



TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 2023

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

Wednesday, June 28th Mass Cancelled

Thursday, June 29th Mass Cancelled

Friday, June 30th Mass Cancelled

Wed. & Thurs. Confessions Cancelled

Readings for the Week

Monday, June 26th

Genesis 12:1-9 Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 27th

Genesis 13:2, 5-18 Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 28th

Genesis 15:1-12 Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 29th

2 Timothy:4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19

Friday, June 30th

Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, July 1st

Genesis 18:1-15 Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, July 2nd

2Kings 4:8-1,14-16a Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

In This Sunday's Readings

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” Matthew 10:32

If people knew you from “outside” of your church community, would they know that you are Catholic? It is easy to share our faith, pray and talk about discipleship when in the company of other Catholics, but do we share our faith or “back away” from defending our faith in situations other at Mass or church activities. Pray for the strength to be “recognized” as Catholic in your words and actions, no matter what the situation..

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 -\$3664.00

Loose - \$572.10

650 Parish Families – 115 envelopes used

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

June 19 – June 25, 2023

Saturday, St. John: +Gladys Briolat

Sunday, St. Joseph: +Syl, Marie & Charles Wasierski

Sunday, St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday, St. John: ~John Harburg

Mass Intentions for the Week of:

June 26 – July 2, 2023

Saturday, St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday, St. Joseph: +Tina Frost

Sunday, St. Columbkille: +Ann Messing

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

We thank God for your generous stewardship of time and talent

Counters:

June 26: Diana Briolat, Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin

July 5: Kathy Beaver, Marge Briolat, Judy Messing

July 10: Barb Roggenbuck, Ann Ypma, Rose Maikrzek

4:00pm Saturday, July 1st St John

Lector: Marlene Bukoski

EMHC: Cathy Stacer

Altar Server: Paloma Fabian

Sacristan: Father Nate

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Bob Brahmer, John Guigar

8:30am Sunday, July 2nd St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Paul Guza

Altar Server: Paul Guza

Greeter: Bruce Uhl

Sacristan: Bruce and Lori Uhl

Ushers: Bruce Uhl, Kevin Hessling, Gordon Farrelly

10:30am Sunday, July 2nd St. Columbkille

Lector: Debbie Powell

EMHC: Beth VanErp, Jerry & Val, Jacie Tyrrell, Joseph VanErp

Altar Servers: Luke Roth, Brynneigh Bambach

Greeters: Kempisty Family

Gift Bearers: Rita, Clare, Beth Roth

Ushers: Marv Osentoski, Jeff Sweeney, Brayden Sweeney

5:00pm Sunday, July 2nd St. John

Celebrant: Fr. T.J. Fleming, St. Hubert Parish, Bad Axe

Faith Formation

Registration packets for the fall have been mailed and need to be returned by June 30th. 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

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)

Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Please keep the less fortunate in mind when doing your grocery shopping. Our pantry is visited weekly, and our supplies continually need to be replenished. If each parishioner would add a few items in their cart each time they shop, our pantry would stay stocked. There is a need for toiletries, soaps and laundry detergent as well.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"
Matthew 25:42

Please drop off donations in the back of church or at the parish office.

Thank you!

"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.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Thank you to all those that returned your baby bottles. Your support is very appreciated. If you forgot to return your bottle, please return it to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!

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 Mercy, "to bury the dead." Contact the office if interested.

Priest Retirement

If you forgot your envelope last week, you can drop it in the regular collection in the next few weeks or you certainly may choose to give without the specific envelope. You may also give online through the diocese website. You very likely saw the extra envelope in your packet of envelopes and heard the announcement last weekend about the special collection for the diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. Please pray for our retired Priests and support them in any way possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Migrant Ministry

Please consider donating to the Migrant Ministry as an opportunity to imitate Jesus in His love and care for God's people. We are so grateful to all for the charity and prayers that you continue to extend to the needs of our neighbors. These efforts are not possible without help from people like you. We have two locations: All Saints Parish, St. Boniface Church, Bay City, and Our Lady Consolata Parish, St. Agatha Church, Gagetown, where we provide migrants with some essential items. Please visit <https://saginaw.org/multicultural-ministries> to access the flyer which details a donation wish list of items that help provide for the needs of these families. There are also instructions on how to drop off donations or make a monetary gift. If you know of someone who is interested in participating in Migrant Ministry, please refer them to Maria Coss in the Office of Multicultural Ministry at 989.797.6646 or Deacon Librado Gayton at 989.797.6604.

“COME 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*

Prayer by St. Augustine:

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

Dear Saint-in-the-Making,
I sign the end of these updates with the phrase To Jesus through Mary. What does “To Jesus through Mary” mean? This is the motto of St. Louis de Montfort, made popular through his book True Devotion to Mary. St. Maximilian Kolbe and others sign their letters with this phrase. According to St. Louis de Montfort, true devotion “consists in giving oneself entirely to the Blessed Virgin, in order to belong entirely to Jesus Christ through her.” (*True Devotion*, 121) Many other saints promote this truth, such as St. Bernard who says, “...be careful to commit to Mary the little you desire to offer, that the Lord may receive it through her hands....”

This phrase reminds us that Jesus gave Mary to us to be our Mother and wants us to love her. Because Mary is our Mother, there is no shorter or easier way to become holy, to draw close to Jesus than through her. She is constantly leading us to Him through her

Divine Spouse, the Holy Spirit. As our love for Mary grows, our love for Jesus also grows. If we love a friend, we will show love to their parents. If we love Jesus, we will show love to Mary, who is not only Jesus’ Mother, but our Mother as well. I encourage all Christians to consecrate their lives to Jesus through Mary, as Pope St. John Paul II did and so many saints did. A great way to prepare to do this is the book 33 Days to Morning Glory.

[Below: Welcome Ellis Guza into our parish and into the largest family in the Universe, the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ! Uibly/Sheridan Knights of Columbus unloading food into the parish center that they donated to our food pantry. Contact Jeff Maurer, our Grand Knight, if interested in joining]



Some Holy Humor: On the way home from the Ash Wednesday service a young boy asked his mother, “Is it true, Mommy, that we are made of dust?” “Yes, darling.”
“And do we go back to dust again when we die?” “Yes, dear.”
“Wow!” said the boy. “When I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going!”

Testimony of Stewardship and Evangelization

This month I had the privilege of offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of our parish family member Dennis Goniwicha. My continued condolences to his family. One of his legacies was a hobby that I would call generous stewardship of his time and talents, and also evangelization (which is the greatest way to practice stewardship): creating and giving away homemade crosses with a hand-carved big red heart in the middle.

As he gave them to folks, he would evangelize by telling them that the cross and the heart represent the greatest love of all, Jesus dying for us. This reminds us of St. Mother Teresa's quote, "The crucifix is the best picture of love there is." I have a cross he gave me in the rectory. There's also a large cross he gave to St. Columbkille Church which you can see in the gathering area of the church. He also donated one to Fiddler's Green.

Did you know that it is a serious sin against the 1st & 3rd Commandments to miss weekend Mass without a valid reason? I am aware of the tragedy that some Catholics don't go to Mass on vacation, or don't even try to get a dispensation from their pastor. On vacations, Dennis and his wife Grace would always take their kids to Mass. He would tell them, "The Lord never vacations on us!" *"Eternal rest grant unto him and all our beloved deceased, and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

Need for EMHC's

Because of a shortage of EMHC's, (Extraordinary Ministers) we will not be offering the Precious Blood, the Cup, at Mass at some of our churches during the summer. We hope to resume in the Fall if we are able.

If you are willing to discern the call to become an EMHC please contact Fr. Nate or the office.

Remember that we receive the "full Christ" whether receive only the consecrated Host, or only the Precious Blood. Also, remember that after the consecration it is no longer "bread" or "wine"; it is the actual Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. That's why when you receive Holy Communion, the priest and EMHC's say, "The Body of Christ," not, "A symbol of Christ", and they say, "The Blood of Christ", not, "The wine of Christ."

MAGNIFICAT Devotional

Magnificat is a monthly publication with daily Mass readings and reflections. A subscription makes a great gift; you can order a subscription for yourself or for someone you love. A subscription would be twelve reminders of your love and affection throughout the next year. MAGNIFICAT contains beautiful artwork and commentary on the Christian symbolism in it. It's easy to use, even at work during a lunch hour. It has made a real difference in the lives of countless souls, including my own. It fosters an experience of the personal, attentive, life-giving love of Jesus for them.

"Wisdom from the Pews"

"Remember Jesus desires to carry the heavy end [of your cross], so long as you joyfully help Him."

—Good Shepherd Parishioner

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

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