



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
July 16, 2023**

**Sundays - 5:00pm at St. John**

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Exodus 1:8-14, 22, Matthew 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Exodus 2: 1-15a, Matthew 11:20-24

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12, Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Exodus 3:13-20, Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday, July 21<sup>th</sup>**

Exodus 11:10- 12:14, Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday, July 22<sup>th</sup>**

2 Cor 5:14-17, John 20:1-2, 11-18

**Sunday, July 23<sup>th</sup>**

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43

**In This Sunday's Readings**

“... The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field ... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” Matthew 13:24, 37-38

God sews us as “good seeds” – as the children of the kingdom. As those seeds, we must work to grow and help one another to be prosperous. God has given us the tools we need to cultivate our relationship with Him and live as He intends.

**Donation:**

In memory of: Colette Grekowicz

By Ken and Adrienne Clor and

Wayne and Marlene Mausolf

*May God grant her resurrection to eternal life*

**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 - \$5914.00

Loose - \$804.00

650 Parish Families – 112 envelopes used

**Mass Intentions for the week of:**

**July 15-16, 2023**

**Saturday, St. John : +Gerald F. Keating**

**Sunday, St. Joseph: +Kevin Messing and Michael Konn**

**Sunday, St. Columbkille: +Barb Harburg**

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:**

**July 22-23, 2023**

**Saturday, St. John's: +Linda Tishkoff**

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

**Sunday, St. Columbkille: +Ann Messing**

**Sunday, St. John: +Mildred McInnis**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

**Counters:**

**July 17:** Carol Beaudin, Kathy Beaver, Ann Ypma

**July 24:** Norma Peruski, Barb Roggenbuck, Ann Ypma

**July 31:** Kathy Beaver, Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin

**4:00pm Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> St John**

**Lector:** Beth Bauer

**EMHC:** David Eilers

**Altar Server:** Utah Gusa

**Sacristan:** Dave Eilers

**Ushers:** Virg Briolat, Jim Osentoski, Richard Trepkowski

**8:30am Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Joseph**

**Lector:** Denise Kubacki

**EMHC:** Lynn Talaski

**Altar Server:** Paul Guza

**Greeter:** Rob Walsh

**Sacristan:** Denise Kubacki

**Ushers:** Kevin Hessling, Kerry Grifka

**10:30am Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Columbkille**

**Lector:** Kevin Romzek

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

**Altar Servers:** Broden Peruski, Laura Romzek

**Greeters:** Kubacki Family

**Gift Bearers:** Bismack Family

**Ushers:** Ronnie Irion, Aaron Bismack, Steve Peruski

**5:00pm Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> St. John**

**Celebrant:** Father Stephen Blaxton, Holy Family Parish  
Sandusky

### **“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 Ubly/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 Ubly. This is completely confidential and anonymous –  
Call Jerry @989-550-9664.  
Jeff Maurer Grand Knight-Ubly/Sheridan Council-12850

### **July 18 – Mass for the Migrant Workers**

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.

### **Walgreens Protest**

The Bad Axe Walgreens is still seeking approval to distribute the abortion pill, Mifepristone. We need to stop them in their tracks and keep them from turning their pharmacy into an abortion clinic.

Join us on Thursday, July 20th from 5:00pm-6:00pm,  
Sunday, July 23rd from 12:00pm-1:00pm,  
Wednesday, July 26th from 5:00pm-6:00pm,  
Saturday, July 29th from 10:00am-11:00am.  
Come stand up for the unborn and be a life defender.

### **The Mother Teresa Endowment 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 visiting <https://saginaw.org/helping-women-choose-life>. For more information, contact Lori at 989.797.6652 or [lbecker@diosag.org](mailto:lbecker@diosag.org).

### **Baby Boomerang**

*The congregation of Good Shepherd Parish donated \$1,7557.25 to the Baby Bottle Boomerang. The Huron County Right to Life and Positive Alternative Pregnancy Center of Bad Axe will split the proceeds. Your donations will be used to defend the unborn by fighting to keep the abortion pill out of the Bad Axe Walgreens and by supporting moms that choose life. Thank you for your generosity.*

### **Michigan Right for Life**

The Michigan March for Life is November 8th at the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing. The rally is at 11:00am, and the march is at 12:00pm. **Go to [RTL.org](http://RTL.org) to RSVP for the march.** There will be free busing from St. Columbkille Church located at M-53 and Atwater Rd. **To reserve your free seat on that charter bus email Amy at [rtlsanilac@gmail.com](mailto:rtlsanilac@gmail.com)**



### **Come Adore our Lord !!**

Looking for volunteers to sit with Jesus for an hour on the first Friday of each month. Help is needed for the following Adoration hours:

11:00 am - 12:00 pm      1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm      2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Please contact Lori Uhl at 989-658-8146 or the Parish Office to schedule your time.

# CREATED - CAPTURED - RESCUED - RESPONSE



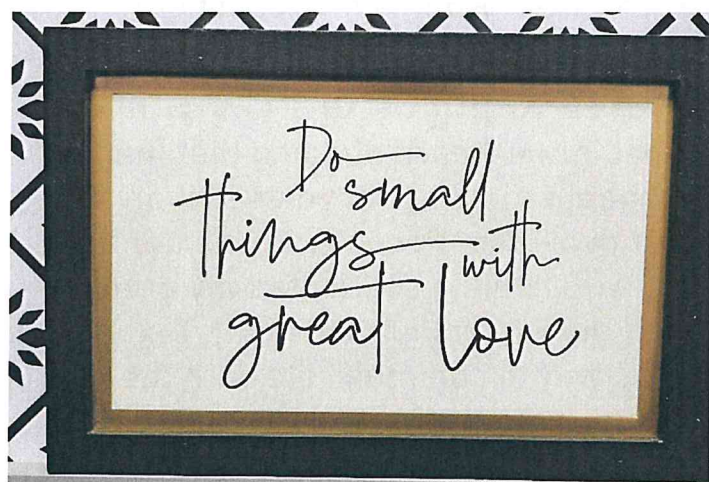
*[Holy Spirit, equip parents and Godparents of Noah Deer and Presley Brown to be shining examples of love for Jesus and His Church; Right: sign inspired by the words of St. Therese and Mother Teresa at the great new Christian coffee shop in Deckerville called Common Grounds]*

Dear Saint-in-the-Making,  
Last weekend Jesus invited you and me, *"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest..."* Sometimes people don't realize the burdens they're carrying until they go to Adoration and sit in silence before Jesus. He will take your burdens from you and gives you rest. And often you experience the gift of healing, as you feel relief, knowing that He's present, He loves you, and He will take care of everything. Stop in to visit Jesus in Adoration at St. John Church each Friday from 9:30-10:30am, and each 1<sup>st</sup> Friday from 9:30am-4pm. He will give you rest!

Last weekend Gospel Jesus also told us, *"Father... although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you*

*have revealed them to little ones."* Henry, a prisoner I speak to on the phone weekly, told me last night about a story he invented: A man came and knocked on the door of one house. They wouldn't let them in. The man knocked on the door of another house. They would not let him in. Finally, he knocked on the door of a third house. It was a poor person, and he let him in. Who was the man? Jesus!" Little ones are those who let Jesus into the door of their hearts! He is knocking daily...

He also says, *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."* What is His yoke? Discipleship; making Him our everything. Exercising, picking rocks, pulling weeds, serving others, etc. can feel like burdens. But doing it next to someone is much easier. Jesus is next to us, and wants us to live our lives next to him, with him!



Regarding the title of this update, CREATED - CAPTURED- RESCUED- RESPONSE, it helps us to remember and to share the Gospel with others. I intend to repeat the acronym CCRR over and over to

our parish, because "Repetition is the mother of learning." From ThoughtCo.com: *"The brain's neural networks form, store, and re-form information into long-term memory that can be recalled like files on a computer or tablet. In order for a new vocabulary word to make the journey into the brain's long term memory, a student must be exposed to the word in timed intervals; 17 timed intervals to be exact."*

I hope we ALL memorize CCRR and what each letter stands for, so we can share the Gospel with others: family, grandchildren, friends, waitresses, whomever the Holy Spirit inspires! Homilies about CCRR are available at goodshepherdubly.com. Download the HALLOW app and listen to Fr. John Riccardo preach on CCRR!

CREATED: Why is there something rather than nothing?

CAPTURED: What the hell happened? Why is everything so messed up?

RESCUED: What has God done about it?

RESPONSE: What is my response?

### Praise Report from Parishioner:

"I had never heard of doing that [name evangelization] but have used it on the grandchildren. Recently it was the feast day of St. Phillip so I texted my grandson with the info [about the saint]. Texting is a good way to communicate with the younger generation."

### Praise Report from a

Parishioner's Relative: "...I've had dreams where there felt like an evil presence in my dream. It started off as an invisible evil tug on me in the dream and

wouldn't let go and I could see myself in the dream. My mom... helped me learn how to handle the dreams which I initially blew off. Whenever in distress if I forgot what to do, I would start to call for God or Jesus - anything holy - it definitely is all that needs to be done. I've taught [my child] to do the same..."

### St. Paul Street Evangelization

If you're interested in ways to "acknowledge Jesus before others", a wonderful, proven way is through the method developed by St. Paul Street Evangelization. At fairs, events, etc. we set up a table and put out rosaries and brochures and invite people to share their faith. Then we look for chances to gently share our faith and pray with people for their needs on the spot, so that they can encounter the love of Jesus for them. If interested in participating in the thumb area this year, please contact Fr. Nate.

### "Wisdom from the Word"

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" (Prov. 3:5)*

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

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

## GREG GUZA'S TESTIMONY

July 2023

Who wants to be rich? Who among us desires financial freedom? Who feels financially burdened? Like you can't get ahead, caught up, or even keep your head above water? Being self-employed with a large family for the last thirty years has given me opportunity to wonder where God is at times. Looking back over the years, two particular years come to mind. The first was ten years ago when I was needed at home for half the summer. The second was five years ago when I was needed again for six months. In each of these occasions God somehow supplied greater income than the previous years! Unfortunately, this reality didn't sink into my soul, yet.

Only recently have I begun to realize that all these years I have been trying to do it alone. Thought I was so great that I could keep it all together myself. I realize now how I became a "work machine" for efficiency and profit!

Thankfully, God planned ahead and gave me a wife who is rooted in faith and relationships! By the grace of God, and her example, I'm beginning to grow in that direction. I still had to deal with the feeling that I had to do everything for everyone, that if the phone rang I had to answer it. I was giving work, my all, with the leftovers going to my family! Now that I finally realize it, what could I do to figure out the right way? Here again, God planned ahead! Fortunately for me, I was raised in the faith! The phrase, "It is better to give than to receive" came to mind. To give God my heart, my mind, my strength and to love my family! This helped me prioritize family and people over profit.

Additionally, when Covid hit and we were on lockdown, God put it on my heart to pray from the Magnificat (a monthly publication that has morning and night prayers and the prayers for Mass that day) as a family each morning. Why not? There was nothing better to do! The practice stuck and it is awesome! Praying the Mass and daily readings has helped me be in God's presence and likewise with the people in my life!

It was through this faith in God's providence that I was able to experience freedom from attempting to hoard wealth. In giving to the church and those in need, it has freed me from the grip of money. In giving of my time, it has freed me from thinking I need to work all the time. And in praying for others and joining in their sufferings or joys, I have felt Jesus' Presence. All the things that seemed such a sacrifice ended up giving purpose and new life!