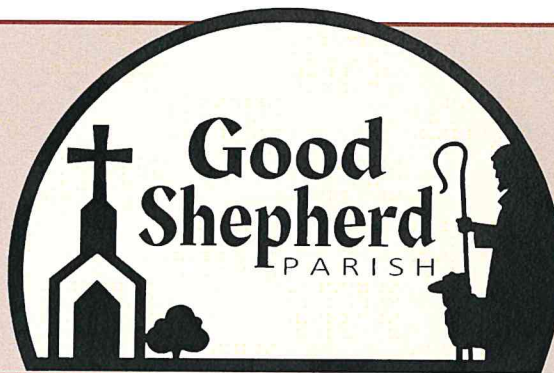


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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY (1st & 3rd of the month)

3:30 p.m. Meadow Lane, Bad Axe

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Parish Center Chapel

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. St. Columbkille

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. St. John

Adoration following Mass

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. St. John

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. St. Joseph

10:30 a.m. St. Columbkille

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Father's Office

THURSDAY

After 7:00 p.m. Mass St. Columbkille

FRIDAY

After 9:00 a.m. Mass St. John

SATURDAY

3:30 p.m. (Ask Fr. at door) St. John

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*“Oh Mary, conceived
without sin, pray for us
who have recourse to you”*



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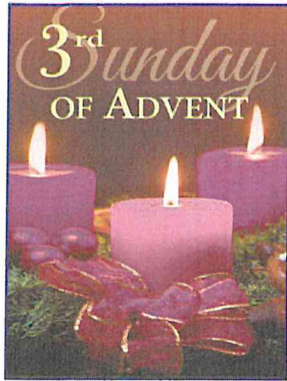
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December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent



Thurs. 7pm Mass at St. Columbkille is cancelled on 12/21 & 12/28

4th Sunday of Advent-Dec. 24th

No 8:30am Mass at St. Joseph

We will have 10:30am Mass at St. Columbkille

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th 4pm St John

Sunday, December 24th 6pm St Columbkille

Sunday, December 24th 8pm St Joseph

Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 25th 9:30am St Ignatius

Mass Readings for the Week

Dec 18 Mon: Advent Weekday (O Adonai)

Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25

Dec 19 Tue: Advent Weekday (O Radix Jesse)

Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25

Dec 20 Wed: Advent Weekday (O Clavis David)

Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38

Dec 21 Thu: Advent Weekday (O Oriens)/ Peter Canisius,

Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a/ Ps 33: 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/ Lk 1:39

Dec 22 Fri: Advent Weekday (O Rex Gentium)

1 Sm 1: 24-28/ 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/ Lk 1: 46-56

Dec 23 Sat: Advent Weekday (O Emmanuel)/ John of Kanty,

Mal 3: 1-4. 23-24/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 8-9. 10 and 14/ Lk 1: 57-66

Dec 24 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16/ Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 (2a)/ Rom

16: 25-27/ Lk 1: 26-38

In This Sunday's Readings

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18

How does a person "rejoice always?" What does it mean to "pray without ceasing?" To rejoice always, doesn't mean that we rejoice in evil, nor does it mean that we like suffering. A basic explanation is that in all situations we have a reason to rejoice, and that reason is Jesus and our belief that when we place our trust in God, He will provide. To pray without ceasing means that we always have our minds on the things of God, rather than the things of earth.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Let Us Give Thanks!

Total Weekend Sacrificial Giving –\$6119

Includes Loose of \$621

650 Parish Families – Envelopes Used 117

Mass Intentions for December 16 & 17, 2023

Saturday, St. John: Cletus and Shirley Guza

Sunday, St. Joseph: +Willard Kroetsch

Sunday, St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Mass Intentions for December 23 & 24, 2023

Saturday, St. John: +Marshall Briolat Sr.

Sunday, St. Columbkille: +Neil and Florence Sweeney and deceased members of their family members

Mass Intentions for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Christmas Eve, St. John: +Collette Grekowicz

Christmas Eve, St. Joseph: +Shirley Kroetsch

Christmas Eve, St. Columbkille: +Kathy Cregeur

Christmas Day, St. Ignatius: Good Shepherd Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Counters of Sacrificial Offerings:

December 18: Diana Briolat, Marge Briolat, Rose Maikrzek

December 27: Carol Beaudin, Ann Ypma, Barb Roggenbuck

4:00pm Saturday, December 23rd - St John

Lector: Martin Kubacki

EMHC: Debbie Osentoski

Altar Server: Kylie Keller

Sacristan: Rose Maikrzek

Ushers: Corey Kubacki, Whitey Pawlosky, Allen Peruski

10:30am Sunday, December 24th - St Columbkille

Lector: Amy Sweeney

EMHC: Dawn Stewart, Jerry Sweeney, Jermei Roth, Margy Shaft, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Trent Sweeney, Luke Roth

Greeters: Clare and Maria Roth

Gift Bearers: Volunteer

Ushers: Jeff Sweeney, Brayden Sweeney, Volunteer

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00pm Sunday, December 24th - St John

Lector: Jeanne Gusa
EMHC: Cathy Stacer
Altar Server: Utah Gusa
Sacristan: Dave Eilers
Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Bob Brahmer, John Guigar

6:00pm Sunday, December 24th - St Columbkille

Lector: Katie Sweeney
EMHC: Dawn Stewart, Jerry Sweeney, Kevin Romzek, Jacie Tyrrell, Michelle Banky
Altar Server: Luke Roth, Brynneleigh Bambach
Greeters: Bambach Family
Gift Bearers: Klee Family
Ushers: Dan Creguer, Myah Peruski, Camden Peruski

8:00pm Sunday, December 24th - St Joesph

Lector: Lori Uhl
EMHC: Denise Kubacki
Altar Server: Shirley Catalano
Greeter: Joann Izydorek
Sacristan: Denise Kubacki
Ushers: Bruce Uhl, Kerry Grifka

Christmas Day Mass

9:30 am Sunday, December 24th - St Ignatius

Lector: Justin Faber
EMHC: Rick Vogel
Altar Server: Volunteer
Greeter: Rod Walsh
Sacristan: Rod and Marilyn Walsh
Ushers: Volunteers

Faith Formation for All Ages

The Faith Formation program of Good Shepherd Parish:
St. John Ubyly: Wednesdays 3:15-5pm
St. Columbkille: Wednesdays 6-7:30pm
Youth Group Sundays 5-8pm at the Parish Center
Christmas Party on December 20th at both sites. Families are asked to bring a snack.
NO CLASSES for Faith Formation and Youth Group until January.
Family Nights: January 3rd dinner at 5:30pm. Program begins at 6.
Next Youth Mass: Christmas Eve Mass- St. Columbkille- 6pm
Adult Bible Study- contact Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088

Huron County Right to Life

The Huron County Right to Life is sponsoring a pro-life t-shirt design contest for teens. The winning designer will receive \$200 cash. The winning entry will be given out to all attendees of the 2024 Pro-life Teen Rally in March. Entry deadline is January 5, 2024. Please submit your pro-life t-shirt design with slogan to HURONRTL@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus

Ubyly/Sheridan Council #12850

All meetings are at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on the Second Wednesday of the month. We are always looking for New Members – call Jeff Maurer @989-553-4224. Our **food pantry** is available for anyone in need, located in Ubyly. This is confidential and anonymous – Call Jerry @989-550-9664. Jeff Maurer - Grand Knight - Ubyly/Sheridan Council #12850

Christ's Mission Appeal Update

We would like to thank everyone that has already made their pledge to CMA. As of December 8, we have received pledges/donations in the amount of

\$33,803.07.

***This is up \$5,370.00 from last week!!!
Thank you for your generosity and
thoughtfulness to the CMA.***



Please note that the office will be closed on December 26th.

Christmas Decorating

St. Columbkille – Monday, Dec. 18th – 6pm
Please offer to help with decorating at any of the churches if you are available.



“The Apostle St. Paul says, ‘The charity of Christ needs [urges] us,’ and without this fire, which little by little must destroy our personality [note: he likely means destroy our selfishness] so that our heart beats only for the sorrows of others, we would not be Christians, much less Catholics.



“Finally there is the apostolate of persuasion. This is one of the most beautiful and necessary. Young people, approach your colleagues at work who live their lives away from the Church and spend their free time not in healthy pastimes, but in vices. Persuade those unfortunate people to follow the ways of God, strewn with many thorns, but also many roses.

Getting an Advent/Christmas tree from Hilltop Nursery with help of owner Doug Guza; Lion Adrainne Maurer giving the Melvin Jones award to Lion Dave Keller; did you know the Lions Club motto is “WE SERVE”?

“But if every one of you were to possess these gifts to the highest degree, and did not have the spirit of sacrifice in abundance, you would not be a good Catholic. We must sacrifice everything for everything: our ambitions, indeed our entire selves, for the cause of the Faith.

Dear Saint-in-the-Making, Blessed Advent!
Recently I preached on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Many can relate to him, especially his passion for Mass, Adoration, evangelization, hiking, running, holy humor, and desire to love Christ with all of his being. His life shows us that seeking holiness and prayer and service of others brings the joy of Christ. I pray his words are inspiring for you, from a speech he gave, “To the Members of “Catholic Youth” of Pollone, Poland, in 1923:

“...there are three distinct apostolates. First of all there is the apostolate of good example. We Catholics must strive to have our whole life guided by Christian moral law. Then there is the apostolate of charity by going among those who suffer and comforting them, among the unfortunate and saying a comforting word to them, because the Catholic religion is based on charity which is nothing other than the most perfect Love.

“In order for our life to be Christian, it must be a continual renunciation, a continual sacrifice which however is not burdensome when only we think about what these few years passed in sorrow are, compared with a happy eternity, where joy will have no measure nor end, and where we will enjoy a peace beyond



anything we could imagine.”

To Jesus through Mary, Love, Fr. Nate

Spring Euchre Card Parties



Sundays in 2024:

January 7th

February 4th

March 3rd

April 7th

May 5th

Time: 1:00 p.m.

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EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Below are suggestions for examining your conscience in preparation for a fruitful confession. This examination focuses on the Ten Commandments and gives examples of the kinds of sins that tend to be committed against each Commandment.

- I. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have false gods before me.**
 - Have I rejected God's revelation as it comes to me through the Scriptures and the teaching of the Church?
 - Have I sought money, power, sexuality, or any other lesser good as if it were the supreme good?
 - Have I despaired of God's help? Have I taken for granted God's mercy?
 - I placed faith in superstition?
- II. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**
 - Have I disrespected the holiness of God or of things or persons dedicated to God?
 - Have I lied under oath or failed to keep vows made in God's sight?
- III. You shall keep holy the Sabbath day.**
 - Have I failed, through my own fault, to worship God by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation?
 - Have I kept Sunday holy by using it as a day for recreation with family and friends, for charitable activity, and for extra prayer?
 - Have I rested sufficiently to renew me for the work that awaits in the coming week?
- IV. You shall honor your father and your mother.**
 - Have I fulfilled my obligations toward my parents, especially in their advancing years?
 - Have I been respectfully obedient to those who are legitimate authorities over me?
- V. You shall not kill.**
 - Have I contributed to, or permitted in any way, the taking of human life through murder, abortion or euthanasia?
 - Have I done damage to another's health or well-being in any way?
 - Have I jeopardized my own wellbeing through the use of alcohol, drugs, or some other self-destructive behavior?
 - Have I acted in anger unjustly?
 - Have I wished ill fate to befall another?
 - Have I done anything that gives bad example to others that might lead them to sin?
- VI. and IX. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.**
 - Have I engaged in voluntary sexual intercourse outside of marriage?
 - Within marriage, have I engaged in sexual activity without regard for showing love to my spouse or without openness to the possibility of conceiving children?
 - Have I been sexually impure with myself or others?
 - Has my marriage been celebrated in the Catholic Church or with the permission of the Catholic Church?
- VII and X. You shall not steal. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.**
 - Have I respected the property of others?
 - Have I taken the goods of another or done willful damage to them?
 - Have I taken the intellectual property of others by taking their ideas without giving proper credit?
 - Have I deprived others of a just wage?
 - Have I failed to give my employer an honest day's work for an honest day's pay?
 - Have I failed to share my resources with those less fortunate than myself?
 - Have I been discontent with my own blessings from God and envied those of my neighbor?
- VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
 - Have I told serious lies? Have I gossiped?
 - Have I disclosed the faults of another without serious reason for doing so?
 - Have I willfully and maliciously damaged another's reputation?

SAMPLE PENANCES

Choose one of the following penances as a way of accepting God's mercy.

◆ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR ADULTS ◆

- Pray Psalm 51, 63, 72, 80, 122, 145, or 146 and reflect on its meaning in your life.
- Plan a visit or make a call to someone who is ill or alone.
- During the next week, spend an hour in prayer for those who are the victims of war or gun violence. Read Matthew 25: 31-46.
- Make a commitment to bring food to the parish food bank.
- As a family, prepare a basket of food or toiletries and give it to a family in need.
- Skip a meal at your favorite restaurant. Use the money to purchase a Christmas gift for a person served by a parish organization or local charity.
- Identify a person whom you have offended since your last confession and pray for them each day for a week.
- Pray the Our Father once a day for a month in thanksgiving for the joy of reconciliation.
- Reflect on one of the following Advent readings:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Corinthians 1:3-9	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
2 Peter 3:8-14	Romans 16:25-27

◆ SUGGESTED PENANCES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS ◆

- Every morning until Christmas, say a Hail Mary for peace.
- Reach out to a lonely person at school. Invite him or her to sit with you and your friends.
- Donate your next babysitting wages to the poor.
- For one whole week, do the dishes or set the table without being asked.
- Donate the money you would have spent on a video game to a local shelter. Send it anonymously.
- Share some of your Christmas treats with a schoolmate you find difficult to like.
- Give up some leisure time to shovel an elderly neighbor's driveway.

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