



**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
SUNDAY**

**June 4, 2023**

**Reminder: Today is our first Sunday  
Evening Mass 5pm – St. John Church**

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, June 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Tobit 1:3, 2:1b-8 Mark 12:1-12

**Tuesday, June 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Tobit 2:9-14 Mark 12:13-17

**Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a Mark 12:18-27

**Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a  
Mark 12:28-34

**Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Tobit 11:5-17 Mark 12:35-37

**Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20 Mark 12:38-44

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
John 6:51-58

**✠ HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP GRUSS**

Mark your calendars for Holy Hour for Vocations with Bishop Gruss at Good Shepherd Parish, **St. John, Ubyly** at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Please visit the diocesan website for the 2023 Holy Hour for Vocations schedule. <https://saginaw.org/holy-hours-vocations>



**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

**Weekly Stewardship of Treasure - Let Us Give Thanks!**

Weekend Collection - \$3111.00

Loose - \$367.00

May Building Fund - \$945.24

650 Parish Families – 99 envelopes used

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Saturday, St. John: +Elmer Osentoski**

**Sunday, St. Joseph: +Theresa McInnis**

**Sunday, St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners**

**Sunday, St. John: +Charlotte Romzek**

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Saturday, St. John: +Stanley Briolat**

**Sunday, St. Joseph: +Frank Lasceski**

**Sunday, St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

*We thank God for your generous stewardship of time and talent*

**Counters:**

**June 5:** Norma Peruski, Ann Ympa, Luci Kubacki

**June 12:** Ann Ypma, Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin

**June 19:** Barb Roggenbuck, Kathy Beaver, Rose Maikrzek

**4:00pm Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> St John**

**Lector:** Martin Kubacki

**EMHC:** Diane Smalley, David Eilers, Cathy Stacer

**Altar Server:** Kylie Keller

**Sacristan:** Del Czewski

**Ushers:** Charlie Briolat, Jim Czewski, Dennis Smalley, Virg Briolat

**8:30am Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph**

**Lector:** Lynn Talaski

**EMHC:** Lori Uhl

**Greeter:** Lisa Briolat

**Sacristan:** Steve & Lisa

**Ushers:** Steve Briolat, Bruce Uhl, Kerry Grifka

**10:30am Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> St. Columbkille**

**Lector:** Amy Sweeney

**EMHC:** Jerry & Val Fischer

**Altar Servers:** Laura & Sarah Romzek

**Greeters:** Clare & Maria Roth

**Gift Bearers:** Sadie & Jocelyn Fischer

**Ushers:** Terry Sweeney, Ray Maurer, Jeff Maurer



We wish to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of Colette Grekowitz, Michael Gucwa, and Dennis Goniwicha who passed away recently.

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



#### **Vicariate Sunday Evening Mass Starting June 4**

Vicariate leaders agreed that a weekly Sunday Evening Mass in our vicariate (10 parishes in Tuscola, Huron, and Sanilac Counties) would be a good outreach and EVANGELIZATION opportunity! Mass is not an "event", it's an "encounter" with our Risen Lord Jesus Christ! If you know someone who cannot attend weekend Mass due to work schedule, or someone who doesn't attend Mass for whatever reason, please tell them the good news that they can encounter Jesus at a new time for Mass. Also, this Mass may benefit those returning home on Sunday from vacation, etc. It is not meant to replace regular participation in one's parish community.

Note: Please bring your parish envelopes to be forwarded to your parish community. Loose cash will cover the cost of hosting this Mass, including music ministry, bills such as heat/AC, etc.

Time: 5:00pm (Starting June 4)

(based on survey from vicariate parishes)

Location: each Sunday at St. John the Evangelist Church (Good Shepherd Parish), Ubly.

Certain vicariate priests will be on a rotating schedule. We will offer this Mass until the end of September as a trial period and then evaluate. Thank you to vicariate parishioners and organists who have offered to serve on the liturgical schedule. PLEASE let Good Shepherd office know if you're willing to serve at this Mass.

Call 658-8824 or email

[bulletin@goodshepherd.diosag.org](mailto:bulletin@goodshepherd.diosag.org)

#### **Parish 10 Year Anniversary Celebration**

Good Shepherd "Parish Potluck Picnic"

In 2013 Good Shepherd Parish was born!

You are invited to help us celebrate this milestone.

Sunday, June 11, 2023, Parish Center, Ubly

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Knights of Columbus will provide brats & hot dogs. Christian Mothers will provide games for children. Please bring a dish to pass.

Lunch is served at 1:00pm.

Vicariate Sunday Evening Mass, St. John, 5:00pm.

#### **Food Pantry Needs Your Help**

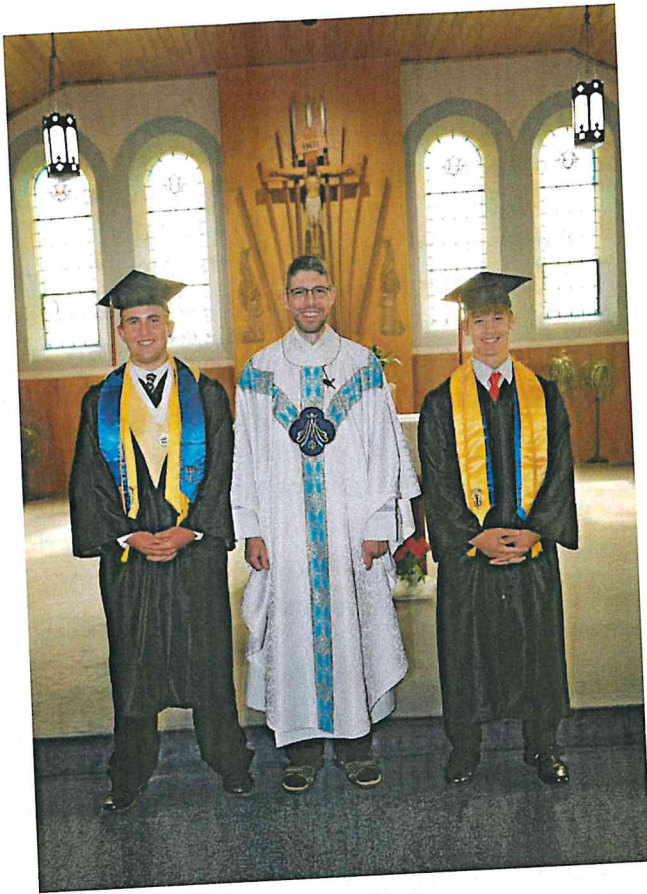
Please keep the less fortunate in mind when doing your grocery shopping. Our pantry is visited weekly, and our supplies continually need to be replenished. If each parishioner would add a few items in their cart each time they shop, our pantry would stay stocked. Not only are food items needed but also toiletries, soaps & laundry supplies.

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

#### **"THANK YOU"**

"The St. Joseph/St. Ignatius Cemetery has water available again. The original well was drilled by Frank E. Franzel Sr. around 1970. Last year the old electric pump ceased to work. That pump has been removed and replaced by a hand pump that is now operational. The entire project was completed at NO cost to the cemetery due to the generosity of Franzel Well Drilling. We want to express our great gratitude to Adam Tippett from Franzel Well Drilling for donating the new hand pump and the hookups for the well, and to Frank Franzel, Adam Tippett, and Phil Iseler for donating their time and talent to complete the project. It is greatly appreciated!!"





*Chaldean Church in West Bloomfield (one of the 21 Eastern Catholic rites. A persecuted church...)*

Beloved Son or Daughter of God our Father,  
**Happy Trinity Sunday!**  
***Come Holy Spirit!!***

*Above: Say a Hail Mary for all our graduates! Mother Mary, cover them with your mantle of prayer as they continue to follow your Son Jesus. Below: I visited Fr. Pierre Konja, classmate and pastor of St. Thomas*



**HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP GRUSS**  
 – Eucharistic Holy Hour for  
 Vocations will be at Good  
 Shepherd Parish, St. John the  
 Evangelist Church, Ubley at 7:00  
 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.  
 Please attend if you are able!



### **Some Holy Humor:**

Week after week, the man came to his pastor with a big problem. "When I go to bed, I can't sleep because I'm afraid of monsters under my bed. I know it's silly, but I can't help it."

The pastor recommended prayer, reading the Bible, singing hymns, keeping the lights on, but nothing worked. One Sunday the man came to church happy and well rested. He got the answer from his friend the carpenter.

"He told me just to cut the legs off the bed!"

### **"Baptism (Renewal) in the Spirit"**

Common effects of "baptism (renewal) in the Holy Spirit" include more love, joy, and peace; more hunger for prayer, for the sacraments, for reading the Bible, for serving others, etc. Prepare for your own renewal in the Holy Spirit by praying often, "Come Holy Spirit, through the intercession of Mary, and fill my heart!"

### **Learning Christ Prayer**

*-Rev. Bruno Hagspiel, SVD*

**Teach me, my Lord, to be sweet and gentle in all the events of life, in disappointments, in the thoughtlessness of those I trusted, in the unfaithfulness of those on whom I relied. Let me put myself aside, to think of the happiness of others, to hide my little pains and heartaches, so that I may be the only one to suffer from them. Teach me to profit by the suffering that comes across my path. Let me so use it that it may make me patient, not irritable. That it may make me broad in my forgiveness, not narrow, haughty and overbearing. May no one be less good for having come within my influence. No one less pure, less true, less kind, less noble for having been a fellow traveler in our journey toward Eternal Life. As I go my rounds from one distraction to another, let me whisper from time to time, a word of love to Thee. May my life be lived in the supernatural, full of power for good, and strong in its purpose of sanctity. Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Godparents**

Holy Spirit please stir up the graces of baptism in me and in my Godchild(ren), including [Name]. Help me, the parents, and the parish to be shining examples of love for Jesus and of proving that love by meeting Him in regular prayer, scripture, and sacraments. May I model for my Godchild(ren) the joy of regular Reconciliation, weekly Mass, and sacrificial service to my parish and community. Give me wisdom to guide my Godchild(ren) in all the ways God wants me to. May I pray for my Godchild(ren) every day. I ask this through the powerful intercession of your Spouse, Mary, and in the Name of Jesus, Amen.

### **"Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb"**

*-US Council of Catholic Bishops in 2011.*

*Please inform me if you know a woman or family in our community, Catholic or not, who would like to receive this blessing. Consider this act of love: think of a family you know right now who will soon welcome a new child, and pray these prayers for them, in your heart:*

*[For the child and mother:]*

God, author of all life, bless, we pray, this unborn child; give constant protection and grant a healthy birth that is the sign of our rebirth one day into the eternal rejoicing of heaven. Lord, who have brought to this woman the wondrous joy of motherhood, grant her comfort in all anxiety and make her determined to lead her child along the ways of salvation.

*[For the father:]* Lord of the ages, who have singled out this man to know the grace and pride of fatherhood, grant him courage in this new responsibility, and make him an example of justice and truth for this child.

*[For the family:]* Lord, endow this family with sincere and enduring love as they prepare to welcome this child into their midst.

*[For the parish:]* Lord, you have put into the hearts of all men and women of good will a great awe and wonder at the gift of new life; fill this [our] (parish) community with faithfulness to the teachings of the Gospel and new resolve to share in the spiritual formation of this child in Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. R/. Amen.

*\*Please send me pictures for this bulletin update!*

*Love, Fr. Nate*

### **“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 Adult Faith Formation. But you're invited too: OCIA/Adult Faith Formation is for all Catholics thirsting to understand their Faith. This fall we will begin OCIA/Adult Faith Formation. 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 the office to register.



### **Summer Camps**

**Quo Vadis Camp:** This action-packed two-day camp is open to young men who will be entering 9th – 12th grades in Fall 2023. More info: <https://saginaw.org/event/catholic-diocese-saginaws-quo-vadis-camp-experience>

### **Camp Sancta Maria**

Looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren? Check out Camp Sancta Maria located in Gaylord, Michigan. We are a Catholic camp that provides fun experiences in a technology-free zone (they won't even miss their cell phones!) while immersed in a faith-filled environment. We offer separate camping experiences for boys and girls that include daily Mass, horseback riding, swimming, archery, various sports, high and low ropes, campfires, crafts and more. For info [CampSanctaMaria.org](http://CampSanctaMaria.org) or call (248) 822-8199.

### **Mother Teresa Endowment Fund**

This fund serves families within the Diocese of Saginaw by providing funds which are distributed to local agencies that encourage those experiencing a crisis pregnancy to choose life for their unborn child and include; prenatal care and counseling, emergency assistance, temporary housing, infant safety equipment, parenting skills and education, adoption info and other basic needs. Due to the passing of Proposal 3 to legalize abortion up to the moment of birth, the fight to protect the dignity of life has intensified and your help is needed. Donations may be made to the fund by a check made out to the Diocese of Saginaw or online at <https://saginaw.org/helping-women-choose-life>.

### **Cancer Screening Health Fair**

June 9<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm

Screenings for the following:

Lung, Breast, Skin, Colon, Prostate,

Additional information available for other screenings.

Location: Hills & Dales Healthcare Main Campus, in the basement, Cass City



### **Good Shepherd Christian Mothers**

Doing spring cleaning? Save all the treasures you're getting rid of and donate them to our upcoming Christian Mother rummage sale.

This is a fund raising project for Christian Mother's.



## Michelle Banky's Testimony

I was baptized Catholic but the faith was not practiced in my home. I went to catechism in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in order to make my First Holy Communion. Since there was no instruction at home I didn't understand what I was learning. I remember my first Holy Communion but all I remember was the pretty white dress and the presents. I did not know what I was receiving at 7 years old. My parents did not attend church regularly; we went to church on Easter and Christmas. What my dad did do regularly was frequent drinking establishments. At eighteen years old, I was encouraged to drink alcohol and feed my flesh.

When I was 15 I was in a car accident with my friend, she was driving. I had chronic back pain after the accident. I drank and took doctor prescribed pain pills to help with the pain. I worked and graduated from college with a computer science degree. All while partying continuously.

At 30 years old I contemplated my life it felt empty and exhausting, working and looking forward to the weekend of partying. I walked into a Catholic church and said "If your there God give me a big hug and heal my back." Instantly I felt a big physical bear hug and my back pain was healed.

I was on fire for God, I started attending church. The priest asked me to help start a charismatic prayer meeting. I have been attending bible studies ever since and continue to experience many miraculous things. For example, the priest told me God provides, ask for something. I needed a new refrigerator. I went to Sears and picked out the refrigerator I would have bought. Almond, side by side, \$800.00. Then I went home and prayed for the refrigerator. I was looking in the newspaper want ads. An ad for a refrigerator popped off the page. I called the number and went to look at the Almond, side by side refrigerator. I asked the man how much he wanted for the refrigerator. He said "How much do you want to give me?" I said "I have \$135.00." He said "fine where do you want it delivered?" I said "Why are you selling it?" He said "I don't know I like it for my beer."

God has been providing for me, whenever I pray for something, ever since. Sometimes I forget to pray and run out and buy it. God wants to provide for me. It is not easy waiting on God but it is fun and very interesting to see how He will provide and solve my problems.

I have recently learned to sit in the presence of God in meditation. We are human beings not human doings. I am working on slowing down and asking Him before I sign up for things. I want to work for God and I'm learning it is better than working for myself. I must constantly remind myself to stop and ask God what He wants me to do. I am always forgetting and counting on myself. I know He's here and can provide everything I need, guide my every step and protect me. But the world says work for what you need, map out your life, lock your doors, have a cell phone. If you break down in your car what will you do? God says I will provide your every need; I will guide you if you let me, I will protect you and I will rescue you. Everything about God is counter cultural which is difficult. Be in the world but not of the world.

I try to stay in the day. Examine my conscience most nights. Ask God what He wants me to do most mornings. I have concerns but I try to trust. God is faithful and is never too busy for the littlest things in my life. I believe God allows tragededy to bring about His goodness. Had I not had the car accident/back pain. I would not have been on fire to learn how God works.

Yea I could be a Catholic Christian who goes to church on Sunday, thinks I'm a good person and live my life for myself thinking that's all God wants. I am here to tell you that is not it. That's the first step, it is a lifelong process of learning and going deeper. It's an exciting journey, don't stop seeking, growing, knocking and asking for more. God is waiting, he is not pushy. He has many gifts for each soul; don't wait till you die to find a pile of unopened gifts. His power is in each of us to the extent we are open to receive it.

## Religious Freedom Week 2023: Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom

- **Religious Freedom Week takes place June 22 – 29 each year.** It begins with the feast day of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, includes the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and ends with the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. The theme for this year is **Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom.**
- The USCCB provides “Pray—Reflect—Act” resources at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek)—one for each day on different religious liberty topics. These materials help people learn about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, pray about particular issues, and act on what they learn by advocating for policies that promote religious freedom.
- The Pray—Reflect—Act resources this year show the breadth of religious liberty issues of concern to the bishops. The Committee for Religious Liberty has collaborated with the Office of International Justice and Peace to raise awareness about the persecution of the Catholic Church in Nicaragua and conflicts and religious tensions in Nigeria. We need to be in solidarity with people throughout the world who suffer for their faith.
- Domestically, a major area of concern continues to be freedom for Catholic institutions, such as schools, hospitals, and child welfare service providers, to carry out their missions with integrity. In particular, the bishops are concerned about Catholic healthcare, as the Biden Administration proposed a cascade of changes to federal regulations over the past year that remove conscience protections from healthcare institutions and individuals.
- Some of those proposed regulations rescind rules that protect religious student groups on college and university campuses. These rescissions would leave student groups vulnerable to “all-comers” policies that, while well-meaning, can be used to prohibit religious student groups from ensuring that their leaders and members share their beliefs. The USCCB supports the Equal Campus Act of 2023, which would codify rules meant to protect the rights of student groups to operate in accordance with their distinctive missions.
- The Catholic Church calls the lay faithful to bring their faith to bear on all spheres of life, including their work lives. And Christians are not the only ones who should be able to live out their religion in a holistic way. All people should be free to allow faith to guide them in their daily affairs, even in work and business. A culture that embraces the divine gift of freedom will be one that makes as much space as possible for persons to participate in work life in accordance with their religious convictions.
- Religious Freedom Week is also highlighting issues that currently are taking place primarily at the state level. State governments have proposed laws that forbid “harboring” or transporting undocumented immigrants—even when the “harboring” is just providing a safe place to sleep, or the transporting is just a ride to Mass—which could essentially criminalize much of the Church’s ministry to immigrants. A nation that embraces the divine gift of freedom will respect the dignity of all people and allow the Church to carry out her mission to vulnerable people, including migrants and refugees.

- The right to maintain the seal of confession—or, clergy-penitent privilege—was upheld in what is possibly the first court case on the right to free exercise of religion in America, *People v. Philips*. Since the Philips case, clergy-penitent privilege has become recognized as a basic right. However, today, some governments are seeking to revoke the privilege in the hopes of exposing crimes against children and vulnerable adults. Indeed, it is essential that, to the extent it can, the Church work with civil authorities to ensure that criminals are brought to justice and communities are kept safe. At the same time, the government has no right to encroach upon this sacred communication. Clergy-penitent privilege is the recognition of the proper relationship between church and state and the right to free exercise of religion, not only for Catholics, but for people of all faiths.
- Another issue of special concern is the wave of attacks on Catholic churches over the past three years. Catholics are not alone in defending their sacred spaces. In Arizona, Native American tribes have been fighting to preserve Oak Flat, a space that has been used for prayer and worship since time immemorial, from being destroyed by a copper mining company. Attacks on sacred spaces, whether from political ideology or commerce, are harmful to religious freedom. A culture that embraces the divine gift of freedom will respect sacred spaces.
- This year, the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty, in collaboration with the Secretariat of Catholic Education and Our Sunday Visitor Institute, hosted a religious liberty essay contest. The competition was open to high school juniors and seniors. This year's theme is "Witnesses to Freedom." Contestants were asked to share the story of witness to freedom—a story of the people who inspire us. The top essays from the competition will be published during Religious Freedom Week.
- Connect with the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty. Text FREEDOM to 84576 and Sign up for First Freedom News, the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty's monthly newsletter.
- Through prayer, education, and public action during Religious Freedom Week, we can promote the fundamental right of religious freedom for Catholics and for people of all faiths.