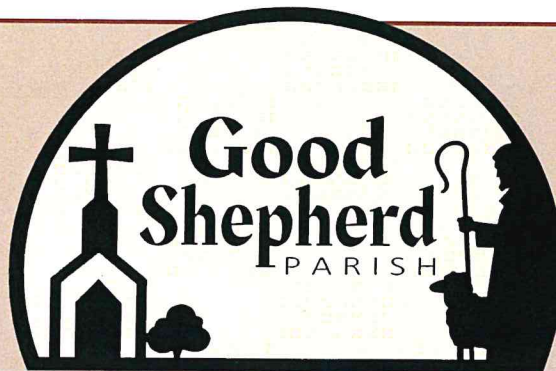


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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### 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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## JUNE

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of Jesus

## JULY

Month of the  
Precious Blood  
of Jesus

➔ *Holy Father's June Intention:*

*Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.*

➔ *Holy Father's July Intention:*

*Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.*

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## July 27, 2025 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Readings for the Week

#### 2025 Jul 27 SUN: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Gn 18: 20-32/ Ps 138: 1-2. 2-3. 6-7. 7-8 (3a)/ Col 2: 12-14/ Lk 11: 1-13*

#### 2025 Jul 28 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

*Ex 32: 15-24. 30-34/ Ps 106: 19-20. 21-22. 23/ Mt 13: 31-35*

#### 2025 Jul 29 Tue: Martha, Mary, and Lazarus M

*Ex 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9. 28/ Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42*

#### 2025 Jul 30 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Peter Chrysologus, bp, dr

*Ex 34: 29-35/ Ps 99: 5. 6. 7. 9/ Mt 13: 44-46*

#### 2025 Jul 31 Thu: Ignatius of Loyola, p, rf M

*Ex 40: 16-21. 34-38/ Ps 84: 3. 4. 5-6a and 8a. 11/ Mt 13: 47-53*

#### 2025 Aug 1 Fri: Alphonsus Liguori, bp, rf, dr M

*Lv 23: 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34b-37/ Ps 81: 3-4. 5-6. 10-11ab/ Mt 13: 54-58*

#### 2025 Aug 2 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Eusebius of Vercelli, bp/ Peter Julian Eymard, p

*Lv 25: 1. 8-17/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 7-8/ Mt 14: 1-12*

### Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

#### *Let Us Give Thanks!*

Envelope Offerings	\$4750.00
Flocknote Online Giving	\$ 244.80
Loose Offerings	\$ 861.00
Total Offerings	\$5855.80
Envelopes Used:	117
Envelope Holders:	249
Avg. amount needed weekly	\$ 5980.77
Weekly Budget shortfall or overage	-\$124.97
Building Fund Donations (Current Project: St. John Window Repair):	\$18,398.55 towards goal of \$36,060

### Christ's Mission Appeal

*As of 6/26/25*

We have raised \$43,732.00 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.

### Donations:

In memory of Barbara Harburg by James & Delphine Czewski  
May God grant them resurrection to eternal life.

### Mass Intentions: July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

Saturday at St. John: +Ronald & Marlene Bukowski Family

Sunday at St. Ignatius: Fr. Nate Harburg

Sunday at St. Columbkille: All Parishioners

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

### Mass Intentions: August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday at St. John: +Gary Peruski

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:*

**July 28:** Luci Kubacki, Lori Uhl, Debbie Osentoski

**Aug 4:** Norma Peruski, Carol Beaudin, Kathy Beaver

**Aug 11:** Ann Ypma, Lisa Briolat, Marge Briolat

#### *4:00pm Mass: Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - St. John*

**Lector:** Jeanne Gusa

**EMHC:** Cathy Stacer, Ann Ympa, Rose Maikzrek

**Altar Server:** Ricardo Fabian

**Sacristan:** Rose Maikzrek

**Ushers:** Virg Briolat, Rich Trepkowski, Bob Brahmer

**North Entrance Greeter:** Shirley Guza

#### *8:30am Mass: Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. Joseph*

**Lector:** Paul Deo

**EMHC:** Shirley Catalano, Joann Roy

**Altar Server:** Paul Guza

**Sacristan:** Shirley Catalano

**Greeter:** Jo Izydorek

**Ushers:** Kevin & Louise Hessling

#### *10:30am Mass: Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. Columbkille*

**Lector:** Amy Sweeney

**EMHC:** Val & Jerry Fischer, Karen Pichla, Dana Irion, Joe Flannery

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

**Greeters:** Kabacki Family

**Gift Bearers:** Roth Family

**Ushers:** Ben, Rob & Jack Kubacki

#### *5:00pm Mass: Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. John*

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



**"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure"**

*(Pope St. John Paul II, pray for us!)*



*Top: BBQ- Carol, Dawn, Tait Family, Fr. Craig; Welcome/Going Away Party for Fr. Kumar and Fr. Nate (young man sitting next to me is my dad, John); Fr. Kevin, John Harburg, Fr. Richard John, Fr. Adam- I joined as "caddy" at Bishop's Charity Golf at Currie Course (Midland); VBS kids learning how to meet Jesus in prayer at our parish center)*

***Dear Disciple, Happy Lord's Day!***

Thank you to all who attended the party on July 20 to welcome Fr. Kumar and say "until we meet again" to myself. Thank you to everyone who gave us gifts, cards, or brought something to share in the potluck. The food was something to write home about; in the words of Roald Dahl, "scrumdiddlyumptious"!

Our Pastoral Council and Finance Council met on July 23 and discussed the feedback letters and other concerns regarding the revised proposal which has been in the bulletin for 4 weekends, to close and sell St. Joseph, Argyle, and to re-open St. Ignatius as an "additional use church" of our parish. The vote was 12 yes, and 1 no. If the bishop approves, then Sunday 8:30am Mass will be moved to St. Ignatius after a closing Mass at St. Joseph (date TBD).

There are many reasons for this decision, but ultimately, evangelization of the lost sheep is the most important reason. We are hopeful that this is an opportunity for many fallen-away parishioners to return to Jesus present in the sacraments- Eucharist AND Confession- and present in our parish community, present in the Word proclaimed at Mass, and present in the priest. Jesus thirsts for their return! There will be a discernment period to see what kind of fruits will come from this decision: for a set number of months (TBD) Sunday Mass at St. Ignatius will be monitored, especially the October Count (2025). The Pastoral Council will discuss the details of the discernment period later.

I'm grateful to our Lord that this decision was made before Fr. Kumar becomes the Parochial Administrator (effectively the pastor) on August 1. I'm also grateful to our Lord for all the pastoral and finance council members, staff, and many other parishioners, who helped me to make this decision with confidence. Together, we exercised a "group discernment" of God's Will.

I was struck by the beauty of a selection from **"The Imitation of Christ"** (Lib. 2,1-6) "by Thomas à Kempis... a Christian devotional book first composed in Medieval Latin... perhaps the most widely read Christian devotional work after the Bible" (wikipedia). The selection below is the assigned reading for July 23 from the Liturgy of the Hours (official prayer of the Catholic Church that all lay people are encouraged to pray daily, even more



than the rosary; see [ibreviary.com](http://ibreviary.com)). I encourage you to read this during your prayer time:

“Turn to the Lord with your whole heart and leave behind this wretched world. Then your soul shall find rest. For the kingdom of God is the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit. If you prepare within your heart a fitting dwelling place, Christ will come to you and console you.

“His glory and beauty are *within you*, and he delights in dwelling there. The Lord frequently visits the heart of man. There he shares with man pleasant conversations; welcome consolation, abundant peace and a wonderful intimacy.

“So come, faithful soul. Prepare your heart for your spouse to dwell within you. For he says: *If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and we shall come to him and make our dwelling within him.* [John 14:23]

“Make room for Christ. When you possess Christ you are a rich man, for he is sufficient for you. He himself, shall provide for you and faithfully administer all your cares. You will not have to place your hope in men. Put all your trust in God; let him be both your fear and your love. He will respond on your behalf and will do whatever is in your best interest.

“You have here *no lasting city*. For wherever you find yourself, you will always be a pilgrim from another city. Until you are united intimately with Christ, you will never find your true rest.

“Let your thoughts be with the Most High and direct your prayers continually to Christ. If you do not know how to contemplate the glory of heaven, take comfort in the passion of Christ, and dwell willingly in his sacred wounds. Endure with Christ, suffer for him, if you wish to reign with him.

“Once you have entered completely into the depths of Jesus, and have a taste of his powerful love, then you will not care about your own convenience or inconvenience. Rather you will rejoice all the more in insults and injuries, for the love of Jesus makes a man scorn his own needs.”

*Here's a poem I wrote; I encourage you to read it during your prayer time:*

### **The Meeting of Two Thirsts**

True prayer is desire  
A longing, a yearning  
A stoking of fire  
*That purges and brands without burning*

It lays bare that thirst  
Each heartache makes known  
Yet God has it worse  
*Prayer merges His thirst with our own (CCC 2560)*  
A sigh— to unsmother  
A cry— without word  
A glance— at the Lover  
*Who aches to be noticed and heard*  
The soul's transformation  
A union of hearts  
Sweet divinization  
*The Bridegroom's "full life", prayer imparts (John 10:10)*  
Before one begins  
*The Young Stag* has been leaping (*Song of Songs 2:9*)  
Across peaks within  
*With haste, wet with tears from shared weeping*  
To pray is to yearn  
And burst with heart breaking  
To offer one's hurts  
*To drink of fresh grace without slaking*  
To hand off what harms  
And slough off dismay  
To rest in those *Arms*  
*That mold, while we slumber, this clay (Psalm 127)*  
When things go as planned  
Or couldn't have gone worse (*1 Thes. 5:18*)  
When life's "fine and dand"  
*Or soon to be hailing a hearse*  
When warmed by the sun  
Or while the flakes fly  
If the fight's lost or won  
*When "Thanks Lord", the only reply*  
Where silence is falling  
And list'ning unfettered  
When no voice is calling  
*But HIS Voice- within, or red-lettered*  
In bedrooms or churches  
On hikes to the peak  
In the bus as it lurches  
*There's no place where one cannot seek...*  
*...And be found*  
(\*\*\*one inspiration for this poem: "I assure you that God is much better than you believe. He is content with a glance, a sigh of love." - St. Therese)

Please continue to pray and offer up  
sufferings for Fr. Kumar, Bishop Gruss, and myself,  
*Until we meet again in the Kingdom,*  
*Love, Fr. Nate*

## **“Lifelong Faith Formation”**

*(See Parish Vision on cover)*

### **Child Faith Formation (PreK-6):**

*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):** Will resume in the Fall

**Youth Mass:** Will resume in the Fall

### **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

## **Good Shepherd Christian Mothers & Women**

Thank You to everyone who helped organize, set up, and work the gathering for Fr. Nate and Fr. Kumar.

## **Haiti Project**

We will be sewing August 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30am until 3:30 pm. We need people to sew; iron and hand sew. We have extra machines to use. Last month we made 121 pairs of shorts and 105 dresses. Help is always welcomed and appreciated!

## **Right to Life -Volunteers Needed f**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm** – Cheeseburger Parade, in Caseville. Handing out candy, balloons, and merchandise to all parade goers to encourage people to Choose Life.

## **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

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,

What a joy and honor it is to stand before you today as your new pastor. My heart is filled with gratitude and anticipation as I begin this journey with you. I want to start by saying thank you—for the warm welcome, your prayers, and the open hearts you’ve already shown my family and me. It means more than words can express.

This first week marks the beginning of not just a new season for me, but for us together. I believe that God has brought us here not by accident, but by divine appointment. And I come not with all the answers, but with a heart that desires to serve, to listen, to grow with you, and to lead with humility, grace, and truth.

As we look ahead, I’m reminded of Philippians 1:6, where Paul writes, “Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” God has already begun a good work in this church—and He is not finished. Together, we will seek Him in prayer, in His Word, in worship, and in service to our community. Together, we will grow as disciples and be a light in this world. Let us walk forward in unity, hope, and expectation for all that God is about to do. My door is open, my heart is ready, and I’m excited to learn each of your stories. I believe the best is yet to come—not because of who we are, but because of who God is.

With love and blessings,  
Fr Kumar



## **VBS – Radical Ride**

Thanks to everyone who made this faith growing possible for the 30 “passengers.” It was a wonderful prayer filled experience enjoyed by all!



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