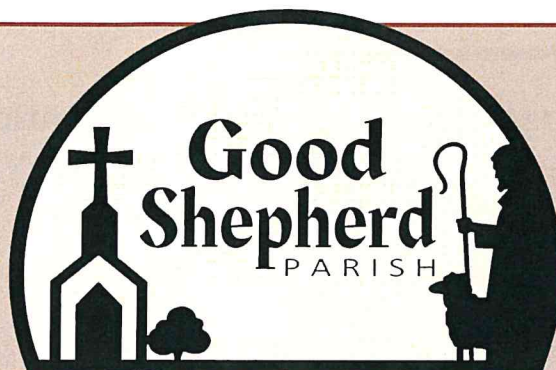


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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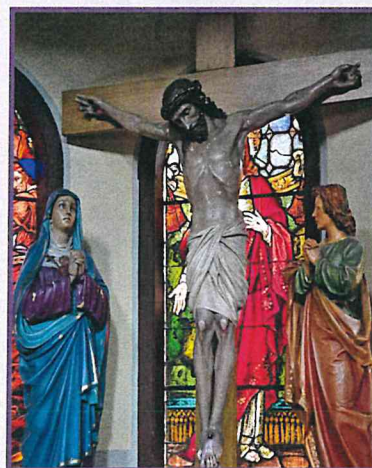
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AUGUST

**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.

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August 31, 2025 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2025 Aug 31 SUN: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Sir 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29/ Ps 68: 4-5, 6-7, 10-11/ Heb 12:
18-19, 22-24a/ Lk 14: 1, 7-14*

2025 Sep 1 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Labor Day

*1 Thes 4: 13-18/ Ps 96: 1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/ Lk 4: 16-
30. Labor Day Proper Mass: Blessing of Human Labor*

2025 Sep 2 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11/ Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14/ Lk 4: 31-37

2025 Sep 3 Wed: Gregory the Great, pp, r, dr M

Col 1: 1-8/ Ps 52: 10, 11/ Lk 4: 38-44

2025 Sep 4 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Col 1: 9-14/ Ps 98: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Lk 5: 1-11

2025 Sep 5 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Teresa of Calcutta, v

Col 1: 15-20/ Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 5: 33-39

2025 Sep 6 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

Col 1: 21-23/ Ps 54: 3-4, 6 and 8/ Lk 6: 1-5

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Envelope Offerings	\$3,834.00
Flocknote Online Giving	\$ 541.50
Loose Offerings	\$ 753.02
Total Offerings	\$5,128.52
Envelopes Used:	105
Envelope Holders:	249
Avg. amount needed weekly	\$ 5,980.77
Weekly Budget shortfall or overage	-\$852.25
Building Fund Donations (Current Project: St. John Window Repair):	\$19,578.55 towards goal of \$36,060

Christ's Mission Appeal

As of 8/13/25

We have raised \$55,182.00 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

We have opening for intentions at both our 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday masses. Please call the office.

Mass Intentions: August 30th & 31st

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

Mass Intentions: September 6th & 7th

Saturday at St. John: +Anthony Grifka
Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners
Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Roy & Margaret Shaft
Sunday 5pm at St. John: Pope Leo

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:

Sept 2: Lisa Briolat, Kathy Beaver, Ann Ympa
Sept.8: Norma Peruski, Lori Uhl, Glorie McCarty
Sept.15: Debbie Osentoski, Luci Kubacki, Marge Briolat

4:00pm Mass: Saturday, September 6th - St. John

Lector: Mike O'Parka
EMHC: Ann Ympa, Rose Maikzrek, Dave Eilers
Altar Server: Paloma Fabion
Sacristan: Marge Shaft
Ushers: Bob Brahmer, Charlie Briolat, Allen Peruski
North Entrance Greeter: Shirley Guza

8:30am Mass: Sunday, September 7th - St. Joseph

Lector: Sheila Grifka
EMHC: Lori Uhl, Paul Deo
Altar Server: Paul Guza
Sacristan: Lori/Bruce Uhl
Greeter: Bruce Uhl
Ushers: Bruce Uhl, Kerry Grifka

10:30am Mass: Sunday, September 7th - St. Columbkille

Lector: Beth VanErp,
EMHC: Jerry & Val Fischer, Jeremy Roth, Joe Flannery, Jerry Sweeney
Altar Servers: Owen Gentner, A.J. Langley
Greeters: Trent & Morgan Sweeney
Gift Bearers: Keara & A.J. Langley
Ushers: Rob Kubacki, Ben Kubacki, Volunteer

5:00pm Mass: Sunday, September 7th - St. John

Celebrant: Father Kevin, Holy Name of Mary Parish, Harbor Beach

Volunteers Needed

Greeters for our 4pm, Saturday Mass at St. John. Please call the office. Thanks!

My dear brothers and sisters,

How we treat people around the table says a lot about who we are.

Think of weddings, family dinners, or church potlucks — where you sit, who you talk to, and how you make others feel — it all reveals something deeper.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a banquet to teach us about the heart of humility and the way of hospitality in the kingdom of God.

1. Don't Look for the Best Seat — Let God Lift You Up

Jesus tells us not to rush to sit in the place of honor. Why? Because humility isn't about pretending to be less — it's about knowing who we are before God. "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11)

Application for us:

- In our families — do we insist on being right?
- In our parish — do we serve for attention or out of love?
- In our work or school — are we building others up or just trying to get ahead?

God lifts up the humble. He doesn't forget the quiet sacrifices, the behind-the-scenes kindness, or the person who chooses peace over pride.

2. Invite the People Who Can't Pay You Back

Jesus goes further: when you host a meal, invite "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind."

This flips the world's logic. Normally we invite those who will invite us back, or those who give us status. But Jesus is showing us God's way.

True hospitality is not about status — it's about service.

This means:

- Welcoming newcomers, the lonely, and those who feel left out.
- Reaching out to the elderly, the sick, or anyone struggling.
- Not just being friendly to friends but looking for the ones who need love most.

When we love without expecting anything back, we reflect the heart of Christ.

3. The Eucharist: God's Humble Banquet

Every Sunday, we come to a banquet prepared by Jesus Himself. The altar is not for the worthy, but for the willing — for the humble who say, "Lord, I am not worthy... but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

So, dear parish family, this week:

- **Let us walk in humility — not thinking less of ourselves but thinking of others more.**
- **Let us welcome those who cannot repay us — because that's what Jesus does for us.**
- **Let us live like people who know they are guests at God's banquet — and are eager to make room for others.**

Father Kumar



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Urgent Relief for Survival in Gaza:

A special collection will be taken for the families in Gaza the weekend of September 20 & 21. Gaza is enduring catastrophic conditions as hostilities escalate and basic necessities for survival vanish. Reports say deaths from starvation and severe malnutrition are rising daily. More than 2 million people are now crammed into an area smaller than 17 square miles. The Ministry of Health in Gaza reports that emergency rooms are filling with people collapsing from physical depletion. Bishop Gruss states: "As we have seen in the news, the people of Gaza are experiencing great suffering and hardship, Christians and other innocent victims alike. The situation stemming from the unrest is dire as people struggle to survive. I invite the people of the Diocese of Saginaw to join in answering the call to help our brothers and sisters in Gaza. We continue to pray, with the Holy Father, for a cease fire and for aid to enter this territory." 100% of donations go directly to helping recover and build the survivors of Gaza. Your donation may be made by check payable to **Diocese of Saginaw, 5800 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48603, "Attn: Maria Coss" with "GAZA Relief"** specified in the memo line.

First Friday with Bishop Robert

Gruss. September 5th, 2025. Mass begins at 11:00 a.m. and takes place at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw. **ALL ARE WELCOME to attend Mass without registering.** Following Mass, you are invited to join Bishop Gruss for a meatless lunch at noon and an informal presentation. Due to limited seating of 150 in the Lower Level of the Cathedral, please register if you plan to attend the presentation and lunch. If you would like a prepared lunch, the cost is \$8 payable at the door.

[Register on the Eventbrite platform](#)

When registration opens, a link will be available here: <https://saginaw.org/1stFridays>

- Choose the number of people (including yourself) attending the talk
- Enter your contact information (First Name, Last Name and email)
- Indicate whether or not you want to order lunch
- Check box to accept Eventbrite terms, and
- Click "Register."

If you have trouble registering online, please contact the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw at 989-799-7910.

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. Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-come basis.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Nurture your Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held October 3-5 at the Augustine Center in Petoskey and November 21-23 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517.667.0433 for more information.

The Huron County Right to Life

Right to Life is sponsoring the High School Volunteers of the Year award contest. It is open to all Huron County students in grades 9th-12th for the 2025-26 school year. Three cash prizes will be awarded locally with the winner advancing to the state level contest. Students must submit an application and a list of prolife involvement to our local affiliate by August 1, 2026. The list of prolife activities and involvement (from August 2025 to August 2026) must all be activities and volunteer work with the Huron County Right to Life and/or state organization (MiGen Leads).

Three upcoming 2025 opportunities to volunteer are: attending our monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 2 in Bad Axe, manning a shift at our booth at the Family Fun Days on September 6 from 11am-3pm in Bad Axe, and/or attending the Michigan March for Life on November 6 in Lansing (free bussing provided).

For more information, visit our website at www.huronrtl.org or call or text Jeanne at 954-540-0174.

"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: September 3rd, 5:30pm Parish Center

Faith Formation Adoration: *All invited!* **Oct. 29th**,
at St. John- 4:30pm, St. Columbkille- 7pm

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

Youth Mass: October 19, 2025, at 10:30am

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

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

Mats for the Homeless Ministry

Once again, we will be working to recycle plastic bags into mats for the homeless. We will start on Tuesday, Sept 9th at 9am until noon at the Parish Center. Come join us! If you want to do this in your home, come to learn the process. For more info call Lori Osentoski (989) 375-4281.

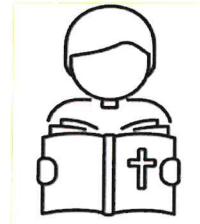
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All meetings are at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on the Second Wednesday of the month. We are always looking for New Members – call Dave Keller at 989-670-3107. Our food pantry is available for anyone in need, located in Ubly at the parish center. This is confidential and anonymous – Call Jeff Maurer at 989-553-4224. Dave Keller - Grand Knight

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for K-6 begins on September 3rd, with Family Night, at the Parish Center beginning at 5:30 with dinner. This year childcare will be available.



Good Shepherd Christian Mothers

The Christian Mothers will meet on Sept. 9th at 6pm in the Parish Center. They will be setting up meeting dates and activities for the coming year. All women of Good Shepherd Parish are invited to attend.

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

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

will hold their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 10, at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. All women of the Diocese are invited to attend. Registration will be from 9 to 9:30 a.m. The morning program will be about Medjugorje, and the afternoon presentation will be one of Bishop Barron's videos on 12 Pivotal Players. Mass will be celebrated. The cost is \$12 for members, \$14 for nonmembers, which includes a box lunch. Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) by Sunday, September 7.

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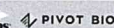
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