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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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# February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# (Feb. 14) Ash Wednesday Services Mass with Distribution of Ashes:

St. Joseph 8:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes:

St. John 5:00pm St. Columbkille 7:00pm

#### Mass Readings for the Week

Feb 12 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Jas 1: 1-11/ Ps 119: 67. 68. 71. 72. 75. 76/ Mk 8: 11-13

Feb 13 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Jas 1: 12-18/ Ps 94: 12-13a. 14-15. 18-19/ Mk 8: 14-21

Feb 14 Wed: Ash Wednesday. Begin Lenten preparation for the Easter Triduum. NOT a holy day of obligation. Day of fast (ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat (age 14 and up). Jl 2: 12-18/Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6ab. 12-13. 14 and 17/2 Cor 5: 20 --

6:2/Mt 6: 1-6. 16-18

Feb 15 Thu: Thursday after Ash Wednesday Dt 30: 15-20/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 9: 22-25

Feb 16 Fri: Friday after Ash Wednesday. Day of abstinence

from meat (age 14 and up).

Is 58: 1-9a/Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6ab. 18-19/Mt 9: 14-15

Feb 17 Sat: Saturday after Ash Wednesday/ Seven Founders

of the Order of Servites, rs

Is 58: 9b-14/ Ps 86: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Lk 5: 27-32

Feb 18 SUN: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9: 8-15/ Ps 25: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ 1 Pt 3: 18-22/ Mk 1: 12-15

#### <u>In This Sunday's Readings</u>

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31
Where does God fit in your life? Is He first or do other things like worldly comforts, money or social status take priority over God? Do you live your life God-centered or "you-centered" or "world centered?" If your actions are not God-centered, pray for the guidance to change to a more God-directed way of living.

#### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Let Us Give Thanks!

Total Weekend Sacrificial Giving –\$5303.00 Includes Loose of \$598 Envelopes Used: 129

Christ's Mission Appeal GOAL: \$60,171.45 Donations/Pledges to date: \$43,467.00 Thank you for your sacrificial gifts!

#### MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2024

Saturday, St. John: Good Shepherd Parishioners Sunday, St. Joseph: +Frank Lasceski Sunday, St. Columbkille: +Eugene Stewart Sr.

#### MASS INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 2024

Saturday, St. John: +Eugene Smalley Sunday, St. Joseph: +Shirley, Willard, and David Kroetsch Sunday, St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd Parishioners

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Counters of "Stewardship of Treasure":

February 12: Charlotte Baker, Carol Beaudin, Kathy Beaver February 20: Rose Maikrzek, Luci Kubacki, Diana Briolat February 26: Carol Beaudin, Ann Ypma, Barb Roggenbuck

4:00pm Mass: Saturday, February 17 - St John

Lector: Jeanne Gusa

EMHC: Cathy Stacer, Debbie Osentoski

Altar Server: Volunteer Sacristan: Del Czewski

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Bob Brahmer, John Guigar

8:30am Mass: Sunday, February 18th - St Joseph

Lector: Shirley Catalano EMHC: Lori Uhl, Paul Deo Altar Server: Paul Guza Greeter: Bruce Uhl

Sacristan: Bruce and Lori Uhl Ushers: Bruce Uhl and Kerry Grifka

10:30am Mass: Sunday, February 18th - St Columbkille

Lector: Amy Sweeney

EMHC: Dana Irion, Kevin Romzek, Jerry Sweeney, Dawn

Stewart, JaCie Tyrrell

Altar Servers: Broden Peruski, Sadie Fischer

Greeters: Clare and Maria Roth

Gift Bearers: Trent and Morgan Sweeney

Ushers: Ronnie Irion, Aaron Bismack, Steve Peruski

#### **Donations:**

In Memory of my parents Willard & Shirley Kroetsch In memory of David Kroetsch By De Ann Blank

May God grant them resurrection to eternal Life.

#### **Faith Formation for All Ages**

Faith Formation (PreK-9):

St. John Ubly: Wednesdays 3:15-5pm St. Columbkille: Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

Next Youth Mass: February 24, 2024- St. John 4:00pm

Next Family Night: March 6th. Dinner at 5:30pm

Adoration: February 21st. St John 4:30pm, St Columbkille

7pm. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED!

Youth Group (7-12 grade): Sundays (except 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) 5-8pm at Parish Center- check with Dawn for schedule changes Adult Bible Study: contact Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088

#### **Scripture Study**

We are going to be studying the Ignatius Catholic Study, *The Letters of James and Jude*. We will be meeting at our St. Columbkille Church, 6:30 pm, Mondays, Feb. 12, and April 8, 15, 22. Please come and join us as we enrich our faith. All are welcome. Any questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088, Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281, Karen Heleski 989-315-1267

#### Fundraising Team

Besides working on increasing stewardship of finances, parish leaders desire to start fundraisers. If interested in helping plan or serve parish fundraisers that also build community, please contact parishioner Michelle Stine at michelleborekdvm@gmail.com or (810) 404-9332.

#### St. Joseph Altar Society Euchre Party

Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 1pm at St. Joseph Hall in Argyle Admission \$8.00- Includes a light lunch and prizes Please join us for future Euchre parties on March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>

## Knights of Columbus Ubly/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 <u>food</u> <u>pantry</u> is available for anyone in need, located in Ubly. This is confidential and anonymous – Call Jerry @989-550-9664. Jeff Maurer - Grand Knight - Ubly/Sheridan Council #12850

#### **Pro Life Presentation**

Haili Gusa will be giving a prolife presentation on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at our Parish Center Gym in Ubly at 6pm. This 45 minute presentation with discussion and questions at the end will be given during our youth group meeting. Everyone is encouraged and invited to attend.

#### **Pro-life Teen Rally**

The Huron County Right to Life is sponsoring a <u>FREE</u> pro-life Teen Rally on Sunday, March 17th, from 2pm-5pm at the Bad Axe Middle School. Doors open at 1:30pm. It will be more interactive than ever before with ice breakers, Jeopardy, and Q&A opportunities. Please join us for an afternoon of friends, food, and fun. Register by emailing <a href="https://www.huronrtl@gmail.com">huronrtl@gmail.com</a> with your name, shirt size, and phone number or by scanning the QR code on the flyer at <a href="huronrtl.org">huronrtl.org</a>. Register by March 3rd to be entered in the early bird drawing. Have questions, contact Jeanne Gusa at 989-670-3315.

#### **Synodal Listening Sessions**

All the people of God are invited to join a Synodal Listening session to give additional input between the 1st and 2nd SESSIONS of the XIV General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Everyone is invited to attend one of the four sessions to be held across the Diocese of Saginaw: Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 PM, Good Shepherd Parish, Ubly Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 PM, Center for Ministry, Saginaw Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 PM, St. Mary University Parish, Mt. Pleasant

Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 PM, St. Gabriel Parish, Auburn Registration is requested, but not required at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cn66yqb">www.surveymonkey.com/r/cn66yqb</a>.

#### Catholic Rural Life Benefit Dinner

Will be on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30pm at Beagio's restaurant in Kingston. Bishop Gruss will be in attendance, as well as Jim Ennis, executive director of CRL in St. Paul, MN, Tim Steiff from CRL, and Bill Federspiel will be providing some entertainment. More information contact Tom Byrne (810) 338-2879 or tmbyrne88@gmail.com

#### **High School Oratory Contest**

Students in grades 9-12 are to research, write and present an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech on the issue of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research (including human cloning). Speeches must be typed in full and submitted with the contestant's application by April 4th. The local contest is April 6th at 2:00pm at the Bad Axe Steakhouse. Please contact Debra Ramento at 918-902-7881 for rules and an application. Cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 will be awarded at the local level. First place will advance to the state contest. The state contest will be held May 25th at St. Thomas Aquinas church in East Lansing with cash prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200.

#### <u>Ubly Lions Club 4th Annual</u> <u>Homemade Pierogi Sale</u>

Potato ~ Cheese ~ Sauerkraut \$13.00 a dozen. Pierogis can be ordered on Facebook or from any Ubly Lions club member through the end of February. In the following areas, you can contact: Ubly ~Adrainne Maurer (989) 670-6880, Cass City ~ Judy Keller (989) 670-1401, Deckerville ~ Justin Faber (989) 600-9009, Sandusky ~ Bryant Wilke (989) 737-4297



Saints-in-the-Making: Faith Formation Youth holding Mary's hand by praying the Holy Rosary; parishioners Mark & Debbie Powell's newly renovated shop downtown Cass City, called SugarHouse Sweets & Gifts- check it out! Bishop Gruss dropping the puck at the Saginaw Spirit vs. Ottawa 67's game for Faith Night at the Dow on Feb. 4!

Dear Saint-in-the-Making,
It's Superbowl Weekend. I pray that God
helps each of us to grow in love and
listening as we spend time with family and
friends, intentionally delighting in them
and putting their needs first.

May our God of purity help us to look away from any lust-inducing images in commercials and look away from immodestly dressed half-time show dancers (and turn TV off if needed to protect our eternal souls), etc. In other words, may God give us the virtue of "custody of the eyes". May God convert our culture from whatever is spiritually toxic, evil, unchaste, impure, and everything that leads to hell. May God flood our nation with the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Mary, Spouse of the Spirit, to wake up the Church to cooperate with the Good Shepherd in rescuing souls!

Imitate God: Entrust Yourself to Mary
Did you know that God wants us to imitate
Him by entrusting ourselves to Mary and
by depending on her as our Mother?

What did God the Father do? The Father entrusted Himself to Mary by giving her His Son. He depended on her to be Jesus' loving, protecting, teaching Mother.

What did God the Spirit do? The Holy Spirit entrusted Himself to Mary by, with her "Fiat", overshadowing her womb and making her the Mother of Jesus.

What did God the Son do? Jesus entrusted Himself to Mary by giving her His Son. He relied on her to be His educating, protecting, guiding Mother. He entrusted Himself to her and relied on her throughout His life, from child to adult.

On the Cross He gave Mary to us as our Mother. He wants us to imitate Him by entrusting Himself to her, relying on her, depending on her as a child depending on its mother, asking her for the gifts a mother gives: education, protection, support, encouragement, prayers, etc. He wants us to daily ask her to hold our hands and lead us to Jesus, as we hold her

hand by holding the rosary. "To Jesus through Mary." Pray often the prayer of Mother Teresa: "O Mary, be a mother to me now!"

A Farmer's Prayer
New Poem by Yours Truly
Till and plow our plots, O Savior
'til Your plans they follow
Thresh our pride and rot behavior
Refresh our hearts lying fallow

Sow, O God, your Gospel seeds That grow Your Spirit's fruit Pick the clods and rocks and weeds That won't let grace take root

Fertilize our souls, 0 King Yield bumper crops of serving Spray the bugs of doubt that cling So gnawing and unnerving

Irrigate what's dry and bored
And spade the thorns of sadness
Cultivate our wills, O Lord
To bear the cross with gladness
God...
Please sow...
Then I'll reap...
From both earthly...
And heav'nly lands...
The scrumptious produce...
And hundred-fold harvest...
Of abundant grace and goodness!
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St. Isidore & St. Maria, patrons of farmers, pray for all farmers, especially those experiencing flooding, drought, etc.!

How often do we eat spiritually? What if we only ate cereal for every

breakfast, a sandwich for every lunch, and spaghetti for every dinner? Would we get tired of it?

So many Christians eat this way, spiritually speaking. This Lent, add new entrees and side dishes to your "spiritual food menu": Eucharistic Adoration, the Holy Rosary, Lectio Divina, Magnificat magazine, etc.

#### Praying before Mass

If you've been blessed to come to Mass early today, and have some time before Mass, meditate on the <u>readings</u> of the Mass found in the hymnal in the beginning section. If you have more time, you can pray some of the prayers found on the back of the hymnal, or in the <u>prayers</u> <u>section</u> beginning page 330 in the hymnal.

Being Careful with What Words We Use Remember that we receive the "full Christ" whether receive only the consecrated Host, or only the "Precious Blood" also called "the Blood of Christ". Before the consecration, we call the gifts, "bread" and "wine". 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." Let's be extra careful with the words we use to refer to the Eucharist, out of love for Jesus and those around us.

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



The January meeting of Council 12850 of the Ubly-Sheridan Knights of Columbus was called to order at 7:00 by the Grand Knight. When called to order the Grand Knight led the group in the Lord's Prayer and the pledge of allegiance. There were 15 members present for the meeting. After the roll call the last month's minutes were approved. Motion to approve made by Eugene Mazure with support by Dan Creguer. The motion carried. The Treasures report was given. A Motion to accept the report was made by Joe Radomski with support by Dave Keller. The motion was accepted.

The bills were presented. A motion to turn the bills over to the trustees was made by Wayne Lang with support from Jerry Sweeney. The motion carried.

Our chaplain, Fr. Nate reported the formation of a priorities and envisioning team to explore the different ways to help and improve our parish. He also thanked the Knights for the operation of the food pantry as it has been a great blessing for our community. He asked us how he may help support us in this ministry. The Grand Knight suggested an idea of holding a summer festival to raise money for the parish. Not only would it help financially but also help bring the parish together in fellowship. Father to pitch the idea to the parish council.

Kevin Romzek, our program director, reported on the spelling bee winners. Certificates for the winners we be presented. A corn hole tournament is still being planned for late winter early spring. More info to be coming.

Grand Knight Report:

The add for the bulletin is due and the cost will be \$300 for 2024. A motion to pay the new price was made by Kevin Romzek with support by Dan Creguer. The motion passed.

The Grand Knight asked for e-mail addresses for those who like to receive the newsletter.

A huge thank you to those members that helped with the faith formation meal. The next meal will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please think about helping with this event. It is the last one of the season for us.

Next meeting is February 14<sup>th</sup>. This date is also Ash Wednesday. Please check the church schedule to be able to attend.

The Financial Secretary reported we are in good standing with Supreme Council.

The District Deputy reported that there will be a Diocesan meeting Jan. 24th at St. Stan's in Bay City. There is also a Tri-District meeting on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> in Lexington. There was some discussion on the need for new members. Dues statements will be sent out. He also talked about a new initiative called C.O.R.E. This is a program for all members of the community to discuss faith and the need to return to a Christian life.

Marvin Osentoski was named as Knight of the Month.

Prayers for the good of the order. Barb Keller, Betty Tracy, Dan Ulfig, Bob Van Erp, Holly Cooper, Brian Clark, Len Schumacher, Bill McNish, Harvey Lubeski, Elaine Mazure, Ed Cutlyn and Deb Cleland. We also prayed for the repose souls of Gayle Petera, Carl Keller, Melvin Leppek, Nancy Janik, Ed Kiehl and Kurt Belew.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting is at 7:00 pm February 14th.

Jeff Maurer Grand Knight Vivat Jesus!



Testimony: Lynn Talaski February, 2024

This is Lynn Talaski here to give my testimony of my faith that the good Lord is always watching over me. I have had many experiences in my lifetime that the Lord is always with me but one in particular has always warmed my heart. Some of you may remember my family was close to leaving me. First my husband Rod was T-boned in an accident on 12-14-1999 on the driver's side, thankfully he escaped with minor injuries. But because of his injuries he could not travel. Our Christmas gift to our children was to go to Disneyland, but was now put on hold.

But six days later on 12-20-1999 my three girls were in a serious accident which escaped serious injuries or death. The car was cut in half behind the driver's seat and the back half of the car wrapped around the pole. Luckily with the grace of God my daughter sitting in the back seat sat straight down on the pavement and how the vehicle that cut the car in half didn't run her over we'll never know.

She got an angel pin from faith formation that week and I told her to put it on her coat, I think that angel watched over her. More importantly all my family survived both accidents. We didn't get our Christmas gifts that year but more importantly we had each other.

That year gave us a different look on life and how precious it is and can be changed at any time. We did go to Disney later and had to buy two vehicles as they we totaled out.

I fully believe that if you pray and ask the good Lord for help you will get it -- maybe not in your time frame but his. I always pray for wisdom (to know what to do) and strength (to get thru whatever comes my way). We all have trials in life with the help of God we will get thru it all. God Bless you all.

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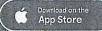
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