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MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m..... St. John

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m..... St. Columbkille

FRIDAY

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

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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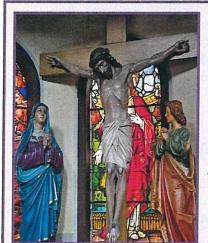
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AUGUST

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 7, 2025 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2025 Sep 7 SUN: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 9: 13-18b/ Ps 90: 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14-17 (1)/ Phlm 9-10. 12-17/ Lk 14: 25-33

2025 Sep 8 Mon: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary F

Mi 5: 1-4a or Rom 8: 28-30/ Ps 13: 6ab. 6c/ Mt 1: 1-16. 18-23

2025 Sep 9 Tue: Peter Claver, p, r, ms M Col 2: 6-15/ Ps 145: 1b-2. 8-9. 10-11/ Lk 6: 12-19

2025 Sep 10 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Col 3: 1-11 / Ps 145: 2-3. 10-11. 12-13ab / Lk 6: 20-26

2025 Sep 11 Thu: Ordinary Weekday
Col 3: 12-17/ Ps 150: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Lk 6: 27-38
2025 Sep 12 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Holy
Name of Mary

1 Tm 1: 1-2. 12-14/ Ps 16: 1b-2a and 5. 7-8. 11/ Lk 6: 39-42

2025 Sep 13 Sat: John Chrysostom, bp, dr M 1 Tm 1: 15-17/ Ps 113: 1b-2. 3-4. 5a and 6-7/ Lk 6: 43-49

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Envelope Offerings \$ 2754.00 Flocknote Online Giving \$ 41.50 Loose Offerings \$ 460.00 Total Offerings \$ 3255.5 Envelopes Used: 95 Envelope Holders: 249 Avg. amount needed weekly \$5,980.77 Weekly Budget shortfall or overage -\$2,725.27 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 \$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.

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.

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

Mass Intentions: September 13th & 14th

Saturday at St. John: +Anthony Grifka Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Cody David Sunday 5pm at St. John: Priest of Saginaw Diocese

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:

Sept.8: Norma Peruski, Lori Uhl, Glorie McCarty **Sept.15:** Debbie Osentoski, Luci Kubacki, Marge Briolat

Sept 22: Lisa Briolat, Kathy Beaver, Carol Beaudin

4:00pm Mass: Saturday, September 13th - St. John

Lector: Tess Sullivan

EMHC: Cathy Stacer, Debbie Osentoslki, Dave Eilers

Altar Server: Ricardo Fabion

Sacristan: Dave Eilers

Ushers: Rich Trepkowski, Virg Briolat, Whitey

Pawloski

North Entrance Greeter: Jennifer Booms

8:30am Mass: Sunday, September 14th St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Lynn Talaski, Debbie Peruski **Altar Server**: Alice / Courtney Stine

Sacristan: Steve/Lisa Briolat

Greeter: Lisa Briolat

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Arnold Osentoski

10:30am Mass: Sunday, September 14th - St. Columbkille

Lector: Sarah Romzek

EMHC: Dana Irion, Beth & Joseph VanErp, Kevin

Romzek, Michelle Banky

Altar Servers: Trent Sweeney, Brynnleigh Bambach

Greeters: Briolat Family

Gift Bearers: Courtney & Ryan Kempisty

Ushers: Terry Sweeney, Ray Maurer, Jeff Maurer

5:00pm Mass: Sunday, September 14th - St. John Celebrant: Father Yesu, St. Huberts Parish, Bad Axe

5:00pm Mass on Sunday September 21st is Canceled due to Priest Assembly

The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary – September 8 What We Celebrate

This feast honors Mary's birth—a joyful moment in salvation history because she was born to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Her birth is seen as the dawn of redemption, the first rays of hope before the coming of Christ.

Why It Matters

- Mary's birth marks the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Savior.
- Her life was entirely oriented toward God's will, making her a model of faith, humility, and obedience.
- The Church celebrates her birthday because she was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her conception (Immaculate Conception)—preparing her to be a worthy dwelling place for Christ.

Scriptural Roots (Though Her Birth Isn't in the Bible)

While the Bible doesn't mention Mary's birth, the tradition comes from apocryphal sources like the Protoevangelium of James, which names her parents as Saints Joachim and Anne.

Liturgical Significance

- This feast is 9 months after the Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), emphasizing God's providential plan.
- Mary's birth is a celebration of hope. In a world broken by sin, God begins His rescue mission through a simple girl born into an obscure family.
- Her life of quiet grace, unwavering faith, and hidden strength shows how God works through humility.
- We are invited to celebrate not just Mary's birthday, but her mission—to bring Christ into the world—and to follow her example in doing the same.

Father Kumar



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.

Seeking Donations for Walking with Moms in Need (WWMN) and the

Mother Teresa Fund: The needs of pregnant and new moms are on the rise. We have provided rent assistance and utility payments for a mother with twins, high-risk pregnancy moms, and mothers with young children facing great difficulties. The funds are nearly depleted for both WWMN and the Mother Teresa Fund. If you would like to support pregnant and new moms, please scan the QR code to make an online donation, or make checks payable to the Diocese of Saginaw, and in the MEMO line write either WWMN or Mother Teresa Fund and mail to Diocese of Saginaw, Attn: Beth Bauer, 5800 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48603. Thank you for supporting life.

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



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.

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 989.797.6654

The Huron County 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.

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.

Faith Formation

We begin our regular schedule Wednesday 3:15-5:00pm at St. John, and 6-7:30pm at St. Columbkille.



"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: October 1st, 5:30pm Parish Center **Faith Formation Adoration:** *All invited!* September 17th, at St. John- 4:30pm, St. Columbkille- 7pm during the school year

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: Mondays, September & October 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.

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.

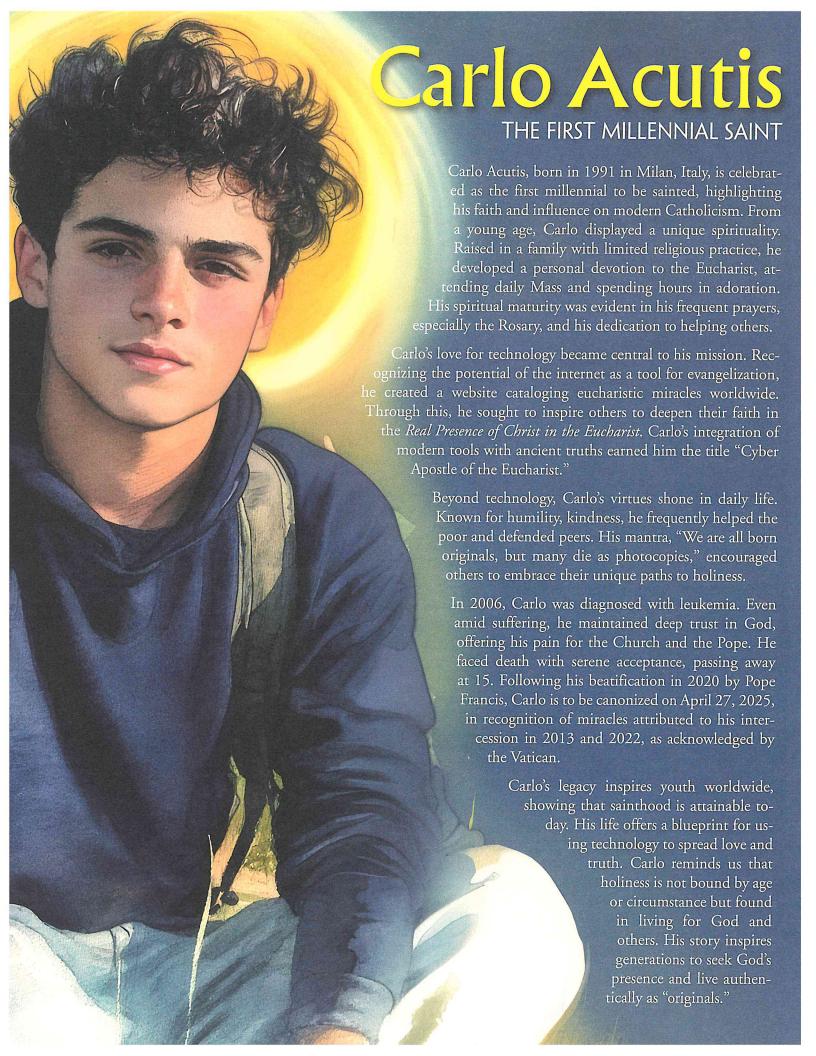
ARE <u>YOU</u> SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- 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.

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



STEPS TO SAINTHOOD

The process of canonization in the Catholic Church is a rigorous journey that declares a person to be a saint. It involves several stages overseen by the Church to ensure that the candidate's life reflects exceptional holiness and fidelity to God. Here are the main steps:

1. Servant of God

The process begins after the candidate has passed away and a minimum of five years has elapsed (though this can be waived by the Pope, as in the case of John Paul II and Mother Teresa).

The local bishop investigates the candidate's life, virtues, and reputation for holiness, collecting testimonies and documents. If the investigation is deemed satisfactory, the bishop sends the results to the *Dicastery for the Causes of Saints* in Rome (previously named the Congregation for the Causes of Saints), and the candidate is titled Servant of God.

2. Venerable

The Dicastery for the Causes of Saints examines the candidate's life and writings to determine whether they demonstrated heroic virtue—a life of extraordinary goodness and closeness to God. If approved, the Pope declares the candidate Venerable.

3. Beatification

For a martyr, no miracle is required; their death must be verified as a direct witness to the faith.

For a confessor (someone who lived a holy life but did not die as a martyr), one miracle attributed to their intercession must be verified. This typically involves a medically unexplained healing approved by a team of doctors, theologians, and ultimately the Pope.

Once the miracle is confirmed, the candidate is declared Blessed in a special ceremony. Beatification allows for limited public veneration, often in the candidate's diocese or region.

4. Canonization

A second miracle, occurring after beatification, must be verified for both martyrs and confessors.

Following a thorough investigation, the Pope officially declares the candidate a Saint in a canonization ceremony, making them universally venerated in the Church. The new saint is assigned a feast day and becomes a model for the faithful.

Canonization is not about perfection but recognizes a person who has cooperated fully with God's grace and can inspire others in their journey of faith.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Carlo Acutis undertook a remarkable project to catalog Eucharistic miracles from around the world, using his skills in technology to create a website that made these miracles widely accessible.

A Eucharistic miracle is an extraordinary event where the bread and wine consecrated during Mass visibly manifest as Christ's body and blood, or where other phenomena affirm the *Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. These miracles are seen as divine signs to strengthen faith in the mystery of the Eucharist.

Carlo's website featured descriptions, photographs, and historical information about each miracle, organized in an accessible way. His goal was to help others grow in faith and deepen their devotion to the Eucharist, especially at a time when belief in the Real Presence was waning.

This project is significant because it bridges faith traditions with modern tools, showing how technology can inspire and educate. Carlo's work continues to rekindle love for the Eucharist and remind people of God's tangible presence in their lives.

TWO MIRACLES

Healing a Brazilian child

In 2013, a Brazilian boy named Matheus Vianna was healed from a rare pancreatic condition after praying to Acutis and touching one of his relics. Matheus's pancreas was completely healed and he was able to eat normally without restriction.

Healing a University Student In 2022, a Costa Rican woman named Valeria suffered a serious head trauma after falling from her bicycle in Florence. Her doctors said she had a very low chance of survival. Valeria's mother prayed to Acutis at his tomb in Assisi, and Valeria began to breathe on her own the same day. She made a full recovery and was discharged from intensive care after 10 days.



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