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St. Joseph 4940 Ubly Rd. Argyle, MI 48410

St. Columbkille 3031 McAlpin Rd. Ubly, MI 48475

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

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY
9:30 a.m
THURSDAY
After 7:00 p.m. Mass St. Columbkille
FRIDAY
After 9:00 a.m. MassSt. John
SATURDAY
3:30 p.m (Ask Fr. at door) St. John

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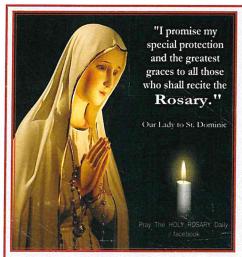
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OCTOBER Month of the Holy Rosary

NOVEMBER Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

→ Holy Father's October Intention:

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

→ Holy Father's November Intention:

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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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November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

2025 Nov 30 SUN: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2: 1-5/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Rom 13: 11-14/ Mt 24: 37-44

2025 Dec 1 Mon: Advent Weekday

Is 4: 2-6/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4b. 4cd-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 8: 5-11

2025 Dec 2 Tue: Dedication of Springfield in

Illinois Cathedral (2009) F

Readings from Common of Dedication of a Church 2025 Dec 3 Wed: Francis Xavier, p, ms M Is 25: 6-10a/Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Mt 15: 29-37 2025 Dec 4 Thu: Advent Weekday/ John of

Damascus, p, r, dr

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Is 26: 1-6/ Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a/ Mt 7: 21. 24-27

2025 Dec 5 Fri: Advent Weekday

Is 29: 17-24/ Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14/ Mt 9: 27-31

2025 Dec 6 Sat: Advent Weekday/ Nicholas, bp *Is 30: 19-21. 23-26/ Ps 147: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mt 9: 35 10: 1. 5a. 6-8*

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Envelope Offerings \$ 4,789.00 Flocknote Online Giving 384.00 Loose Offerings 609.00 **Total Offerings** \$ 5980.77 Envelopes Used: 117 Envelope Holders: 249 Avg. amount needed weekly \$ 5.980.77 Weekly Budget shortfall or overage -\$198.77 Building Fund Donations (Current Project: St. John Window Repair): \$21,669.55 towards goal of \$36,060. Catholic Campaign Human Development \$1,303.00

Communal Penance Service

2:00pm Sunday, December 7th at St. John

Advent penance services in Thumb:

December 14 at 2 PM Holy Apostles Church, Ruth December 14 at 4 PM at St. Mary Church, Parisville December 16 at 6 PM at Our Lady Consolata,

Gagetown

December 17 at 12 PM at Sacred Heart, Caro December 17 at 7 PM at St. Joseph, Mayville December 18 at 4:30 PM at Sacred Heart, Bad Axe

Mass Intentions: November 29th & 30th

Saturday at St. John: All Parishioners Sunday at St. Joseph: +Jeff McCarty Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Dennis & Grace Goniwicha

Mass Intentions: December 6th & 7th

Saturday at St. John: +Curly (Jerome) Messing Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Michael Sweeney

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:

Dec.1: Ann Ypma, Lisa Briolat, Luci Kubacki Dec. 9: Marge Briolat, Ann Ypma, Kathy Beaver Dec. 15: Debbie Osentoski, Donna Stepka, Glorie McCarty

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

Lector: Mike O'Parka

EMHC: Dave Eilers, Ann Ympa, Rose Maikzrek

Altar Server: Paloma Fabion Sacristan: Dave Eilers

Ushers: Dennis Smalley, Bob Brahmer, Jim

Osentoski

North Entrance Greeter: Jennifer Booms

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

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Shirley Catalano, Joann Roy

Altar Server: Taylor Chase **Sacristan**: Shirley Catalano

Greeter: Rod Walsh

Ushers: Kevin & Louise Hessling

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

Lector: Katie Sweeney

EMHC: Beth & Joseph Van Erp, Karen Pichla,

Jeremy Roth, Joe Flannery

Altar Servers: Sadie Fischer, Paige Sweeney, Alyson

Klee

Greeters: Briolat Family

Gift Bearers: Kempisty Family

Ushers: Marv Osentoski, Ronnie Irion, Kendall Irion

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses

9:00am, Monday, December 8th - St. John

7:00pm, Monday, December 8th – St. Columbkille

"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: December 3rd, 5:30pm Parish Center Faith Formation Adoration: All invited! January 21st, at St. John- 4:30pm, St. Columbkille- 7pm during the school year

Youth Group (7-12 grade): December 7th, January

11, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Youth Mass: December 24, 2025, at 6pm St.

Columbkille

Adult Faith Formation Offerings:

Adoration: All day Adoration until 4pm first Friday of every month; Holy Hour every Friday after 9am Mass Scripture Study: March & April, TBD, 6:30-8pm at St. Columbkille

Bible Study: St. Joseph Hall after 8:30 mass.

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

parish center chapel at 5:30pm

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

Confirmation Sacrament Classes: at Parish Center, 6:00-7:00pm. December 14 & January 11

Needed Missionary Disciples

Missionary disciples work within a parish to: Build Friendships with God, Accompany and build trust, Open Hearts and Minds, Foster Community, Go on Mission, Lead with Mercy, Empower the Holy Spirit within the Parish. Is the Lord calling you to this ministry? Interested or curious, call the office for more information (989) 658-8824.

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

Needed: Freezer. The Knights are looking for a used deep freeze to expand the food pantry. If you have one to donate to a good cause, Call Jeff 989-553-4224.

Christ's Mission Appeal 2025-2026

We have raised \$20,877.00 towards our goal of \$52,459.00. Thank you for your stewardship in the past, and this year! If you have not received a mailing and you would like to contribute, please contact the office. Thank You

Safety & Security Team

Due to the recent increase of violence in places of worship, Good Shepherd Parish is forming a team to strengthen safety and security at all our gathering places. This team will work with the diocese and our local Emergency Managers to help create a culture of preparedness that balances hospitality with resilience. If you have skills that could be helpful, please contact the office.

Good Shepherd Christian Mothers & Women Christmas Party will meet on

Tuesday, December 9, at the Parish Center, Cocktails start at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Cost is \$6. A \$15 gift exchange is optional. RSVP by November 24th to Rose Maikrzek at 989-658-8866 or Becky Olshove at 989-975-2275.

Help families in Haiti and Jamaica

recover from Hurricane Melissa: As the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa becomes known, the need is urgent for safe shelter, clean water, food and essential hygiene supplies. 100% of the donations go directly to helping the families affected by Hurricane Melissa. Your donation may be made by check payable to Diocese of Saginaw, Attn: Maria Coss, 5800 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603, with "Hurricane Melissa" specified in the memo line.



Giving Trees

Please take an envelope and place the handmade ornament on the tree. Place your monetary donation in the envelope and place it in our weekly collection. Donations will again be divided between the Michigan House of Hope in Sandusky, Safe Place in Bad Axe and Eva's place in Sandusky. May God Bless Your Generosity

Let Heaven and Nature Sing! Advent Family Gathering!

December 3rd, 5:30-7:30 pm Parish center in Ubly

Many beautiful songs have been written to tell the story of Christmas. Join us for a family advent event where the lyrics of these well-loved songs come alive through crafts, games, prayer, food, and fellowship! We need to make sure we have enough supplies so please, RSVP to JaCie Tyrrell by November 29th.



2025 Christmas book program!!!

Good Shepherd Parish continues to spiritually feed its members with the "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality" by Matthew Kelly which will be given away at our Christmas masses, by the knights of Columbus. Please attend to get one of these amazing books!!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion needed for our 8:30am mass. We are down to only 6. If you feel God is calling you to this ministry, call the office.

Local Pro-life T-shirt Design Contest

Please submit your one-of-a-kind pro-life t-shirt design to huronrtl@gmail.com. The winner will receive \$200. The winning design also will be featured on FREE t-shirts to be given out at the Huron County Teen Rally held on 03/15/26. The entry deadline is February 1, 2026. The contest is open to all teens. For more information, text Jeanne at 954-540-0174.

Pro-life National Essay Contest 2026

The National Right to Life Essay Contest is open to students in grades 7–12, with a Junior Division (grades 7–9) and a Senior Division (grades 10–12). Essays should be 300–500 words, double-spaced, typed in 12-point font, and include a cover sheet with required information. Write with clarity, speak truth with purpose, and share why you stand for life. Entries must be original, properly cited, and mailed to: National Right to Life Essay Contest, 1446 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314. Submissions must be postmarked between **December 1, 2025**, and **January 22, 2026**. The national winner will receive a \$500 prize. More information can be found nrl.org/essaycontest/.



Your Generosity Is Changing Lives in Lukulu, Zambia!

The Love For Lukulu And Beyond Mission group extends our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our recent presentation and fundraising event hosted by Bonita Guza and Elizabeth O'Parka. Your overwhelming response and generosity surpassed our expectations, and we are truly grateful. Your contributions will make a real difference to the poorest of the poor in Lukulu, Zambia. Our deepest gratitude to the Christian Mothers, the Knights of Columbus, and all the volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. We also sincerely appreciate the choirs and musicians who shared their wonderful talents with us. We are seeking passionate volunteers to join us on our trip to Lukulu in July 2026. If you'd like to make a meaningful impact and experience the joy of service, visit our website to learn more and to apply: www.loveforlukulu.org/apply









Advent - The Season for a Reason

The Season of Advent is the four-week liturgical season in the Catholic Church (and many other Christian traditions) that leads up to Christmas. It is a time of hopeful waiting, preparation, and spiritual reflection as believers prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and look forward to His promised return.

Here is a clear and meaningful overview:

What Advent Is

- Advent begins on the Sunday closest to November 30 (the First Sunday of Advent).
- It marks the beginning of the liturgical year.
- The word Advent comes from the Latin adventus, meaning "coming" or "arrival."

Christians reflect on three comings of Christ:

- 1. His coming in history at Christmas (the Incarnation)
- 2. His coming into our hearts every day through grace
- 3. His coming in glory at the end of time

Themes of Advent

Each week focuses on a key spiritual theme:

- Hope remembering God's promise of a Savior
- 2. Peace trusting in God's presence
- 3. Joy rejoicing in God's nearness (Gaudete Sunday)
- 4. Love preparing our hearts to welcome Christ

Symbols of Advent

1. Advent Wreath

A circular wreath with four candles:

- Three purple candles (penitence and preparation)
- One rose candle lit on the third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday – "Rejoice")
 Sometimes a white Christ candle is placed in the center and lit on Christmas.

2. Purple & Rose Colors

- Purple: prayer, penance, and preparation
- Rose: joy, signaling that Christmas is near

3. Advent Calendar

A daily reminder of waiting in hope, especially for families.

How Catholics Observe Advent

- Prayer and reflection each day
- Mass and Scripture readings focused on prophecy and preparation
- Confession, as Advent is a season of spiritual renewal
- Acts of charity to prepare the heart
- Lighting the Advent wreath at home or at church

Purpose of Advent

Advent invites us to slow down, watch, and spiritually prepare for Christ's coming.

It is a season of quiet expectation, encouraging believers to deepen faith, grow in virtue, and rekindle hope.

Fr Kumar

Feeding Our Faith

Nov./Dec. Issue 2025

Merry Christmas! Cath@lic COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MID-MICHIGAN

Endowment Honors Knights' Legacy

When brothers John and Mike Leen first met with Kristin Smith, Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation, in February 2025, they knew their prayers had been answered. As members of Knights of Columbus Council #4693 in Sandusky, John and Mike knew their Knights' Hall was becoming too expensive to maintain and needed to be sold. But how could the sale continue the Knights' charitable mission?

In the end, Kristin helped them set up the new *Knights of Columbus Endowment for Vocations*. Selling the Hall was, as John says, a vehicle to help the Knights generate charity. "The money in the endowment can be used regardless of whether there's membership in Council #4693 or not," said John. Now, their initial contribution of \$125,000 is protected in perpetuity—and will carry on the ministry of Knights Council #4693 and honor their legacy. "That's nothing short of a miracle," John said.

The Leen brothers knew that selling the hall was a complex decision for Council #4693. Many of the Knights consider the Council's legacy to be personal. Growing up, the Leen brothers went to church with a tight-knit community of Knights. Their own father was a former Grand Knight and one of the Council's earliest members. John knew right away that the money should be used for something that would last.

Council #4693 wanted to give the money to the Catholic church, but they also wanted to do more than make a one-time donation. "We should put it into something that will benefit the growth of the Catholic faith for years to come," Mike said, "without us having to touch it." John began researching different ways to protect the money, keep it local, and grow the Catholic faith.

That's when John came across the Catholic Community Foundation through the Diocesan website. "It's just strange that we ended up back at the Catholic Community Foundation," said Mike, who served as a board member in 2021. "It just makes all kinds of sense to have the money directed and funneled to the Catholic Community Foundation where it will be protected forever by a board."

John and Mike decided to call Executive Director Kristin Smith to see how the money could be used. "In ten seconds, she convinced me of our idea," said John. "We told her, 'We want to grow the faith." Mike and John's dedication to honoring the legacy of the Knights and growing the Catholic faith fit perfectly with Kristin's suggestion to support the growth of vocations.

The Leen brothers know a bit about finding a vocation through their journey to becoming Knights. Many parishioners of St. Joseph's (now Holy Family Parish in Sandusky) were Knights when John and Mike were growing up.

Continued ————





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2025 Quarter-At-A-Glance

December 17, 4:00 p.m. Advent Gathering Center for Ministry 5802 Weiss Street Saginaw, MI 48603

December 24
Foundation offices close

January 5

Foundation offices open

Endowment (continued)

After church one Sunday, Knight Dick LeGault told Mike that John was planning on joining the Knights at the Monday night meeting. When Mike and John got home, Mike asked John if he really planned to join. John said he hadn't made any commitments, but the next night, the brothers went to the meeting.

It wasn't until another John—a friend named John Guttowski—entered the building that the Leen brothers realized Dick LeGault misled them on purpose—or as John says jokingly, how Dick "conned us into becoming members." Nevertheless, Mike and John decided to join. "How else are we going to do charity on our own?" asked John. "We could join and do charity as a group."

John and Mike credit Knights like Dick LeGault for inspiring them to be part of the Council. Dick and his wife Bev are one of the reasons Council #4693 felt obligated to use the money from the sale in a way that would last. "When the money came out of the sale, it was the responsibility of the current members to do something that would mean something to the whole council—years past and current members," said Mike.

That's why the Leen brothers and the Knights Council #4693 worked with the Catholic Community Foundation to fill a critical need with the new *Endowment for Vocations*. "There's a shortage of priests," says John. "We need to support parish priests through promotion, attraction, and having an actual recruiter out there."

In the future, John and Mike hope the fund grows to the point that a dedicated Vocations Director could be supported to work full-time throughout the Diocese.

"It's a lofty goal," said Mike. "But many hands make light work. Lots of Knights of Columbus Councils in our Diocese support seminarians. Why not support vocations more?"

To make a donation to the *Knights of Columbus Endowment for Vocations*, scan the code or visit www.ccfmm.org.

To leave a legacy gift through your will, please contact Executive Director, Kristin Smith, at 989.303.9201 or kristin.smith@ccfmm.org.



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