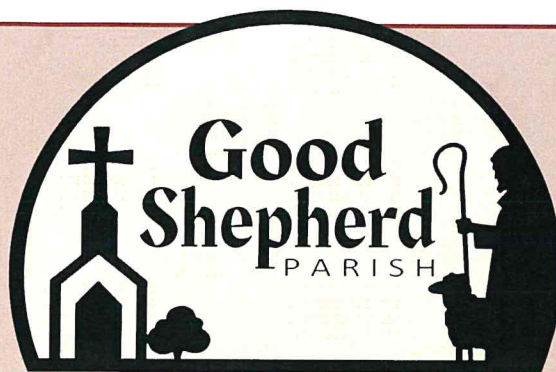


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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY (1st of the month)
3:30 p.m. Meadow Lane, Bad Axe

WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. Chapel at Parish Center

THURSDAY
10:30 a.m. (2nd of the month)
Medical Care Facility
6:00 p.m. Chapel at Parish Center

FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. St. John
Adoration following Mass
(on 1st Friday of the month – Adoration starting
at 9:00 a.m., Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Anointing
of the Sick, Adoration continuing until 4:00 p.m.)

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. Chapel at Parish Center

THURSDAY
After 6:00 p.m. Mass. Chapel at Parish Center

FRIDAY
After 9:00 a.m. Mass. St. John

SATURDAY
3:30 p.m. (Ask Fr. at door) St. John

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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I love you, save souls!*

❧ **DECEMBER** ❧
**Month of the
Immaculate Conception**

❧ **JANUARY** ❧
**Month of the
Holy Name of Jesus**

→ *Holy Father's December Intention:*

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

→ *Holy Father's January Intention:*

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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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December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

2025 Dec 14 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 35: 1-6a. 10/ Ps 146: 6-7. 8-9. 9-10/ Jas 5: 7-10/ Mt 11: 2-11

2025 Dec 15 Mon: Advent Weekday

Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9/ Mt 21: 23-27

2025 Dec 16 Tue: Advent Weekday

Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13/ Ps 34: 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 and 23/ Mt 21: 28-32

2025 Dec 17 Wed: Advent Weekday (O Sapientia)

Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17

2025 Dec 18 Thu: Advent Weekday (O Adonai)

Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25

2025 Dec 19 Fri: Advent Weekday (O Radix Jesse)

Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25

2025 Dec 20 Sat: Advent Weekday (O Clavis David)

Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Envelope Offerings	\$ 6,865.00
Flocknote Online Giving	\$ 339.61
Loose Offerings	\$ 781.00
Total Offerings	\$ 7,985.61
Envelopes Used:	151
Envelope Holders:	249
Avg. amount needed weekly	\$ 5,980.77
Weekly Budget shortfall or overage	\$2,004.84
Building Fund Donations (Current Project: St. John Window Repair):	\$21,669.55 towards goal of \$36,060.

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!

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 13th & 14th

Saturday at St. John: +Ron Skipinski

Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners

Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Woycik & Zinger Families

Mass Intentions: December 20th & 21st

Saturday at St. John: +Marshall Briolat

Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners

Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Deceased member of the Neal & Florence Sweeney family

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:

Dec. 15: Debbie Osentoski, Donna Stepka, Glorie McCarty

Dec. 22: Ann Ypma, Lisa Briolat, Luci Kubacki

Dec. 29: Lori Uhl, Ann Ypma, Kathy Beaver

4:00pm Mass: Saturday, December 20th - St. John

Lector: Jeanne Gusa

EMHC: Debbie Osentoski, Tess Sullivan, Rose Maikzrek

Altar Server: Greyson Guigar

Sacristan: Rose Maikzrek

Ushers: John Guigar, Virg Briolat, Allen Peruski,

North Entrance Greeter: Fr. Kumar

8:30am Mass: Sunday, December 21st - St. Joseph

Lector: Michelle Stine

EMHC: Lori Uhl, Shirley Catalano

Altar Server: Alice & Courtney Stine

Sacristan: Bruce & Lori Uhl

Greeter: Bruce Uhl

Ushers: Kevin & Louise Hessling

10:30am Mass: Sunday, December 21st - St. Columbkille

Lector: Amy Sweeney

EMHC: Jacie Tyrrell, Dana Irion, Beth & Joseph Van Erp, Jeremy Roth

Altar Servers: Aj Langley, Owen Gentner

Greeters: Kubacki Family

Gift Bearers: Eli & Emma Gentner

Ushers: Todd Gingrich, Myah Peruski, Volunteer

Good Shepherd Holy Day Masses

4:00pm Mass: Christmas Eve - St. John

6:00pm Mass: Christmas Eve - St. Columbkille

8:30am Mass: Christmas Day - St. Ignatius

10:00am Mass: Solemnity of Mary - St John

"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: January 7th, 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, 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

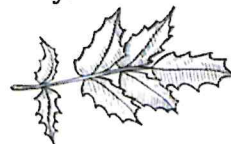
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Communion needed for our 8:30am mass.

We are down to only 6. If you feel God is calling you to this ministry, call the office.

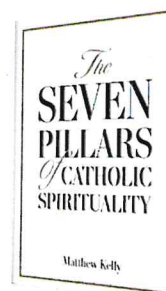
Giving Trees

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!



Good Shepherd Parish's 2025 Christmas book program!!!

Be spiritually fed with Matthew Kelly's *"The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality"* God has been using the Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality to transform ordinary people into saints for a long time. It's time to discover why the timeless genius of Catholicism is still relevant in the modern world.



The above book will be given away at our Christmas masses. Please attend to get one of these amazing books!



Deckerville Area Community Choir Presents: 2000 Decembers Ago, A Christmas Concert

December 19th at 6:30pm at St. John Church, Ubly

Needed Missionary Disciples

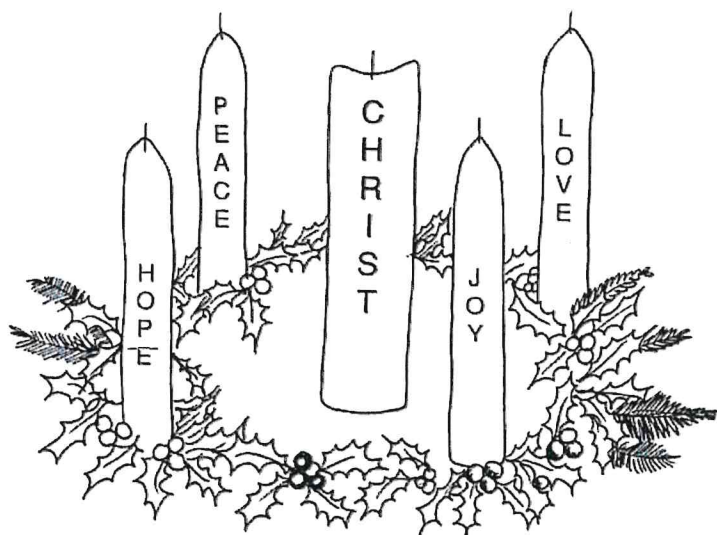
Missionary disciples work within a parish to: Build Friendships with God, Accompany and build trust, Open Hearts and Minds, Foster Community, Go on Mission, Lead with Mercy, Empower the Holy Spirit within the Parish. **Is the Lord calling you to this ministry?** Interested or curious, call the office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



“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

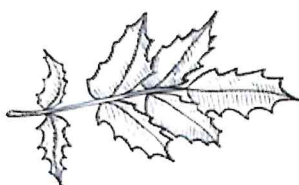
We arrive at the Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of joy. For two weeks, the tone of Advent has been marked by longing, waiting, and repentance. But today, the liturgical color lightens, the readings brighten, and the Church invites us to rejoice. Not because everything in our lives is perfect, but because God is near.

Advent joy is not the shallow cheerfulness of holiday commercials or the forced happiness we sometimes feel pressured to display in December. Advent joy is something deeper—a joy born from hope, a joy that comes not from our circumstances but from God’s presence.

1. Joy in the Midst of Waiting

Our world is full of waiting: waiting for test results, waiting for reconciliation in families, waiting for peace, waiting for prayers to be answered. But Advent teaches us that God is present in the waiting, not just at the end of it. Like Israel waiting for the Messiah, like John the Baptist waiting in prison to hear news of Jesus’ work, we wait. And yet God says: “Do not fear... I am with you.”

Joy grows when we trust that even in silence, God is working.



2. Joy in God’s Faithfulness

Our readings today remind us that God keeps promises.

- The desert will bloom.
- The brokenhearted will be healed.
- The captive will be set free.
- Good news will be proclaimed to the poor.
- Jesus fulfills these promises not only in Scripture but in our own lives. Think of the quiet ways grace appears: a relationship restored, a burden lifted, unexpected peace in a difficult time. These are signs that the Kingdom is already breaking into the world.

3. Joy as a Christian Witness

In a world filled with anxiety, division, and fatigue, Christian joy is not simply a feeling—it is a witness. When we choose joy, we are proclaiming:

“I believe God is at work, even when I cannot see it.”

“I trust the light, even when the night feels long.”

“I rejoice, because Christ is coming — and Christ is already here.”

This kind of joy draws others to God. It is not loud or showy; it is steady, patient, hope-filled. It is the joy of people who know that love has the final word.

4. Preparing Our Hearts with Joy

Advent invites us to prepare the way of the Lord. We often hear that as a call to repentance—and it is—but it is also a call to joy.

What if preparing for Christ means:

- Making room for gratitude,
- Choosing hope amid discouragement,
- Letting go of bitterness,
- Opening our hearts to mercy,
- And being a sign of light for others?

Joy is not something we manufacture—it is a gift of the Holy Spirit. We receive it when we open ourselves to God’s presence.

On this Gaudete Sunday, hear the voice of Scripture speaking not as a suggestion, but as a promise:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. The Lord is near.”

Christ is coming.

Christ is already in our midst.

And that is why, even in a complicated world, we can rejoice.

Amen.

Fr. Kumar

Good Shepherd Christian Mothers & Women will meet on Tuesday, January 13, at the Parish Center.

Join Us on a Life-Changing Mission Trip!

Are you ready to make a difference and share hope with others? We are excited to announce our upcoming **Mission Trip**! Whether you're a seasoned traveler or new to missions, we welcome everyone with a heart to serve.

Details:

- **Destination:** Lukulu Zambia, Africa
- **Date:** July 2026
- **Purpose:** Distribute children's clothes/blankets/toys; host youth group team building activities; assist with construction/repairs; share in praise and worship services

How to Join:

- Complete application on Loveforlukulu.org
- Attend informational meeting: January 11th at 12:00pm –

St. Agnes Catholic Church

300 Johnson St, Freeland, MI 48623

Questions? Contact Elizabeth O'Parka at 757 647-9103

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 nrlc.org/essaycontest/.

One of our parish goals is, "Every parishioner must invite at least one person back to Mass by March of 2026." This will be measured by the DMI survey in Lent 2026.

Here are two ways for **you** to accomplish this goal.

You could spontaneously invite someone to mass on any given day during any interaction with them in an effort to expand our flock.

You could also be very intentional about who you choose to invite. If you have someone specific you have been missing at mass, you can start by enrolling them in Project 99. You simply scan the QR code, enter their name (first name is fine), and enter your email. You will receive regular emails with a prayer to say for your lost sheep.

Then there will be opportunities from now until Lent 2026 to invite that loved one back to mass. Forty percent of people invited back to mass have returned. They were just waiting to be asked.



Washington DC National March for Life.

The 2026 Movement in Motion bus trip is for pro-life students, parents, young adults, chaperones, families, and adults. There are three options: Bus 1 will stay for two nights (January 22nd-23rd) and leaves from Auburn Hills. It costs \$140 per person. Bus 2 will stay for three nights (January 22nd-24th) and leaves from Bloomfield Hills. It costs \$180/person. Bus 3 will stay for two nights (January 22nd-23rd) and leaves from Plymouth. It costs \$140 per person. All three options include a LIFESPAN hat. Go to milifespan.org and click on events for additional trip information and to register. The Huron County Right to Life would be happy to offer financial assistance to anyone attending the March for Life. To contact the Huron Co. RTL, call or text Jeanne at 954-540-0174.

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Chesterton Schools Network (CSN) is an educational initiative aimed to evangelize through education. It supports the launch and operations of Catholic classical high schools through comprehensive curricula, operational toolkits, and services. There are around 70 CSN member schools operating across the United States and Canada and other countries, with over 20 additional schools slated to open in the next two years.

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Chesterton Academy students fare very well on college entrance exams. Their alumni are accepted at top Catholic and secular universities, and receive valuable scholarships. Chesterton students receive a solid foundation in humanities, fine arts, and math and science, which provides an academic advantage in further study after graduation. Business leaders seek out Chesterton graduates, even when not pursuing higher education, because they are well-rounded and demonstrate an ability to reason, problem-solve and communicate well.

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