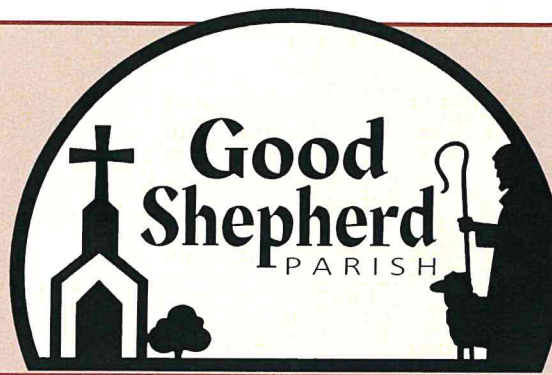


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1826 Cumber Rd.
Ubly, MI 48475

St. John
4476 N. Washington St.
Ubly, MI 48475



St. Joseph
4940 Ubly Rd.
Argyle, MI 48410

St. Columbkille
3031 McAlpin Rd.
Ubly, MI 48475

MASS SCHEDULE

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 / CONFESSIONS

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

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(CLOSED FRIDAY)

OFFICE PHONE: 989-658-8824

RECTORY PHONE: 989-658-8145

ST. JOHN CHURCH OPEN DURING OFFICE HOURS

FATHER NATE HARBURG, Pastor
Tuesday – Thursday: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
nharburg@diosag.org

JUDY BOOMS, Secretary
jbooms@goodshepherd.diosag.org

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FEBRUARY

**Month of the
Holy Family**

MARCH

**Month of
St. Joseph**

→ *Holy Father's February Intention:*

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

→ *Holy Father's March Intention:*

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tues. at 12:00 p.m.

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WEBSITE: goodshepherdubly.com

FACEBOOK: fb.me/goodshepherdubly

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Text BESTSHEPHERD to 84576

MAILING ADDRESS:

4470 N. Washington St., Ubly, MI 48475

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

1935 Hamilton St., Ubly, MI 48475

March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



(Mar. 5) Ash Wednesday Services
Mass with Distribution of Ashes:

St. Joseph 8:30am

St. John 6:45pm

Liturgy of the Word with
Distribution of Ashes:
St. Columbkille 7:00pm

First Friday All Day

Adoration 10-4

KFC Fundraiser on Thursday

Mass Readings for the Week

Mar 3 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Katharine Drexel, v, rf

Sir 17: 20-24/ Ps 32: 1-2. 5. 6. 7/ Mk 10: 17-27

Mar 4 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Casimir

Sir 35: 1-12/ Ps 50: 5-6. 7-8. 14 and 23/ Mk 10: 28-31

Mar 5 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

Mar 6 Thu: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Dt 30: 15-20/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 9: 22-25

Mar 7 Fri: Friday after Ash Wednesday/ Perpetua and Felicity, mts. 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

Mar 8 Sat: Saturday after Ash Wednesday/ John of God, rf

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

Mar 9 SUN: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dt 26: 4-10/ Ps 91: 1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15/ Rom 10: 8-13/ Lk 4: 1-13

Parish Cemetery Sextons

St. John: Bob Brahmer (989) 550-8766

St. Columbkille: Jerry Sweeney (989) 550-9664

St. Joseph/St. Ignatius: Rod Walsh (for inquiries, please call the office at this time)

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Envelope Offerings \$2,382.00

Flocknote Online Giving \$100.00

Loose Offerings \$265.00

Total Offerings \$2,747.00

Amount needed each week \$5,980.77

Weekly Budget shortfall or overage (\$-3,233.77)

Building Fund Donations (Current Project: St. John

Window Repair): \$9,371.15 towards goal of \$36,060

Christ's Mission Appeal- As of 2/12/25

We have raised \$34,407.00 towards our goal of \$61,716.00. Thank you for your stewardship in the past, and this year! At the end of the appeal, what we have not raised will be taken from parish savings.

Mass Intentions: March 1 & 2

Saturday at St. John: +Ronald Skipinski

Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners

Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Michael T. Sweeney

Mass Intentions: March 8 & 9

Saturday at St. John: + Sandy Peplinski

Sunday at St. Joseph: +Marshall Briolat Sr.

Sunday at St. Columbkille: All Parishioners

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:

March 3: Ann Ypma, Charlotte Baker, Bonita Guza

March 10: Lucki Kubacki, Lori Uhl, Debbie Osentoski

March 17: Diana Briolat, Ann Ypma, Glorie McCarty

8:30am Mass: Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5th - St. Joseph

Lector: Paul Deo

EMHC: Lori Uhl, Paul Deo

Altar Server: Shirley Catalano

Greeter: Lori Uhl

Sacristan: Shirley Catalano

Ushers: Not needed

6:45pm Mass: Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5th - St. John

Lector : Michael O'Parka

EMHC: Delphine Czewski, Rose Maikrzek

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Sacristan: Delphine Czewski

Greeters: Not Needed

Ushers: Not Needed

7:00pm Liturgy of the Word/Ashes Wednesday, Mar. 5th – St. Columbkille

Lector: Kevin Romzek

Distribution of Ashes: Gerry Sweeney, Kevin Romzek

4:00pm Mass: Saturday, Mar. 8th - St. John

Lector: Carol Beaudin

EMHC: Debbie Osentoski, Rose Maikrzek, Ann Ypma

Altar Server: Grayson Guigar

Sacristan: Rose Maikrzek

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Allen Peruski, John Guigar

North Entrance Greeter: Father Nate (and you?)

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

Lector: Michelle Stine

EMHC: Lori Uhl, Lynn Talaski

Altar Server: Alice/Courtney Stine

Greeter: Bruce Uhl

Sacristan: Bruce & Lori Uhl

Ushers: Kevin & Louise Hessling

10:30am Mass: Sunday Mar. 8th - St. Columbkille

Lector : Clare Roth

EMHC: Jerry & Valerie Fischer, Margy Shaft, Kevin Romzek, Michelle Banky

Altar Servers: Paige Sweeney, Courtney Kempisty

Greeters: Langley Family

Gift Bearers: Roth Family

Ushers: Terry Sweeney, Jeff Maurer, Ray Maurer

“Lifelong Faith Formation”

(See Parish Vision Statement on 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: March 5th dinner at 5:30pm, program at 6:15pm- *format revised for this year!*

Faith Formation Adoration: *All invited!* 3rd

Wednesday of month 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: March 23rd 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: 1st & 3rd 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

Scripture Study

We will be starting our Scripture Study on March 10th and ending April 28th. All are welcome to attend. We will be studying Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, The Letters of St. Paul to the Philippians, Colossians and Philemon. We will meet on Monday's at 6:30-8 pm. at St Columbkille. If you have any questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088, Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281, or Karen Heleski 989-315-1267.

Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry: Position Opening

We are looking to fill the Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry position for Good Shepherd Parish. If interested in this part-time position, please call the office.

Halls for Rent

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

Charismatic Prayer Group

Next meeting: Thursday, Mar. 6th Parish Center chapel at 5pm. Call Bonnie Guza for details at 810-358-8444.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Seeking Vocations Team Leader: Bishop Gruss has asked each 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 FULL of ideas; contact him to see it...

Seeking Arts and Environment Team Leader (Decorator) at St. Columbkille: The Lord is calling someone to help with "arts and environment", including decorating the sanctuary for liturgical seasons, working with the pastor and others. Let Fr. Nate know if interested, or invite someone to pray about this opportunity!

Good Shepherd Christian Mothers & Women

The next meeting is Tuesday March 4, 2025 at 6:30 at the Parish Center. This is an important meeting, please try to attend. Would appreciate as much input as possible! Any questions, please call Cathy Stacer at 989-551-3877. Thank you

St. Joseph Altar Society Euchre Parties

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

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!

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 2, 2025 serving 8am-12pm. TVO Hall 2153 Bingham Street Ubly. Adults \$10.00, Children (6-12) \$5.00, 5 & under-Free. Takeouts available- call Steve (989) 315-1226. Proceeds to support Area Veterans.

Young Adult Group

Starting March 7, young adults (18-35) are invited to the Youth Lounge in the St. Anthony (Helena) Hall throughout the Fridays of Lent for a book study. Time is after Stations of the Cross (which will take place at alternating sites at 6 PM. March 7 will be at St. Anthony). If you are interested in joining,

purchase the book "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Dr. Brant Pitre and come hang out!

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 at the parish center. This is confidential and anonymous – Call Jeff Maurer at 989-553-4224.

Dave Keller - Grand Knight

The Detroit Province Council of Catholic Women

The Detroit Province Council of Catholic Women invites all Catholic women to join them for a **statewide convention**, with the theme of *Rejoicing in Glorious Hope*, to be held on Friday afternoon and Saturday, April 25-26, 2025, in Grand Rapids at the Sheraton Airport Hotel.

The following speakers will be presenting for faith enrichment: Barbara Heil (missionary, teacher, evangelist), Sean Breeden (Ave Maria Radio), and Christy Buck (mental health expert). Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, Bishop of Grand Rapids, will be a speaker plus will be presiding at the Eucharistic Liturgy at St. Paul the Apostle Church. A banquet and entertainment by the Magic Carpet Theatre group will provide some "sister time."

Details are on the website: www.dpccw-mi.com. A poster is on display in the gathering space. For information, please call Rita Maher at 989-635-7072. The registration deadline is March 31.

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

Huron County Right to Life Spring Dinner

The Huron County Right to Life is sponsoring its annual spring dinner on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 7pm-9pm at the Bad Axe KofC Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm. Come listen to Lisa Gigliotti who is working to safeguard Michigan from physician-assisted suicide. Visit www.huronrtl.org for more details or contact Jeanne Gusa at 954-540-0174.

Lenten Silent Retreat

will be offered to all women of the Diocese by the Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw on Saturday, March 8. The retreat starts at 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8:30) and will end at approximately 4 p.m. The retreat leader will be LeAnne Osborn whose presentation title will be "Pilgrim Women of Hope." Meditation time, Mass, rosary, and Stations of the Cross will be included. The cost for the retreat is \$25 (in advance /incl. morning snack & lunch). Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) **before March 3**

Implementation Team (Every Parishioner) Update

Implementation Sign-up opportunities-see below. What goals are you interested in helping achieve?

Sunday Experience Opportunities

Please Join Good Shepherd Parish's 'Project 99' as we invite back the ones we love to our church .

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Parishioners are invited to sign up lost sheep, pray for them, and ultimately extend a heartfelt invitation to return.

Think of those you'd love to see beside you at Mass again.

There are three ways to enroll the "lost sheep."



1-Scan the barcode to add those we miss in our parish
OR

2-Email the name of the person you would like to invite back, your name, and your email address to GoodShepherdParish-Ubly@outlook.com OR

3- call the office with the information.

All information is **kept confidential.**

You will receive weekly updates and prayers as we join forces to bring back lost sheep.

"Community" Opportunities

1. We are doing a Lenten series with the movie "The Chosen." It will be shown several days and times each week so you can choose what fits your schedule. We will be showing Season 1 starting the week of March 10.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Ubly area	Saturdays	1:00pm
Ubly area	Wednesdays	6:30 pm
Argyle area	Tuesdays	6:30pm
Cass City area	Wednesdays	6:30pm

2. We want to formally welcome new parishioners and are in need of some donations for that and we also need help with a dinner or gathering periodically.

If you are interested in watching "The Chosen" or if you would like to help welcome new parishioners, we are doing sign-ups after masses each week or you can call Lori at 989-551-8391.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us each week during lent as we reflect on the Passion of Christ.

We will be doing the Stations of the Cross at St. John Church on Thursdays at 7pm.

We will start on March 6 and continue on the following dates: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, and 10.

“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure”

(Pope St. John Paul II)

Mission of Diocese: “To courageously proclaim the transforming power of the gospel so that Christ Jesus may lead people to salvation through his healing, love and mercy.”

Tools/Weapons: evangelization, sharing CCRR, prayer, offered-up sufferings, Mass, Confession, Scripture, forgiveness



Dear Disciple, Happy Lord's Day!

What are we doing in the photo above? Making our selves small and humble like Jesus, who comes to us in the small and humble Host in the monstrance on the altar! Also, we're imitating the many people in the bible who prostrated themselves in adoration of God the Father and Jesus by bowing to the ground.

Some Holy Humor

While participating in a church Christmas pageant many years past, I had the blessing to be chosen as the narrator. Each rehearsal went well and then on the night of the show, I, in a loud and penetrating voice, announced the gifts of the Magi as “gold, Frankenstein, and myrrh.”

A Favorite Verse from Parish Survey

The verse a parishioner chose:

Daniel 14:42 *Then [the king] pulled Daniel out [of the Lion's den], and threw into the den those who had attempted his destruction, and they were instantly eaten before his eyes.* The person wrote: “God's infinite power and how he saved a man named Daniel.”

What is one of your favorite verses? Let me know!

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week: Swiss Motor Sales
(see back of bulletin)

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Perfect Joy By Yours Truly, 2025

Based on Ch. 8 of The Little Flowers of St. Francis

Saint Francis of Assisi and his fellow friar, Leo
Through flurries, in their cowls, swiftly hurried to
Saint Mary's
The winter wind so cold, not face nor fingers could
they feel
Above the fray, prayed Francis, “Brother, heed!”

He bellowed, “If each friar glowed with holiness so
bright
While preaching or beseeching for their bread at
every home
Write down that this would not be perfect joy, nor
true delight!”
So Brother Leo wrote so in his tome

Without restraint, the tonsured Saint kept on, as
swept the rain
“O Brother, if each friar could restore the lame and
torn
Make straight the crooked, cast out demons,
dethrone the sinner's shame
Relieve all pain, give cheer to souls forlorn

“And to the mute, impute the pow'r to speak and
laugh and yell
But even if a greater deed than these could they
engage
To raise the dead, would not be perfect joy, the truth
I tell!”
This Brother Leo listed on his page

While mushing through the snow, his fervor flowed
all in a rush
“O Leo, if our brothers could each foreign tongue
speak well
And wield the Word of God, the devil's strongholds
strike and crush
See *into* souls, and future things foretell

If all the Friars Minor could with tongues of angels
speak
And had recourse to knowledge of the courses of
each star
Knew all the virtues of each shrub; each beast of fur
or beak
Yet such would *not* be perfect joy, by far!"

While striding, yet abiding in the Lord, up hills of ice
Il Poverello broke the silence, "If they preached the
Word
With talent to convert all infidels to love for Christ
'twould not be perfect joy! Think this absurd?"

The weary Leo wondered, til his query could not
wait
"O Father, teach me please, wherein is perfect joy
discovered?"
Soon Francis said, "If, when we reach Saint Mary's
convent-gate
All drenched and spent; all famished and snow-
covered

"If, when we knock, the porter at the gate
interrogates us
And questions who we are; when having told him,
'We're two brothers'
He answers hotly, 'What ye say is false!' and truly
hates us
Accusing, 'You're impostors, fooling others!'

"Ye take away the alms of poor ones; now begone, I
say!
And opens not, and leaves us stiff with cold to starve
till night
If we were to accept such hate with patience, not
dismay
Not ruffled, nor complaining in our plight

"But trusting with humility that the angry porter
knows us
And that it is our God who makes him speak and do
such things
If, when we rap again, again but wrath the doorman
shows us
And flings at us a lowly oath that stings

"Then shrieks, 'Begone, begone, ye wretched

thieves, now take your flight
For here ye shall not enter, no! nor eat, nor drink,
nor rest!
Were we to take with courage all these slights
without requite
O Leo, 'twould be perfect joy and blest!"

"If, mourning, starved, we knock once more, and let
our sorrow show
Imploring him with tears to aid us, for the love of
God
Instead, he rushes out with rage and rolls us in the
snow
And beats us with a knotted wooden rod

"If we would bear such pain with grace, remaining in
God's peace
While thinking on the sufferings of Christ, our God
and Lord
All this we'd share with love for Him, which sharing
would increase
O Brother, 'twould be perfect joy's reward!"

"Now note with care, O Leo, in your book, this tale's
conclusion
The greatest gift that Jesus gives His friends from
heav'n above, is the
The grace of overcoming self! 'tis misery's ablution
Accepting all for Christ, Who shares with love...

"...all thorns and undeserved scorn; all insults, light
or grave
For in His many other gifts we justly cannot glory
Such gifts come not from us, but from our Lord, our
souls to save
So says Saint Paul, whose wisdom crowns this story

"He asks, '*What hast thou that thou hast not gotten
from the Lord?*
*And if received, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst
not?*' (1)
Yes! in the cross of tribulation *only* may we glory
Wrote Paul, '*I boast save only in the cross...*
"... the cross of Jesus Christ our Lord' (2), Amen"

(1) 1 Corinthians 4:7 (2) Galatians 6:14
St. Francis and Brother Leo, pray for us!
-Love, Fr. Nate

Fellow parishioner,

Today, we want to talk to you about one simple but life-changing word: **YES**.

Throughout history, God has placed opportunities in front of His people—moments where He calls them to step forward in faith, to trust Him, and to be part of something far greater than themselves. And time and time again, the saints show us **what happens when we say YES to God's call**.

Think of **St. Peter**—an ordinary fisherman, flawed and imperfect. Jesus called him to leave everything behind and follow Him. Peter didn't have all the answers, but he **said YES**. And that yes made him the rock upon which Christ built His Church.

Or there's **St. Teresa of Calcutta**. She was already a nun, already living a life of faith. But God called her deeper—to serve the poorest of the poor, to be His hands and feet. She could have ignored that call. Instead, she **said YES**. And because of that yes, millions of lives were transformed by God's love.

Now, today, God is placing an opportunity in front of our Parish – You and I. An opportunity to remember that **we are not just members of a parish—we are disciples on a mission**.

Over the past year, Good Shepherd, with the help of an organization called Catholic Leadership Institute, has discerned a **bold vision: to be a community on fire with the Truth, guided by the Holy Spirit, and strengthened through worship, the Sacraments, faith formation, and community**. This is more than a vision—it is a call.

A call to say YES. A call to transformation.

Let's be clear—**visions don't happen by accident**. They come to life when **ordinary people say YES to our extraordinary God**.

That's where **YOU** come in.

Through Catholic Leadership Institute and with our Parish envisioning team, we have set six bold goals—goals with **strong timelines** to be completed by early 2026. (Goals & Plans listed on the back of the page)

These goals call us to rise beyond simply sitting in these pews—they invite us to step forward in faith, to say Yes. God is calling **YOU—will you answer?**

So today, we invite you: As we gather in worship this mass, take a moment to pray and ask God what He is stirring in your heart—calling you to play a special role in helping our parish fulfill its mission.

Goal #1: *At least 30 people become actively engaged members of a small discipleship group by March 2026.*

Plan #1: We are showing “**The Chosen**” series (Season 1) each week during Lent starting the week of **March 9** in various small in-home groups. There are sign-up sheets for people to choose the time/area that works best for them/

Goal #2: *All newly registered parishioners and new disciples who have been baptized or received into the Catholic Church at Easter will be formally welcomed by March 2026.*

Plan #2: We will be giving out **new member welcome baskets** to new parishioners. We would like to get the baskets donated as well as donations for Catholic Christian items to fill it. We have a list of items but are open for other options. We will also be asking people to help with a welcoming dinner or gathering.

Goal #3: *90% of the people at Good Shepherd Parish will report being spiritually fed through their participation in the Mass by December 2025.*

Plan #3: Upcoming Parish Event: Babies, Baptism, and Beyond

Building on the success of "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory," we continue to offer meaningful parish events. Our next event is celebrating baptism on **Sunday, May 25th at 12:30PM** at the parish center (childcare provided).

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We will also host special Sunday events, including: **Four-Generation Mass, Welcome Back Mass, and Memorial Mass** honoring those we've lost in the past year

Additionally, we need volunteers for **Greeter Signup & Training** to ensure a warm and inviting atmosphere for all returning members. Let's make our Parish a true home for everyone

Goal #5: *70% of registered parishioners will participate in at least one faith formation opportunity annually by March 2026.*

Plan #5: Expand, create and invite parishioners to small faith-sharing groups **focused** on Scripture, prayer, and discipleship

Goal #6: *75% of parishioners will report that they are growing as disciples by March 2026.*

Plan #6: Promote parish ministries that **encourage active discipleship** (e.g., mentoring, outreach, bible studies, RCIA)

Names on the stained glass windows at St. John's church. Are these any of your loved ones? Please consider donating to the stained glass window repair fund.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Block

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Brzezinski

John R. Bukoski

Joseph G. Bukoski

Mrs. Theakla Deachin

Mr. James Deachin

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Deachin

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Mr. & Mrs. Albert Janowiak

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