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### 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

5:00 p.m. .... St. John

### 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)

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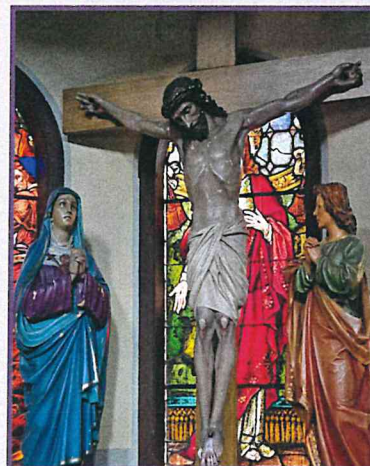
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## AUGUST

**Month of the  
Immaculate  
Heart of Mary**

## SEPTEMBER

**Month of Our  
Lady of  
Sorrows**

#### ➤ Holy Father's August Intention:

*Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.*

#### ➤ Holy Father's September Intention:

*For our relationship with all of creation – Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.*

### 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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## August 24, 2025 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 2025 Aug 24 SUN: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Is 66: 18-21 / Ps 117: 1, 2 / Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13 / Lk 13: 22-30*

### 2025 Aug 25 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Louis of France, mm/ Joseph Calasanz, p, rf

*1 Thes 1: 1-5, 8b-10 / Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b / Mt 23: 13-22*

### 2025 Aug 26 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

*1 Thes 2: 1-8 / Ps 139: 1-3, 4-6 / Mt 23: 23-26*

### 2025 Aug 27 Wed: Monica, mw M

*1 Thes 2: 9-13 / Ps 139: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab / Mt 23: 27-32*

### 2025 Aug 28 Thu: Augustine, bp, dr M

*1 Thes 3: 7-13 / Ps 90: 3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 / Mt 24: 42-51*

### 2025 Aug 29 Fri: Martyrdom of John the Baptist M

*1 Thes 4: 1-8 / Ps 97: 1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 / Mk 6: 17-29*

### 2025 Aug 30 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

*1 Thes 4: 9-11 / Ps 98: 1, 7-8, 9 / Mt 25: 14-30*

## Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

### *Let Us Give Thanks!*

Envelope Offerings	\$4,004.00
Flocknote Online Giving	\$ 244.80
Loose Offerings	\$ 221.00
Total Offerings	\$4,469.80
Envelopes Used:	114
Envelope Holders:	249
Avg. amount needed weekly	\$ 5,980.77
Weekly Budget shortfall or overage	-\$1,510.97
Building Fund Donations (Current Project: St. John Window Repair):	\$19,298.55 towards goal of \$36,060

## Christ's Mission Appeal

### *As of 8/13/25*

We have raised \$54,682.00 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.

## VBS Donation

The kids participating in VBS contributed \$276.80 which they chose to send to Texas Flood Relief.

## Mass Intentions: August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Saturday at St. John: +Tracy Lynn (Pallas) Rich

Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners

Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Alice Talaski

Sunday 5pm at St. John: +Roy & Margaret Shaft

## Mass Intentions: August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

Saturday at St. John: +Garret Peruski

Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners

Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Roy & Margaret Shaft

Sunday 5pm at St. John: Children & Catechist of GSP

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

### *Offertory Counters:*

**Aug 25:** Norma Peruski, Debbie Osentoski, Carol Beaudin

**Sept 2:** Lisa Briolat, Kathy Beaver, Ann Ympa

**Sept.8:** Norma Peruski, Lori Uhl, Glorie McCarty

### *4:00pm Mass: Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> - St. John*

**Lector:** Jeanne Gusa

**EMHC:** Delphine Czewski, Tess Sullivan, Cathy Stacer

**Altar Server:** Grayson Guigar

**Sacristan:** Delphine Czewski

**Ushers:** John Guigar, Virg Briolat, Rich Trepkowski

**North Entrance Greeter:** Fr. Kumar

### *8:30am Mass: Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - St. Joseph*

**Lector:** Paul Deo

**EMHC:** Shirley Catalano

**Altar Server:** Shirley Catalano

**Sacristan:** Shirley Catalano

**Greeter:** Jo Izadorek

**Ushers:** Arnald Osentoski, Steve Briolat

### *10:30am Mass: Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - St. Columbkille*

**Lector:** Katie Sweeney

**EMHC:** Beth & Joseph VanErp, Jerry Sweeney, Jacie Tyrrell, Dana Irion

**Altar Servers:** Sadie Fischer, Paige Sweeney

**Greeters:** Paige Sweeney

**Gift Bearers:** Bismack Family

**Ushers:** Dan Cregeur, Jeff Sweeney, Brayden Sweeney

### *5:00pm Mass: Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - St. John*

**Celebrant:** Father Kumar, Good Shepherd Parish, Ubyly

## **"Lifelong Faith Formation"**

*(See Parish Vision on cover)*

### **Child Faith Formation (PreK-6): Starts Sept. 3rd**

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

*St. Columbkille:* Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

**Family Night:** See you in the Fall

**Faith Formation Adoration:** *All invited!* 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday of month at St. John- 4:30pm, St.

Columbkille- 7pm during the school year

**Youth Group (7-12 grade):** Starting in September

**Youth Mass:** Oct 19, 2025

### **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. Contact Valerie Fischer (989) 553-3088

*Prayer Group:* 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month in the parish center chapel at 5:30pm

**Christian Initiation/OCIA:** Dana Irion (989) 553-0585



### **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

### **Scripture Study**

We will be starting a new book this Fall, Genesis, Ignatius Catholic Study. We will begin Monday, September 8 for 8 weeks @ St. Columbkille Church. 6:30-8 pm. If you have any questions or wish to order a study guide, please call Valerie Fischer 988-553-3088, Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281, or Karen Heleski 989-315-1267

### **The Huron County Right to Life**

**Volunteers Needed** for upcoming event

**Sept 6th** - Family Fun Day Booth 11am-3pm.

Contact Jeanne Gusa at 954-540-0174 if interested.

### **Lukulu Africa Mission Update**

Love for Lukulu will be having a mission recap on September 17th 2025, at 6pm at St. Agnes Catholic church in Freeland Mi. 300 Johnson St. We will be serving a Sloppy Joe dinner with salad and dessert. Free will offering will be accepted to help with the meal and supplies. Everyone is welcome to come and hear the stories and see videos from this years missionaries. We are excited to share our experiences and programs with you. We are also looking for people interested in going with us in 2026. Questions concerning dinner call or text Debi 989-295-3765, Questions regarding the Mission trip contact Tom Slivinski 989-295-4213

### **Faith Formation**

Faith Formation for K-6 begins on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This year we have updated family night with dinner and childcare. Keep a look out for more information in flocknote.

**St. Hubert Parish of Bad Axe** has an immediate opening for a Faith Formation Director. If you feel God is calling you to this position and enjoy sharing your faith with the youth, please call the office at 989-269-7729 or stop by Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm, Fri 8am-noon for an application and job description.

### **Celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony**

Bishop Gruss invites couples to receive a special blessing on their marriage at Mass on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at 2 p.m., at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Saginaw. Those married in the Church within the past five years and any couple who have celebrated or will celebrate milestone anniversaries (10, 15, 20, 25, 30 years, etc.) in 2025 are welcome to join this free event. A small reception will follow at the Diocesan Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss in Saginaw. To register, please contact Tammy Heinlein at 989-797-6693 or email [development@diosag.org](mailto:development@diosag.org) Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-come basis.

## **“Striving for the Narrow Gate”**

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

The readings of the 21 ordinary Sunday of the year challenge us to reflect on what it truly means to belong to God’s kingdom. They invite us to examine our welcome of the Gospel, our endurance amid trials, and our readiness to follow Christ—even when the way is narrow.

### **1. A Gospel Open to All**

Isaiah paints a vivid picture: God intends to gather “nations of every language,” sending them to behold His glory, even appointing some as ministers of His sanctuary. This is a God of broad mercy, transcending boundaries, bringing together people from every corner.

### **2. The Discipline of Love**

In Hebrews, suffering isn’t punitive—but paternal. God disciplines those He loves. While correction brings pain, it yields “peaceful fruit of righteousness.” We’re called to “strengthen drooping hands and weak knees,” forging straight paths even amid challenges.

### **3. Entering Through the Narrow Gate**

Jesus warns: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate,” for many who attempt will fall short. The door does not open on demand; kinship or familiarity won’t guarantee entry. Ironically, some who expect to be included will be turned away, while humble seekers from the margins will recline at table in God’s kingdom.

This stark imagery invites us to reconsider complacency and privilege. “We ate and drank in your company” will not suffice—what matters is wholehearted fidelity.

### **4. Bringing It Together: Welcome, Endurance, Fidelity**

- God’s invitation is universal, yet his kingdom demands more than mere attendance.
- Discipline and suffering are part of the formation, shaping us into vessels capable of receiving grace.
- Entry to salvation is not automatic, nor inherited—it must be earned through love, perseverance, and surrender.

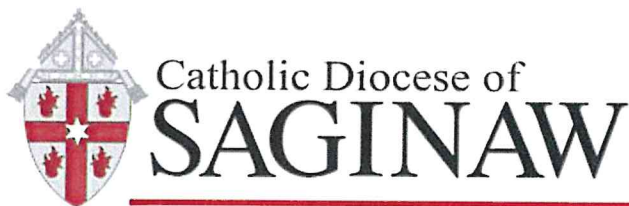


### **ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- An ordinary Catholic like you, who desires to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for adults and children/youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Dana Irion at 989-553-0585.

**Father Kumar**



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Date: Aug. 9, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace and blessings to you and your families.

I write to share an important update regarding the way our Diocese will participate in **the National Collections** established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). For many years, support for many of these collections came directly from the Diocese's **annual Christ Mission Appeal**. After prayerful discernment, consultation with the Diocesan Finance Council and leadership team, we have made a change to how we support these vital missions of the Church.

Beginning this fiscal year, individual parishes will be invited to participate directly in the National Collections throughout the year. These collections — ranging from support for the Church in Latin America, to outreach in the Holy Land, to assisting Catholic communication efforts — offer each of us the opportunity to take part in the Church's mission of mercy, education, evangelization, and solidarity across the globe.

This change offers several meaningful benefits:

- **You, the faithful, now can give more intentionally**, responding to the collections that resonate most personally with you and your family.
- **The collections are spread throughout the year**, allowing for more thoughtful discernment and less pressure on your household budget.
- **Parishes will receive materials directly from the USCCB at no cost**, including envelopes and brochures to help communicate each collection's mission and impact.
- **Envelopes are available through Our Sunday Visitor and** may be added to your parish envelope packets.

We are confident that this approach will not only honor the spirit of giving in our local Church but also deepen our shared commitment to the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world.

Further information about each collection will be made available at your parish and through the Diocesan Mission Office. While participation is not mandatory, I encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting these important efforts throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you live out your faith through prayer, service, and stewardship. May we continue to be a people of mission and mercy — at home, and throughout the world.

In Christ's peace,

**Most Reverend Robert D. Gruss**

Bishop of Saginaw



Catholic Diocese of  
**SAGINAW**



# **NATIONAL COLLECTIONS**

## **September 7 or 14, 2025 – Catholic University of America**

Since 1903, the National Collection – the only nationwide second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. – has been a critical source of funding for Catholic University.

## **January 25, 2026 – Church in Latin America**

The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

## **February 18, 2026 – Church in Central and Eastern Europe**

This collection provides aid by the Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe through bishops' conferences ... to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church.

## **February 22, 2026 – Black and Indian Mission Collection**

Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 140-year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States.

## **April 3, 2026 – Holy Land**

Pontifical Collection. Collect funds for support of the Holy Places, and for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

## **April 26, 2026 – Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses.

# NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

## **May 17, 2026 – Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**

The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press.

## **June 28, 2026 – Peter's Pence (Holy Father)**

The Peter's Pence Collection fulfills two aims set by the Holy See: (1) To support the Holy Father's mission...; and (2) To support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

## **TBD (Summer 2026) – Church in Africa**

Through the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa the Subcommittee on the Church in Africa provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa.

Please note that we will continue National Collections typically held in parishes each year, including:

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (March 15, 2026), World Mission Sunday (Oct. 19, 2025), The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (Nov. 9, 2025; held every 3 years), The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (Nov. 16, 2025), and The Retirement Fund for Religious (Dec. 14, 2025).

Go to [saginaw.org](http://saginaw.org) for more information.

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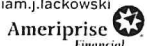
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