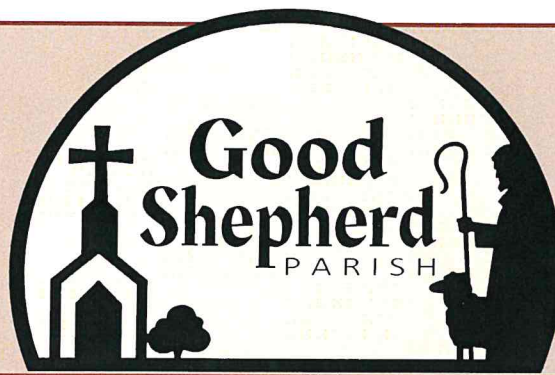


St. Ignatius
1826 Cumber Rd.
Ubly, MI 48475

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.

bulletin@goodshepherd.diosag.org

WEBSITE: goodshepherdubly.com

FACEBOOK: fb.me/goodshepherdubly

FLOCKNOTE UPDATES:

Text BESTSHEPHERD to 84576

MAILING ADDRESS:

4470 N. Washington St., Ubly, MI 48475

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

1935 Hamilton St., Ubly, MI 48475

March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent



Mass Readings for the Week

Mar 17 Mon: Lenten Weekday/ Patrick, bp, ms

Dn 9: 4b-10/ Ps 79: 8. 9. 11 and 13/ Lk 6: 36-38

Mar 18 Tue: Lenten Weekday/ Cyril of

Jerusalem, bp, dr

Is 1: 10. 16-20/ Ps 50: 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 and 23/ Mt 23: 1-12

Mar 19 Wed: JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY S

2 Sm 7: 4-5a. 12-14a. 16/ Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27 and 29/

Rom 4: 13. 16-18. 22/ Mt 1: 16. 18-21. 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a

Mar 20 Thu: Lenten Weekday

Jer 17: 5-10/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 16: 19-31

Mar 21 Fri: Lenten Weekday. Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).

Gn 37: 3-4. 12-13a. 17b-28a/ Ps 105: 16-17. 18-19. 20-21/ Mt 21: 33-43. 45-46

Mar 22 Sat: Lenten Weekday

Mi 7: 14-15. 18-20/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12/ Lk 15: 1-3. 11-32

Mar 23 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT. First

Scrutiny of the Elect.

Scrutiny: Ex 17: 3-7/ Ps 95: 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/ Rom 5: 1-2. 5-8/ Jn 4: 5-42. Otherwise: Ex 3: 1-8a. 13-15/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8. 11 (8a)/ 1 Cor 10: 1-6. 10-12/ Lk 13: 1-9

Parish Cemetery Sextons

St. John: Bob Brahmer 989-550-8766

St. Columbkille: Jerry Sweeney 989-550-9664

St. Joseph/St. Ignatius: Rod Walsh 989-996-0512

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Envelope Offerings	\$6593.00
Flocknote Online Giving	\$226.06
Loose Offerings	\$551.00
Total Offerings	\$7,370.06
Amount needed each week	\$5,980.77
Weekly Budget shortfall or overage	\$1,389.29
Building Fund Donations (Current Project: St. John Window Repair): \$10,228.15 towards goal of \$36,060	

Christ's Mission Appeal-

As of 2/25/25

We have raised \$35,057.50 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 15 & 16

Saturday at St. John: +Ernie Briolat

Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners

Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Jane Maurer

Mass Intentions: March 22 & 23

Saturday at St. John: +Gregory Grifka

Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners

Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Kathy Cregeur

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:

March 17: Diana Briolat, Ann Ypma, Glorie McCarty

March 24: Carol Beaudin, Lisa Briolat, Kathy Beaver

March 31: Ann Ypma, Charlotte Baker, Bonita Guza

4:00pm Mass: Saturday, Mar. 22nd - St. John

Lector: Delphine Czewski

EMHC: Dave Eilers, Tess Sullivan, Debbie Osentoski

Altar Server: Ricardo Fabian

Sacristan: Delphine Czewski

Ushers: Jim Osentoski, Bob Brahmer, Richard Trepkowski

North Entrance Greeter: Jennifer Booms (and you?)

8:30am Mass: Sunday, Mar. 22nd - St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Denise Kubacki, Paul Guza

Altar Server: Shirley Catalano

Greeter: Jo Izydorek

Sacristan: Denise Kubacki

Ushers: Bruce Uhl, Arnold Osentoski

10:30am Mass: Sunday Mar. 16th - St. Columbkille

Lector : Youth Mass

EMHC: Jeremy Roth, Karen Pichla, Dana Irion, Jerry & Valerie Fischer

Altar Servers: Youth Mass

Greeters: Youth Mass

Gift Bearers: Youth Mass

Ushers: Jeff Sweeney, Brayden Sweeney, Marv Osentoski

"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: April 2nd 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

Youth and Young Adult Adoration and Praise Service

Will be held March 23, 2025 3-4:30pm at Good Shepherd Parish St. John's Church in Ubly.

Adoration will lead by Father Kevin Wojciechowski. Father Nate will be available for confessions and worship will be led by John Mira. Refreshments and fellowship following in the parish center.

Thank You's

"Thank you and God Bless Chris David for finding my rosary." -from a parishioner

Also: Michigan House of Hope, HC SafePlace, Eva's place all sent thank you notes to our office for our generous donations from Advent Giving Trees. Thank you for helping "Jesus in disguise"!

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.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Next meeting: Thursday, Mar. 20th Parish Center chapel at 5pm. Call Bonnie Guza for details at 810-358-8444.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Implementation Team Update

(The entire parish is now the Implementation Team)

What goals are you drawn to help achieve? Please ask the Lord about it. Please pray that we reach our goals, because they are very important!

Parish Priority: "Community": Opportunities

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

Plan #1: 1. We are offering a Lenten series with Season 1 of the "The Chosen" series, watched and discussed within an in-home "discipleship group". Contact the office to sign up for one of these options.

<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

Parish Priority: "Sunday Experience": Opportunities

Goal #4: Every parishioner will invite at least one person to Mass annually by December 2025.

Plan #4: "Project 99" – Bringing Lost Sheep Home
We are laying the foundation to welcome back those who have drifted away. "Project 99" is an easy way to invite back loved ones to encounter Jesus present in our parishioners and in the Eucharist!

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

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.

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

Mats for the Homeless Workshop

You're invited to join us! We turn 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. Idle Hands? We have an elderly couple that cuts strips for us their home. You could help out by typing/looping the strips into the plarn balls (plastic yarn) for the crocheters. They work so fast we can't keep up! Once you see how to do it (which only takes minutes to learn) you can do this at your home while watching tv. Contact Lori Osentoski for instructions (989) 375-4281

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.

on the following dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10.

We will be doing the Stations of the Cross at St. Columbkille Church on Wednesday at 7:30pm.

on the following dates: March 19, 26, 27, April 2, 9.

Good Shepherd Christian Mothers & Women

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 6:30 at the Parish Center.

Our May meeting has been changed to May 6 so not to conflict with the Pastoral Council meeting on May 13. This will be our Potluck and Fun Night. Since we did not have a slate of officers for our elections at the March meeting, the elections are postponed to the May 6 meeting. Elections will be first item of business. New terms take effect June 1. Any questions or suggestions can be directed to Cathy Stacer 989-551-3877.

Daughters of Isabella Circle #608

Is having a euchre card party on the following dates:
Sunday, April 6, 2025, Sunday, May 4, 2025
They're held at the Senior Center 150 Nugent Road
Bad Axe starting 1:00pm.

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.

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. Join Fr. Nate and other parishioners in listening 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.

Young Adult Retreat

At this retreat, you will have the opportunity to jumpstart your prayer life, learn and practice how to hear God's voice more clearly and start a daily prayer habit, dive deeper into workshops on devotions, praying with scripture, and contemplative prayer, and encounter Jesus through Mass, Adoration, worship, :30and silence. Join dozens of other young adults at this retreat on Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch and

beverages. To register, go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4-12-25>

The deadline to register is April 10. For questions, contact Taylor Piotrkowski at tpiotrkowski@diosag.org.

Jubilee Men's Conference

April 5, 2025 from 8am-3pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church 1035 N. River Road Saginaw. To purchase tickets visit: www.eventbrite.com. Online only price:\$30. Pricing ends on March 25, 2025. Lunch included-Admission at door: \$35.

Walk-up registration starts at 7:30am priests, deacons and under 21 are free. Questions? Call 989 318-3150.

Respect Life Quote of the Week

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (The Gospel of Life 86).

Ubly Fox Hunter's Club Fish Fry

Friday, March 21st 3:30-7:30pm. Adults \$15, 12 and under \$5, 5 and under Free. Dine In or call 989 269-9382 to order take out. Meal includes fish, scalloped potatoes, French fries, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, macaroni salad, homemade bread, deviled eggs, rice pudding, and desserts.



“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure”

(Pope St. John Paul II)

Dear Disciple, Happy Lent!

Traditionally Catholics abstained from meat and meat byproducts, like eggs, during Lent but today in the US, abstinence is defined as not eating meat (so byproducts are allowed). Abstinence is only required on Ash Wed. and Fridays in Lent, for “members of the Latin Catholic Church (most Catholics in the US are Latin Catholics) from age 14 onwards.” (USCCB.org)

This sacrifice shouldn't be thought of as just a "rule", but as a loving share in Jesus' sacrifice in His honor. This sacrifice, like any suffering, shouldn't be wasted (St. JP II). It can be offered to Jesus with a short prayer of thanksgiving to Him for His sacrifice. Besides thanking Him, we can offer the sacrifice for a specific intention, such as, for the conversion or healing of a loved one. By our humble obedience to Mother Church, the Church Jesus promised to speak and govern through, we are counteracting the prideful disobedience of the devil. Also, we make "reparation" for our own sin and disobedience.

Some Holy Humor

The Christian barber had been thinking he should share his faith with his customers more, and one night in prayer he decided to witness to the first customer who walked in the next morning. Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, “I want a shave!”

The barber said, “Certainly. I’ll be with you in a moment.” He went in the back of his shop and prayed: “Lord, I’m going to witness to this man, so help me to know just the right thing to say!” Then quickly the barber came out with his razor knife in one hand and a Bible in the other while saying “Good morning sir. I have a question for you ... Are you ready to die?”

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week:

East Huron TV & Appliance (see back of bulletin)
Thanks to all our bulletin sponsors for making our bulletins possible by purchase of bulletin ads!
Whenever you call/visit one of the bulletin sponsors,

please tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin!

How does Mary appear and speak to us?

Mary yearns to “appear” and speak to us through women who reflect her character traits (which are also Jesus' character traits, since He learned them from her and Joseph), including her love and nurturing as she leads us to Jesus. I finished the audiobook *The Mary Pages*, and it touched me deeply. I emailed the author and thanked her for sharing her relationship with Mary. I was hoping for a closer relationship with Mary, and my hope was not dashed. She reminded me that Mary wants me to see her, hear her, and come to know her better through encounter with women like her!

Not longer after finishing the book, I was watching *Star Wars Episode 1*, the scene where Padme (the Queen in disguise) speaks to the young Anakin just after he had left his mother to be trained as a Jedi by Qui-Gon Jinn, likely never to see her again.

The moment Padme comforts Anakin, saying, “You miss your mother”, I saw Mary in her (I saw THE Queen in disguise), and realized Mary was speaking those words personally to me through this fictional character. I cried. You see, I lost my mother to cancer and her 2 year anniversary had just passed. Who knew Mary would “appear” to me and speak to me through *Star Wars*? (If there was some way I could share this story with the actress who played Padme, Natalie Portman, to evangelize her!)

“Visit” Jesus on Death Row

You may have heard on the news about the death penalty by firing squad recently in South Carolina. *Eternal rest Grant into him, our brother, O Lord...*
Inmates on death row are the most forgotten people in the prison system. I invite you to write a postcard to one or more of them to let them know that: we have not forgotten them; are praying for them and their families; or, whatever personal encouragement you might like to give them. If you like, tell them you heard about them (indirectly) via North Carolina's, “People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.”
Please write to: Russell Tucker #0413011 (On death row since 2/21/96)
Kenneth Neal #0495163 (2/26/96)
Elmer R. Mc Neill #0528622 (4/9/96)

---Central Prison P.O. 247 Phoenix, MD 21131

Note: Central Prison is in Raleigh, NC., but for security purposes, mail to inmates is processed via this address.

Fan the Flame of Hope for Heaven!

It's the JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE! St. Paul says,
"Seek what is above". Spend time regularly reading
about heaven in the Gospels in the words of Jesus,
or reading good Catholic articles about heaven! I
hope this poem I wrote fans your hope for heaven:

Heaven Will Be Boring If

My pal and I sprawled out, face up, the
heavens analyzing
Soft sandwiched 'tween the un-mowed green
and blue
The impish clouds performed their
acrobatics, mesmerizing
We pointed, "It's a horse!" or, "That's a
shoe!"

When ended that, up sat my friend and
asked, "Will heaven be boring?"
Tried keeping calm, but couldn't, not one bit
My inner eyes had pierced the skies to
realms of light outpouring
Therefrom, the unseen rays my face uplit

"Will heav'n be boring?" he stated again
Elated, I grinned, "Well yes, that is, if...
Deep-sea diving; Everest-climbing
Planet-soaring; star-exploring
"Einstein-Rosen wormhole"-finding, etc....
Are a bore!"

"Not bland or monotonous?" he cautiously
blustered
Smiling, I mustered, "No way! Unless...
"Michelin"-dining; "Grand vin"-winning
Story-sharing; singing, laughing
Friendship-making, gift-exchanging, etc....
Are monotonous!"

"It won't, then, be passively static?" he asked

Ecstatic, I laughed, then cried, "It won't, if...
Kingdom-building; brick road-gilding
Thanking, praising, Love-embracing
For the hellbound, interceding, etc....
Are not passive!"

"We'll never feel badly or lonely, I reckon!"
"Heck no!" I said gladly, "with umpteen new
friends, like...
Eve and Adam, garden-tending
Noah, bird and boa-nesting
Sarah, heavenly hostess-training
Jacob, coaching angel-wrestling
Paul and Peter, guiding, teaching
Forbears, Saints and angel fleets
Loved ones saved by grace-outreaching
She whose prayer the snare defeats
Mother, Queen; with care she'll mind us
Last to mention (but not least)
*The **One**, Who'll, from our tears, unblind us...*"
"You see, my friend? All loneliness and pain
unseen- *O Glory Be!*-
Will be...
... deceased!"

We started hiking; neither heard the striking
Parson's bell
Well lost in thought of celestial locales
Is Larson's humdrum heaven just as silly as
Larson's hell? (*The Far Side comic*)
Heav'ns Yes! We'd glimpsed a Glory plain
unboring

We'd felt a *good* despair that earthbound
hopes could quell that pain
That ache which points toward a higher
story
We'll claim that tale in tandem since
unclouded hope is gained
By boldly looking heavenward...
...As pals
-Love, Fr. Nate

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Toni (989) 823-4973

Melissa (989) 553-1304

Or visit our FaceBook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/huroncountysuicidepreventioncoalition>



HURON COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION



We are excited to announce our first-ever Designer Purse and Power Tool Bingo Fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, April 12, from 1 PM to 4 PM. This event aims to raise funds for two vital causes: Thumb Blessing Boxes and the Huron County Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Thumb Blessing Boxes is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has grown significantly over the past five years, positively impacting lives throughout the Thumb Region with over 45 blessing boxes in Huron and Tuscola County. These boxes provide non-perishable foods, cleaning products, and hygiene items, available 24/7 to those in need. The Huron County Suicide Prevention Coalition works tirelessly to promote mental health awareness and support those affected by suicide.

We are reaching out to local businesses and organizations to request donations for our fundraiser. We are seeking:

- Designer purses
- Power tools
- Monetary contributions towards these items
- Door prizes (e.g., gift cards, baskets, smaller tools, and purses/wallets)

Your generous support will help us make this event a success and provide much-needed resources to our community. Donations can be picked up by our team or dropped off at Huron Behavioral Health.

For further information or to arrange a donation, please contact one of the members of the Suicide Coalition:

Toni Binkley: 989-823-4973

Melissa Deming: 989-553-1304

Mary Greyerbiehl: 586-596-8064

Shelly Grifka: 989-550-2367

Angela Thomson 989-269-9293, ext.150

Jackie

Brandon

Sheila Truemner: 989-551-4351

Thank you for considering our request. Your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Huron County Suicide Prevention Coalition & Thumb Blessing Boxes

Feeding Our Faith

Mar./Apr. Issue 2025

A newsletter brought to you by the Catholic COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MID-MICHIGAN

Our Mission, Your Legacy

For nearly 20 years, the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan has been serving the region by responsibly managing the gifts of the faithful. Our mission is to financially support the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our Catholic community. By stewarding the resources of Catholic individuals, families, parishes, and institutions, we strive to enlighten Catholics of the joy that comes from expressing faith through giving. Together with our donors and partners, we hold an unshakable belief in the future of a thriving Catholic community in the Diocese of Saginaw.

The Catholic Community Foundation is truly a philanthropic ministry made up of individuals dedicated to serving others. Our Board of Trustees and staff have seen the impact we make in our community. In 2024 alone, the Catholic Community Foundation disbursed \$1.7 million in grants to parishes, schools, and ministries in the Diocese of Saginaw. More than 120 students received almost \$100,000 in scholarships for Catholic education and post-secondary education. Endowments, grants, and scholarships managed by the Catholic Community Foundation help donors support the greatest needs in our community. Allocating critical funds transforms our schools, parishes, and community organizations. This impact would not be possible without donors like you.

\$1.7M
granted
in 2024

Kristin Smith,
Executive Director since 2020



The Catholic Community Foundation offers options for individuals and families in every financial situation. From making one-time donations to establishing a permanent endowment, the Catholic Community Foundation grows funds through socially responsible investment principles. “Your generosity enhances our mission and empowers the Catholic Community Foundation to meet the needs of God’s people,” says Kristin Smith, executive director. “It also serves as a testament to your faith and our shared Catholic mission to serve others.”

If you’re interested in donating stocks, bonds, or real estate, or listing the Catholic Community Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, we can help you build a giving plan aligned with your Catholic values—one that ultimately ensures your intentions will be honored for generations to come.

For more information, please contact us at 989.303.9200 or at ccfmm@ccfmm.org.

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Investment Forum 2025

Are you interested in understanding the Catholic Community Foundation's financial strategies? **Join us for our Investment Forum at Horizons Conference Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.**

The Catholic Community Foundation's annual Investment Forum is an opportunity to learn more about how your financial gifts are invested. Our nationally-renowned advisors from CAPTRUST will present their market trend projections for 2025, their financial strategies for the year, and their recommendations as the Foundation's financial advisors. This presentation from CAPTRUST will help the Catholic Community Foundation grow its assets under management—which currently total \$41 million.

The 2025 Investment Forum is also an opportunity to ask questions about setting up an endowment, managing an existing endowment, or donating to a donor advised fund. By understanding our investment strategy, you can better understand how your donation makes a significant impact in your community—both now and in the future.

This event is free and open to the public.



Registration for this event is required.
**Please scan the QR code or call
989.303.9200 to RSVP by April 23, 2025.**

2025 Quarter-At-A-Glance

April 1

Grant Applications Open

April 30

Investment Forum at
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June 30

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Our next event: *End-of-Life Seminar at Good Shepherd Parish of Ubly!*

Conversations about dying are never easy. The Catholic Community Foundation is here to help! Join us for a free seminar which will include an overview of pastoral care for the dying, legal considerations, and charitable legacy planning.

Saturday, March 29, 2025

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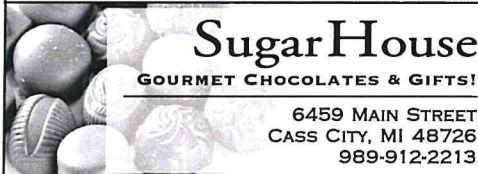
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