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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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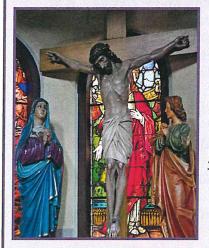
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### **AUGUST**

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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### September 21, 2025 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 2025 Sep 21 SUN: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 8: 4-7/ Ps 113: 1-2. 4-6. 7-8/ 1 Tm 2: 1-8/ Lk 16: 1-13

2025 Sep 22 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Ezr 1: 1-6/ Ps 126: 1b-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6/ Lk 8: 16-18

2025 Sep 23 Tue: Pio of Pietrelcina, p M

Ezr 6: 7-8. 12b. 14-20/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5/ Lk 8: 19-21

2025 Sep 24 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Ezr 9: 5-9/ Tb 13: 2. 3-4a. 4befghn. 7-8/ Lk 9: 1-6

2025 Sep 25 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Hg 1: 1-8/ Ps 149: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 9: 7-9

2025 Sep 26 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Cosmas and Damian, mts

Hg 2: 1-9/ Ps 43: 1. 2. 3. 4/ Lk 9: 18-22

**Envelope Offerings** 

2025 Sep 27 Sat: Vincent de Paul, p, rf M

Zec 2: 5-9. 14-15a / Jer 31: 10. 11-12ab. 13 / Lk 9: 43b-45

### Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

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Flocknote Online Giving \$ 116.50
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Envelope Holders: 249
Avg. amount needed weekly \$ 5,980.77
Weekly Budget shortfall or overage -\$1,385.27
Building Fund Donations (Current Project: St. John Window Repair): \$20,149.55 towards goal of \$36,060

### **Christ's Mission Appeal**

As of 9/8/25

We have raised \$55,232.00 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.

### **Liturgical Decorator**

We need a volunteer, to decorate for the liturgical seasons, at St. Columbkille. If you can share your time and talents to do this ministry, please call the office if interested to discuss.

Donation to the building Fund in Memory of Schefka & Czewski Families by James & Delphine Czewski *May God grant them resurrection to eternal Life*.

### Mass Intentions: September 20th & 21st

Saturday at St. John: +Curly (Jerome) Messing Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Joseph Pichla Sunday 5pm at St. John: <u>CANCELED</u>

### Mass Intentions: September 27th & 28th

Saturday at St. John: +Garret Peruski Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Tom Lautner Sunday 5pm at St. John: Pope Leo

### **Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

### Offertory Counters:

Sept 22: Lisa Briolat, Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin Sept.29: Ann Ypma, Norma Peruski, Lori Uhl Oct.6: Debbie Osentoski, Luci Kubacki, Glory McCarty

4:00pm Mass: Saturday, September 27th - St. John

Lector: Mike O'Parka

EMHC: Dephine Czewski, Ann Ympa, Dave Eilers

Altar Server: Paloma Fabian Sacristan: Delphine Czewski

Ushers: Virg Briolat, Bob Brahmer, Rich Trepkoski

North Entrance Greeter: Shirley Guza

8:30am Mass: Sunday, September 28th St. Joseph

**Lector**: Michelle Stine

**EMHC**: Joann Roy, Shirley Catalano **Altar Server**: Alice & Courtney Stine

**Sacristan:** Shirley Catalano **Greeter:** Jo Izydorek

Ushers: Arnold Osentoski, Kerry Grifka

### 10:30am Mass: Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - St. Columbkille

**Lector**: Amy Sweeney

EMHC: Karen Pichla, Jacie Tyrrell, Dana Irion, Beth

& Joe VanErp

Altar Servers: Luke Roth, Caleb Roth

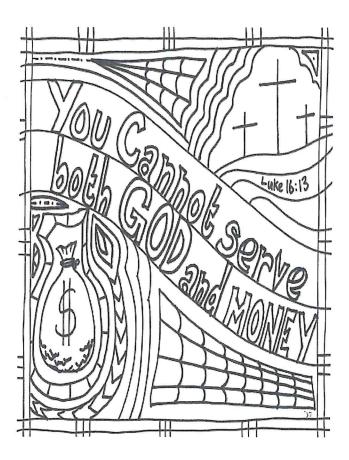
**Greeters**: Bambach Family

Gift Bearers: Eli & Emma Gentner

Ushers: Dan Cregeur, Myah Peruski, Canden Peruski

5:00pm Mass:Sunday, September 28st – St. John Celebrant: Father Craig – Annunciation of the Lord

Parish - Port Austin



### **Scripture Overview**

- First Reading (Amos 8:4-7): Amos condemns those who exploit the poor cheating with scales, neglecting justice, putting profit over people.
- Psalm (Psalm 113): God lifts up the needy and lowly, showing concern for those overlooked.
- Second Reading (1 Timothy 2:1-8): Paul urges prayer for all people, including leaders; Christ is mediator and offers salvation.
- Gospel (Luke 16:1-13): The Parable of the Dishonest Steward—an unjust manager uses shrewdness to secure his future when he's about to lose his position. Jesus emphasizes that we cannot serve both God and money.

### **Key Message**

God calls us to be faithful stewards of what we have—our resources, relationships, and responsibilities. Our loyalty must be to God above anything else—even above money or material security.

### **Problems Highlighted**

- 1. Greed and Exploitation In Amos, people are taking advantage of the poor, using dishonest weights, exploiting those who are vulnerable.
- Fickle Loyalties The steward in the Gospel shows that people will often serve what they think will benefit them most. Jesus warns that trying to serve both God and money leads to conflict.

### **Applications for Christian Life**

Here are several ways this message might hit home, and what responses might look like:

- 1. Examine our relationships with wealth
  - Are we putting our trust in possessions, security, or status more than in God?
  - Do we see money as a tool or as a master?
- 2. Integrity in small matters
  - Jesus says faithfulness in small things reflects faithfulness in greater things. Even how we conduct daily, often "hidden" decisions matters.
  - Honesty, fairness, giving what is right even when no one is watching.
- 3. Solidarity with the poor and marginalized
  - Amos' critique is not just abstract it shows up in ways we can and should respond: fair treatment, honest work, resisting systems that exploit.
  - The Psalm reminds us God is attentive to the lowly. Our worship should lead us to compassion and action.
- 4. Prayer as a foundation for just action
  - From Timothy: praying for all, especially those in authority. When authorities act justly, the poor are better served. It isn't enough to wish for justice; we must pray that those with power act rightly.
  - Also, our prayers shape our hearts towards mercy, honesty, and courage.

- 5. Choosing God above other loyalties
  - Jesus' stark statement— "you cannot serve both God and mammon" (money) — challenges us to decide where our ultimate allegiance lies.
  - It often means choosing generosity over security, justice over convenience.

### **Conclusion / Call to Action**

Brothers and sisters, the 25th Sunday reminds us: faithfulness matters, especially in the stuff of daily life, our money, our dealings, our relationships. Justice, honesty, integrity are not optional extras for the Christian; they are central. Let us respond by:

- Confessing and turning away from any practices of exploitation,
- Being generous with what God has given us,
- Praying for leaders and systems to serve the common good,
- And committing ourselves to serve God wholeheartedly—not divided between God and material things.

May God grant us the wisdom to use our "little" well, to be trustworthy in what truly lasts. Amen.

#### **Father Kumar**

### Equipping the Faithful – Discipleship in the Workplace: Join us on Saturday.

October 11, 2025, for an inspiring event that focuses on discipleship in the workplace. Discover practical ways to live out your faith in your everyday work life. This engaging presentation will provide best practices and offer unique strategies you can use to share the good news at work. Come and be quipped to make a difference in your workplace! The event is from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM (check-in begins at 8:00 AM), and will take place at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw. The cost is \$25 and includes breakfast. The deadline to register is Monday, October 6, 2025. To register, go to the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UTG\_at\_Work, scan the QR code, or call Amy Dore at 989.797.665

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

**Women** will meet on Tuesday, October 14, at the Parish Center at 6:00pm. All women of Good Shepherd Parish are invited to attend.



# Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents Who Have Lost Children

# Are you a parent who has lost a child and would appreciate support?

Whether it happens through miscarriage, stillbirth, or later in life, the death of a child is a deep and tragic loss for parents — and for their hopes and dreams for the future. No matter what the age, cause of death, or how much time has passed, the grief over the loss of a child weighs heavily on the hearts of parents.

On Saturday October 4th, 2025, a one-day Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents will be offered at Holy Spirit Parish in Saginaw. There is no cost to attend (a free will offering will is optional to help cover catering and the cost of materials). The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends by 7:00 p.m. During this spiritual retreat, everyone is free to participate at their comfort level. For information or to register, call Deacon Gary Patelski at 989.295.5849 or Arlene Patelski at 989.295.9908 or email us at gapatelski@aol.com.

The deadline for registration is September 29, 2025.

### **Basic Catechist Certification**:

October 4, 2025, for parish catechists and catechetical leaders. We will pray together, explore Jesus' missionary mandate and cover the basics of being a catechist. For questions, contact Amy Dore at adore@diosag.org or call 989.797.6654. Below are upcoming dates:

 $\cdot$  Saturday, October 4 at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St, Saginaw, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. The deadline to register is Friday, September 26. To register, go to the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCC\_at\_CFM\_2 025, or call Amy Dore at 989.797.6654



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### Please RSVP by October 24



to reserve your lunch and provided materials. Scan the OR code or call 989.303.9200.

### Hopeful Future Dinner

Join us for the 2025 Hopeful Future Scholarship Dinner!

This evening is a celebration of the Hopeful Future Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to pregnant women and new mothers who courageously choose life—while continuing their education.

Since 2021. the Catholic Community Foundation has been stewarding this fund. The scholarship is available for pregnant women or new moms attending Saginaw Valley State University or Delta College.

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this scholarship provides women the chance to achieve their dreams, continue their education, and choose life.

The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to sponsor this dinner.

Featured speakers include:

- \* Bishop Robert Gruss of the Diocese of Saginaw
- \* Dr. Kristin Collier, University of Michigan physician and professor
- \* Allie Page, the inaugural recipient of the Hopeful Future Scholarship

Registration for this event is required. Please RSVP by October 6.

# Feeding Our Faith

Sept./Oct. Issue 2025

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

## Finding Joy in Stewardship

At the Catholic Community Foundation, we believe our work is more than simply management. Our work is first and foremost stewardship: taking care of the gifts you donate, honoring the causes close to your heart, and celebrating the memory of your loved ones. Stewardship really means taking care of the gifts we have been given. To that end, our goal is to ensure the longevity of the Catholic parishes, schools, and organizations in our community.







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In the first edition of our new Quarterly Magazine, we focus on one of the most important aspects of our mission: supporting Catholic education. As fall begins, the Foundation celebrates the end of one school year and prepares for the next as we disburse our annual scholarships awards.

By honoring students and Catholic school staff and educators, we are reminded that at the heart of stewardship is joy. It is easy to experience the joy of giving when we see the names of all of our scholarship recipients and hear their stories of success.

Throughout this September and October, practicing stewardship could be a way to find more joy in your school year. Whether

you're a scholarship advisor, donor, or scholarship recipient, or an educator or a school staff member, the Catholic Community Foundation wishes you a joyful school year. We hope you will find new opportunities to share your gifts and talents with others.

To learn more about the Foundation's support of Catholic education, check out the Foundation's first edition of our Quarterly Magazine. A digital copy can be accessed through our website at www.ccfmm.org/publications. If you'd like to join our mailing list, call 989.303.9200 or email ccfmm@ccfmm.org.



Our first edition of the Quarterly Magazine, published in September 2025.



### "Lifelong Faith Formation"

(See Parish Vision on cover)

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

St. John Ubly: Wednesdays 3:15-5pm St. Columbkille: Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

**Family Night:** October 1st, 5:30pm Parish Center **Faith Formation Adoration:** *All invited!* October 29, at St. John- 4:30pm, St. Columbkille- 7pm during the school year

Youth Group (7-12 grade): Starting in October 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: Mondays, September & October 6:30-8pm at St. Columbkille.

Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month in

the parish center chapel at 5:30pm

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

0585

### ARE <u>YOU</u> 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.



We wish to express our deepest condolences to the family of Aloysius Kubacki whose funeral mass was celebrated this week.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### Mats for the Homeless Ministry

We will be working to recycle plastic bags into mats for the homeless. We meet on Tuesdays, 9am until noon at the Parish Center, until Thanksgiving. Come join us! For more info call Lori Osantoski (989) 375-4281.

### 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

### Come Join Us

The Thumb Veterans Organization Women's Auxiliary is hosting a Meet & Greet on Thursday, September 25, at 6:30 pm at the TVO Hall in Ubly. Our mission includes community services, support for local schools and parks, and Veteran support. We also host events like Breakfast with Santa and projects like the Walk with Heroes Flag Display with the Ubly National Honor Society. Come and discover what we are all about and if you would like to join. Snacks and beverages will be served. Questions, call Kathy Beaver at 989-214-0814.



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