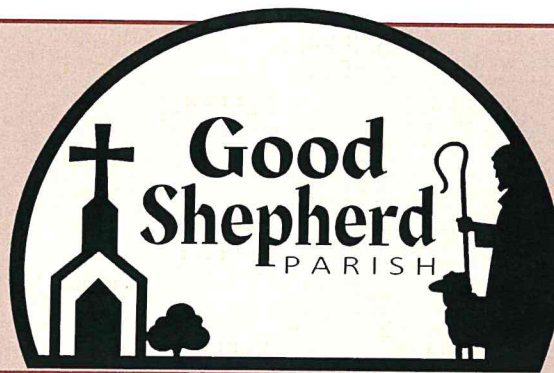


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Argyle, MI 48410

St. Columbkille
3031 McAlpin Rd.
Ubly, MI 48475

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY (1st & 3rd of the month)
3:30 p.m. Meadow Lane, Bad Axe

WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. St. John

THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. St. Columbkille

FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. St. John
Adoration following Mass
(on 1st Friday of the month until 4:00 p.m.
with 3:45 p.m. Chaplet)

SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. St. John

SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. St. Joseph
10:30 a.m. St. Columbkille

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY
9:30 a.m. St. John

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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and
Joseph,
I love you,
save souls!*

DECEMBER

Month of the Immaculate Conception

JANUARY

Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

NEW PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd Parish will be a community where every member is on fire with the Truth. We will be guided by the Holy Spirit and will be a force for God's mission. We will be strengthened through our worship, participation in the Sacraments, lifelong faith formation, study of the Word, and fellowship with one another, our neighbors, and beyond. We will show our love by being the hands and feet of Christ and sharing our joy with our community, our diocese, and our world.

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January 19, 2025
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**All Daily Masses/Confessions
 Canceled this week**

Mass Readings for the Week

**Jan 20 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Fabian, pp, mt/
 Sebastian, mt**

Heb 5: 1-10/ Ps 110: 1. 2. 3. 4/ Mk 2: 18-22

Jan 21 Tue: Agnes, v, mt M

Heb 6: 10-20/ Ps 111: 1-2. 4-5. 9 and 10c/ Mk 2: 23-28

**Jan 22 Wed: Day of Prayer for the Legal
 Protection of Unborn Children M**

Heb 7: 1-3. 15-17/ Ps 110: 1. 2. 3. 4/ Mk 3: 1-6

**Jan 23 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Vincent of
 Saragossa, d, mt/ Marianne Cope, v**

Heb 7: 25 -- 8: 6/ Ps 40: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17/ Mk 3: 7-12

Jan 24 Fri: Francis de Sales, bp, rf, dr M

Heb 8: 6-13/ Ps 85: 8 and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Mk 3: 13-19

Jan 25 Sat: Conversion of Paul, ap F

Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22/ Ps 117: 1bc. 2/ Mk 16: 15-18

**Jan 26 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
 TIME**

Neh 8: 2-4a. 5-6. 8-10/ Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 15/ 1 Cor 12: 12-30/ Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

In this Sunday's Readings

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." – 1 Corinthians 12:7
 God has given each one of us different blessings and gifts. We are called to use our own unique gifts in service of others. Reflect on how you are using your gifts. Ask yourself if you are using them to the fullest or if there are different or bigger ways that you can return to God by serving His Church and His kingdom on Earth.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Total Weekend Sacrificial Giving: \$6047.00

Includes Loose: \$621.00

Envelopes Used: 116

Christ's Mission Appeal- As of 1/10/25

We have raised \$31,797.00 of our target goal of \$61,716.00. Thank you for your stewardship! At the end of the appeal, whatever we cannot raise will be taken from parish savings.

Giving Tree Donations

Thank you for your generosity of \$2565.00 to giving tree this year. Your donations will benefit: Sale Place in Bad Axe, Eva's Place and MI House of Hope both in Sandusky.

Mass Intentions: January 18 & 19

Saturday at St. John: +Donald Kulish

Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners

Sunday at St. Columbkille: + Joseph Pichla

Mass Intentions: January 25 & 26

Saturday at St. John: +Michael Grifka

Sunday at St. Joseph: All parishioners

Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Kathy Cregeur

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:

January 21: Diana Briolat, Ann Ypma, Glorie McCarty

January 27: Carol Beaudin, Lisa Briolat, Kathy Beaver

February 3: Ann Ypma, Charlotte Baker, Bonita Guza

4:00pm Mass: Saturday, Jan. 25th - St. John

Lector: Carol Beaudin

EMHC: Debbie Osentoski, Dave Eilers, Rose Maikrzek

Altar Server: Grayson Guigar

Sacristan: Luci Kubacki

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Allen Peruski, John Guigar

North Entrance Greeter: Fr. Nate- *each week, another parishioner will hopefully offer to join the North Entrance Greeter.*

8:30am Mass: Sunday, Jan. 26th - St. Joseph

Lector: Paul Deo

EMHC: Shirley Catalano, Denise Kubacki

Altar Server: Paul Guza

Greeter: Steve Briolat
Sacristan: Shirley Catalano
Ushers: Kerry Grifka, Steve Briolat

10:30am Mass: Sunday, Jan. 26th - St. Columbkille

Lector : Youth Mass

EMHC: Joseph & Beth VanErp, Jeremy Roth, Karen Pichla, Dana Irion

Altar Servers: Youth Mass

Greeters: Youth Mass

Gift Bearers: Youth Mass

Ushers: Terry Sweeney, Ray Maurer, Jeff Maurer

"Lifelong Faith Formation"

(A quote from Parish Vision Statement- see cover)

Child Faith Formation (PreK-6):

St. John Ubly: Wednesdays 3:15-5pm

St. Columbkille: Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

Child OCIA: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 3:30pm at St. Columbkille

Family Night: February 5th dinner at 5:30pm, program at 6:15pm- *format revised for this year!*

Faith Formation Adoration: *All invited!* 3rd

Wednesday of month expect in January meets on the 29th at St. John- 4:30pm, St. Columbkille- 7pm

Youth Group (7-12 grade): We will meet 1st and 3rd Sundays at 3-5:30 at Parish Center- *check with Dawn for schedule changes*

Youth Mass: January 26th 10:30am Mass at St. Columbkille

Adult Faith Formation Offerings:

Adoration: All day Adoration until 4pm first Friday of every month; Holy Hour every Friday after 9am Mass

Scripture Study: (Meets in Fall & Spring) Mondays 6:30-8pm at St. Columbkille

Prayer Group: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month in the parish center chapel at 5pm

Adult OCIA: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 pm at St. Columbkille

Halls for Rent

St Joseph hall in Argyle, St Ignatius hall in Freiburg, and the parish center in Ubly are available for rent, including their kitchens. Please call the office for parishioner and non-parishioner rates.

Seeking Vocations Team Chair

Bishop Gruss has asked EVERY parish to begin a Vocations Team to implement activities and prayer to build a culture of vocations in the parish and in

family homes. Fr. Nate has a book of ideas; contact him if the Holy Spirit is nudging you to lead or help!

Charismatic Prayer Group

Next meeting: Thursday, Jan. 23, Parish Center chapel. Call Bonnie Guza for details at. 810-358-8444

Mats for the Homeless Workshop

It's that time of year again. We have started working on turning plastic bags into mats for the homeless every Tuesday at the parish center starting at 9am. Come see what it's all about and a good time to beat the winter doldrums.

FREE Pro-life Teen Rally and T-shirt Design Contest

The Huron County Right to Life along with Sanilac and Tuscola Counties are sponsoring a FREE pro-life Teen Rally on Sunday, March 2, 2025, from 2pm-5pm at the Cass City Jr./Sr. High School. Doors open at 1:30pm. Come find out what being pro-life is all about. There will be food, prizes, and breakout sessions. There is a t-shirt design contest in conjunction with the Teen Rally. The winning t-shirt designer will win \$200, and their t-shirt design will be featured on t-shirts given out to all rally participants. Visit www.huronrtl.org for more details.



Please welcome into our family of faith.

Rowan Elizabeth Deer

Daughter of Cody & Maria Deer

*May your parents, Godparents, and parish family
"keep the flame of faith alive in your heart"*

Daughters of Isabella Circle #608

Is having a euchre card party on the following dates:

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Sunday, May 4, 2025

They're held at the Senior Center 150 Nugent Road Bad Axe starting 1:00pm.

St. Joseph Altar Society

Euchre Parties

will be held at the St. Joseph hall in Argyle on the following dates:

January 26

February 23

March 23

April 27

Play begins promptly at 1 PM. Cost: \$10 per person
Prizes are awarded and a "Share the Wealth" drawing is held. A hot meal and beverages are included.
Come and have some fun!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The pain, shame, guilt, and betrayal of abortion runs deep and wide, but the unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness of God is available to all who seek Him. Anyone who has been impacted by abortion is invited to attend a retreat. Contact Beth at toheal4give@outlook.com or call 734.879.0427.

Below are the upcoming retreat dates:

February 28 – March 2, 2025.

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 Dave Keller at 989-670-3107. Our **food pantry** is available for anyone in need, located in Ubly. This is confidential and anonymous – Call Jerry at 989-550-9664.

Dave Keller - Grand Knight

Awakening Discipleship in My Parish: A Pathway to the New Evangelization

This workshop will give participants a framework for successfully building a group of missionary disciples within your parish who can confidently help people through the journey of conversion to become active disciples of Jesus Christ in today's world. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Join us for this workshop on Wednesday, March 12, from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM, at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw. To register and learn more, call Amy Dore at 989.797.6654. **Deadline to register is March 5.**

10th Annual WinterFest

Join us for this fun community event to ward off those mid-winter blues! January 25, 2025 Ubly Foxhunter Club doors open at 4pm, dinner at 6pm. Tickets: \$20/person and include dinner and all drinks (pop, wine, mix drinks, and beer). Come join us for a fun night of games, comedian and camaraderie!

Praise Report: Three Bills Fail


Contacting your legislators paid off!!! Thankfully these bills failed in the lame duck session in December of 2024. House bill (HB) 6068 which would have allowed sex education classes in our schools to teach children where and how to obtain an abortion and would have required teaching about sexual orientation, gender expression, and various gender relationships failed. HB 6077 and Senate Bill (SB) 1082 were identical bills which would have limited the choices that are presented to women to only abortion and would have withheld information on pregnancy supports and services, so women think abortion is their only option failed. Please contact Senator Dan Lauwers and Representative Greg Alexander to say "thank you for voting no on these bills."

Implementation Team Update

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: You're invited to read it and join fellow parishioners on Sunday Feb. 2, 1:00pm at the parish center to a Consecration Celebration, where we will pray the consecration prayer together and then celebrate with a pizza party. *If you cannot attend the celebration, there will be a chance to pray the consecration prayer after all Masses Feb. 1-2.*

Within each gift book, there is also a bookmark. Although it lists many important strengths and ministries of our Parish, we encourage the use of the QR code (*the icon in the lower left hand of the bookmark- or use the one below right now by pointing your phone's camera at it, then clicking the link!*). The QR code presents a unique opportunity to truly change the hearts of your loved ones who have fallen away from their Catholic faith. It will take you to a prayer request link, a confidential but powerful way to help your loved ones find their way back to the church through group prayer. Please utilize our prayer community to help your loved ones!




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Saturday

FEBRUARY 15, 2025

Horizons Conference Center

Hor'duerves at 5:00 pm – Buffet Dinner at 6:15 pm

Music and Dancing 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm

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TABLE OF 8 | \$600

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or by Contacting an
Event Committee Member

Mary Sullivan-Chair
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NO REFUNDS

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure”

(Pope St. John Paul II)

Diocesan Mission: “To courageously proclaim the transforming power of the gospel so that Christ Jesus may lead people to salvation through his healing, love and mercy.”
Our Weapons: evangelization, sharing CCRR, prayer, offered-up sufferings, Mass, Confession, Scripture, forgiveness

Dear Disciple, Happy Lord’s Day!

After researching the trends of our income/expense for our three cemeteries, what the 10 vicariate parishes rates are for cemetery lots, how much of the income each parish puts towards maintenance (lawn care, etc.) and perpetual care (in savings until the cemetery is filled up), and with encouragement from the diocesan cemetery office to raise our rates to a certain minimum, our Finance Council has decided to raise our rates, effective March 1, 2025. Until then, the current rates will remain:

*Parishioner rate for cemetery lots: \$350 (\$100 maintenance, \$250 perpetual care)
 *Non-parishioner rate: \$650 (\$100 maintenance, \$550 perpetual care)

As of March 1, 2025, the rates will go to:

*Parishioner rate for cemetery lots: \$500 (\$400 maintenance, \$100 perpetual care)
 *Non-parishioner rate: \$1000 (\$900 maintenance, \$100 perpetual care)

January: Respect Life Month

[From USCCB.org:]

“On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

“On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on

demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

“The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”: *In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.*

How to Participate on January 22

How observe Jan. 22 with prayer and penance? Pick from the ideas below or offer some other prayer or sacrifice that you feel called to do:

- Go to Daily Mass
- Abstain from meat
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet or Rosary
- Fast from social media or TV
- Offer A Prayer for the Unborn and their parents to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
- Sacrifice some of your free time and offer to God a small act of service for someone

Ministry Highlight

I'm grateful to our *Provident* Father for providing parishioners to create mats from plastic bags for the homeless, meeting each Tuesday morning at parish center with lunch! Do you know someone homebound? They can get involved! Contact Lori Osantoski or Luci Kubacki for info.



-To Jesus Through Mary, Love, Fr. Nate

12 Ways to Obtain a Jubilee Indulgence

Based on/quotes from article: <https://www.ncregister.com/news/jubilee-2025-indulgences>

The Vatican has detailed how to obtain plenary indulgences— removing temporal punishment (consequences) for sin through Christ’s merits— during the 2025 Jubilee Year.

Requirements: detachment from sin (even venial), confession within about 20 days, Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s intentions (e.g., an Our Father and Hail Mary). Each indulgence requires a separate Communion and prayer, ideally on the day of the indulgenced act. Only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day, but a second is possible if applied to souls in purgatory.

Ways to obtain the indulgence include:

Pilgrimages

1. National. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C (see article for details)... **2. International.** In Rome (see article for details)... OR

3. Close to Home. Visit any site designated for Jubilee pilgrimages by the local bishop. (Including our Cathedral of St. Mary in Saginaw!)

Eucharistic Visits

Pilgrimage Sites. At any site listed above, spend time in Eucharistic adoration, concluding with the Our Father, a Profession of Faith (Creed), and prayers to Mary.

Pilgrimages in Spirit

Those impeded by “serious reasons” — cloistered religious, the elderly, the sick, prisoners, caregivers — can get the indulgence by uniting spiritually with pilgrims, especially through EWTN or other media, and reciting an Our Father and Creed, “offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives.”

Works of Mercy and Penance

Formation. Participate in a study on the Vatican II documents or the Catechism, held in a church or other suitable place, “according to the mind of the Holy Father.”

Visits. Spend time with those in need — the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly, the disabled — “making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them.”

Fasting and Abstinence. In a spirit of penance, give up “futile distractions” (real or online) and “superfluous consumption” (through fasting, abstinence or almsgiving) for at least one day.

Defend Life and Volunteer. Support efforts defending life at all stages or helping abandoned children, struggling youth, the needy, lonely elderly or migrants. Do acts of community service.

Blessing. Receive the “papal blessing” from your bishop.

Catholic Teaching on Purgatory and Indulgences

Why do Catholics believe in the state of purgatory?

The Catechism states, “All who die in God’s grace, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” (CCC 1030)

Fr. Frank Sofie says, “**Purgatory** is not an anti-biblical doctrine; it is not unreasonable. It is a doctrine of comfort and mercy. Nor is Purgatory a late invention of the Church, as many Protestants claim. Evidence for belief in purgatory goes back to Judaism herself with the Maccabees. The earliest Christians believed in this state. As stated earlier, it is not till the Reformation that we find the first denial of purgatory. Scripture commands us to ‘keep the traditions’ that has been handed down to us (2 Th 2.15). If we are to be faithful to the Scripture, then acceptance of purgatory follows since, as St. Augustine shows, purgatory is part of that ‘tradition.’”¹

Pope Benedict XVI describes it like this, “Some recent theologians are of the opinion that the fire which both burns and saves is Christ himself, the Judge and Saviour. The encounter with him is the decisive act of judgement. Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation “as through fire”. But it is a blessed pain, in which the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God.” (Spe Salvi, 47)

Can purgatory be avoided? How do we avoid it?

St. Therese of Lisieux said to Sr. Maria Philomena, who thought it almost impossible to avoid purgatory, “You do not have enough trust. You have too much fear before the good God. I can assure you that He is grieved over this. You should not fear Purgatory because of the suffering there, but should instead ask that you not deserve to go there in order to please God, Who so reluctantly imposes this punishment. As soon as you try to please Him in everything and have an unshakable trust He purifies you every moment in His love and He lets no sin remain. And then you can be sure that you will not have to go to Purgatory.” When Therese discovered her novices sometimes said that they would probably have to expect to go to Purgatory, she responded, “Oh! How you grieve me! You do a great injury to God in believing you’re going to Purgatory. When we love, we can’t go there.”²

Myths about Indulgences³

Indulgences. The very word stirs up more misconceptions than perhaps any other teaching in Catholic theology. Those who attack the Church for its use of indulgences rely upon—and take advantage of—the ignorance of both Catholics and non-Catholics.

What is an indulgence? The Church explains, “An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment [consequences] due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain defined conditions through the Church’s help when, as a minister of redemption, she dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions won by Christ and the saints” (Indulgentiarum Doctrina 1)...

Catholics should not be defensive about indulgences. They are based on principles straight from the Bible. Pope Paul VI declared, “[T]he Church invites all its children to think over and weigh up in their minds as well as they can how the use of indulgences benefits their lives and all Christian society. . . . Supported by these truths, holy Mother Church again recommends the practice of indulgences to the faithful” (Indulgentiarum Doctrina, 9, 11).

¹ “Purgatory”, <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/purgatory-1130>

² <https://carmelitequotes.blog/2018/11/15/the-teaching-of-st-therese-of-lisieux-on-purgatory/>

³ quoted from <https://www.catholic.com/tract/myths-about-indulgences>; [brackets by Fr. Nate Harburg]

Myth 1: A person can buy his way out of hell with indulgences.

Since indulgences remit only temporal penalties, they cannot remit the eternal penalty of hell. Once a person is in hell, no amount of indulgences will ever change that fact. The only way to avoid hell is by appealing to God's eternal mercy while still alive. After death, one's eternal fate is set (Heb. 9:27).

Myth 2: A person can buy indulgences for sins not yet committed.

The Church has always taught that indulgences do not apply to sins not yet committed. The Catholic Encyclopedia notes, "[An indulgence] is not a permission to commit sin, nor a pardon of future sin; neither could be granted by any power."

Myth 3: A person can "buy forgiveness" with indulgences.

The definition of indulgences presupposes that forgiveness has already taken place... They deal only with punishments [consequences] left after sins have been forgiven.

Myth 4: Indulgences were invented as a means for the Church to raise money.

Indulgences developed from reflection on the sacrament of reconciliation. They are a way of shortening the penance of sacramental discipline and were in use centuries before money-related problems appeared.

Myth 5: An indulgence will shorten your time in purgatory by a fixed number of days.

The number of days which used to be attached to indulgences were references to the period of penance one might undergo during life on earth. The Catholic Church does not claim to know anything about how long or short purgatory is in general, much less in a specific person's case.

Myth 6: A person can buy indulgences.

The Council of Trent instituted severe reforms in the practice of granting indulgences, and, because of prior abuses, "in 1567 Pope Pius V canceled all grants of indulgences involving any fees or other financial transactions" (Catholic Encyclopedia).

Myth 7: A person used to be able to buy indulgences.

One never could "buy" indulgences. The financial scandal surrounding indulgences that gave Martin Luther an excuse for his heterodoxy, involved indulgences in which the giving of alms to some charitable fund or foundation was used as the occasion to grant the indulgence. There was no outright selling of indulgences....

How to Gain an Indulgence: To gain any indulgence you must be a Catholic in order to be under the Church's jurisdiction, and you must be in a state of grace because apart from God's grace none of your actions are fundamentally pleasing to God (meritorious). You also must have at least the habitual intention of gaining an indulgence by the act performed.

To gain a partial indulgence, you must perform with a contrite heart the act to which the indulgence is attached. To gain a plenary indulgence you must perform the act with a contrite heart, plus you must go to confession [within 20 days] (one confession may suffice for several plenary indulgences), receive Holy Communion [ideally on the day of the indulgenced act], and pray for the pope's intentions. The final condition is that you must be free from all attachment to sin, including venial sin. If you attempt to receive a plenary indulgence, but are unable to meet the last condition, a partial indulgence is received instead. *[Don't forget to offer the indulgence for someone: "The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead." (CCC 1471)]*

Below are indulgences listed in the Handbook of Indulgences *[see other options for the year 2025]:*

- *An act of spiritual communion, expressed in any devout formula whatsoever, is endowed with a partial indulgence.*
- *A partial indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly spend time in mental prayer.*
- *A plenary indulgence is granted when the rosary is recited in a church or oratory or when it is recited in a family, a religious community, or a pious association. A partial indulgence is granted for its recitation in all other circumstances.*
- *A partial indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who read sacred Scripture with the veneration due God's word and as a form of spiritual reading. The indulgence will be a plenary one when such reading is done for at least one-half hour [provided... other conditions are met].*
- *A partial indulgence is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly sign themselves with the cross while saying the customary formula: "In the name of the Father... [etc.]"*



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