridan Council #12850

Next Meeting: We will meet at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on Second Wednesday of the month [except for July- it will be 6pm]. We are always looking for New Members – call Jeff Maurer @989-553-4224. Our food pantry is available for anyone in need, located in Uby. This is completely confidential and anonymous –
Call Jerry @989-550-9664.

Jeff Maurer Grand Knight-Uby/Sheridan Council-12850

Right to Life Event- 4th of July Parade

Please join the Huron County Right to Life in walking in the Port Austin 4th of July parade. Meet at 12:30pm on Grindstone Rd. The Parade starts at 1:00pm. Wear a pro-life or patriotic t shirt. Be a life defender.

Cemetery Cleanup Helpers Needed

Years ago, the Parish Council agreed to ensure that the Old St. John Cemetery (on M19 just South of Munford Rd on West side) is maintained. Downed trees need to be cut up and removed and brush needs to be cleaned up. This is out of respect for the mortal remains of our brothers and sisters buried there, a way to carry out one of the spiritual Work of Mercys, "to bury the dead." Contact the office if interested.

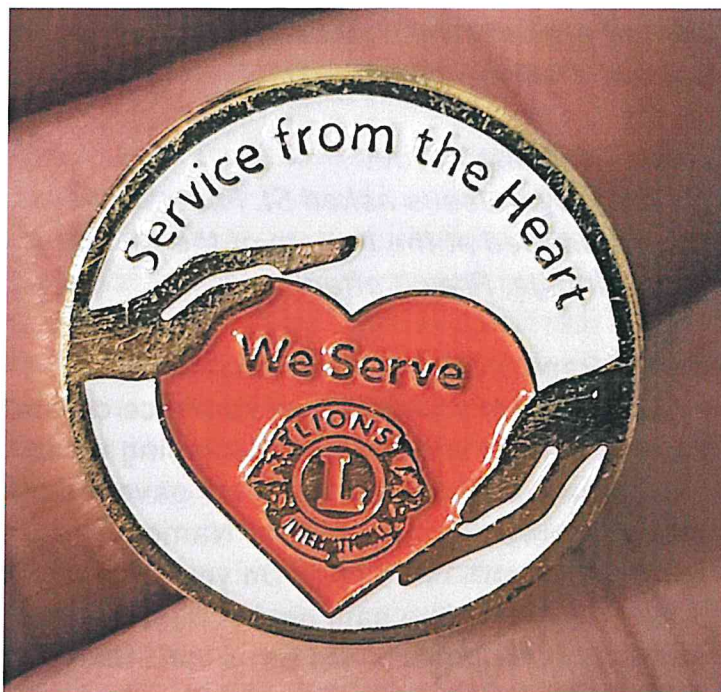
July 18 - Migrant Mass

Please join us for the Migrant Mass on July 18, at 6:00 PM, at Our Lady Consolata Parish, 4618 South Street, Gagetown. Bishop Gruss is presiding with Fr. Craig Carolan concelebrating. The Mass will be in Spanish, and all are welcome. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Maria Coss at 989.797.6646, or Deacon Larry Gayton at 989.797.6604.

July 15 - Marriage Preparation Workshop

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation In-Person Workshop offers formation for engaged couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Among the topics presented are Marriage as a Sacrament, Marital Intimacy, Natural Family Planning, Communication, Conflict Resolution, and Family of Origin. The workshop features presentations by trained marriage facilitators, practical couple exercises, private couple discussion and prayer. The workshop will be held at the Center for Ministry located at 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw, on July 15, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The cost for this event is \$90 per couple. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Contact Beth Bauer for more information at bbauer@diosag.org or call 989.797.6655. To register, visit <https://dioceseofsaginawweb.myshelby.org/default.aspx?page=3347>, or contact Maria Coss at mcoss@diosag.org

bringing water to the thirsty (ask Justin about this), sight to the seeing-impaired, etc.



“HOLY SPIRIT, MAKE ME A SAINT!”

*“This is God’s Will: your sanctification” –St. Paul
“The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint.” –Leon Bloy*

Dear Saint-in-the-Making,
Testimony of God Working: After Mass recently at our St. Joseph site, Justin Faber generously gave me this Lions Club medal [see photo] previously owned by a Lion who held a significant position. He did not know that I was planning to preach on the Sacred Heart of Jesus that day! I preached on the Sacred Heart because it was the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, and the Eucharist IS the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Lions Club has a very Christian motto: “WE SERVE.” I was grateful to lead the invocation a recent Ubyly Lions Club meeting. Much like for the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Spirit is inspiring Lions worldwide to perform the “corporal and spiritual works of mercy” listed in Matthew 25, including

PARISH RENEWAL PRAYER

After Masses, we will soon begin praying a “Parish Renewal Prayer”, as our Pastoral Council has agreed to do. I wrote the prayer inspired by prayers of various others. Our parish leaders need us to pray for them, because Jesus says, “Apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15) We need to ask God to give us leaders and His Holy Spirit, so that we can discover God’s Vision for our parish, and make plans accordingly.

God’s Vision generally speaking is something we already know: the purpose of a parish is to promote the glory of God, the sanctification of souls, and the salvation of the lost. It is a “field hospital” for sinners, not a social club. **It’s mission is to form “missionary disciples” of Jesus Christ and to become a “center of constant missionary outreach”,** in the words of Pope Francis.

Here is the Parish Renewal Prayer, with explanation:

“Come Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.”

****the beginning of an ancient prayer to the Holy Spirit. Pray it daily and you will see amazing things in your life.*

Enlighten parish leaders as they meet to discover God’s Vision for our parish.
****without the Holy Spirit’s enlightenment, we will remain in the dark and be vulnerable to the attacks of the devil, the “father of lies” and author of confusion. Just as God has a Vision for our parish, so does the devil. We need to discover God’s Vision so we can make plans towards achieving it.*

Give to them, and to each one of us, "a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you."

****from a prayer by St. Thomas More*

Help us to grow in Your gifts and fruits, and to discover our charisms for ministry.

Heavenly Father, We ask for a "new outpouring of the Holy Spirit"

****from the words of the shepherd Jesus appointed for our diocese, Bishop Robert Gruss (Great Lakes Bay Catholic, Issue #3). He asked us to pray for this new outpouring regularly. Please read the full article in Issue #3. There is a difference between the fruits, gifts, and charisms of the spirit; see back of the parish renewal prayer bookmark to see the difference. On October 27, 2023 our parish will be hosting the Called and Gifted Workshop to help us discover our personal charisms*

...in our hearts, our families, our parish, and our diocese to bring about "an authentic and renewed conversion to our Lord Jesus Christ."

****from article by Bishop Gruss. He has encouraged us priests to pray daily for the conversion of our parishes, as did St. John Vianney, the patron of parish priests. I do pray daily for my own deeper conversion and the deeper conversion of my parish. Now we're all going to pray for conversion together.*

Blessed Virgin Mary, grant a "renewed Pentecost" "that will spread in everyone the joy of living and witnessing to the Gospel."

****the prayer of Pope Benedict XVI (Regina Caeli Message, May 11, 2008)*

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

****the beginning of the traditional St. Michael Prayer. I encourage every Christian to pray*

the full prayer daily. You can find it on the back of the hymnal

Jesus, we trust in You!

****the prayer Jesus asked St. Faustina to have inscribed at the bottom of the Divine Mercy Image. Pray it often!*

Praise Report: "Name Evangelization"

I visited the Ugly Citgo to get some ice cream. I asked the girl who was hand-dipping what her name was. She said Joy. This gave me a chance to practice what I call "Name Evangelization". I told her, "Do you know what JOY stands for? She said no. I said, "Did you know that it's an acronym for: J- JESUS, O- OTHERS, Y-YOURSELF? To help us get our priorities straight in life." She replied that she'd never heard it before! Holy Spirit please remind her of this acronym often when time she hears her name, Amen!

Another way to practice "Name Evangelization" is to look up on your phone the meaning of people's names. If it's a biblical name it's always a window of opportunity to evangelize. For example, I met a woman named Lydia recently, and asked her if she knew about Lydia in the bible? She said no. I explained to her that Lydia is in the book of Acts, supported St. Paul's preaching financially, a dealer of purple cloth, etc.

"Wisdom from the Pews"

Skip Mass on vacation? "The Lord never vacations on us!"

—Good Shepherd Parishioner

Please send me pictures, testimonies, questions, etc. for this update!

*"To Jesus through Mary",
Love, Fr. Nate*