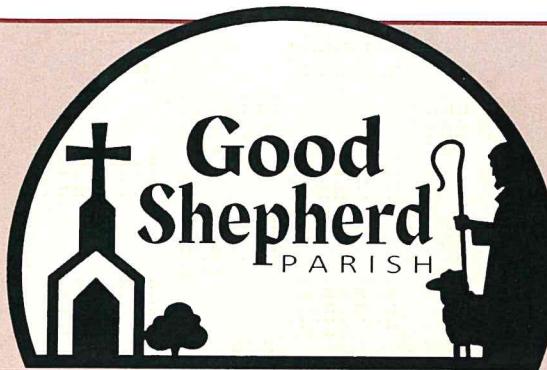


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St. Columbkille
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MASS SCHEDULE

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.
(CLOSED FRIDAY)

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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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tues. at 12:00 p.m.
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January 4th, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

2026 Jan 4 SUN: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD S
Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12

2026 Jan 5 Mon: John Neumann, bp M
1 Jn 3: 22 -- 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-8. 10-12a/ Mt 4: 12-17. 23-25

2026 Jan 6 Tue: Christmas Weekday/ Andre Bessette, r
1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/ Mk 6: 34-44

2026 Jan 7 Wed: Christmas Weekday/ Raymond of Peñafort, p

1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 72: 1-2. 10. 12-13/ Mk 6: 45-52

2026 Jan 8 Thu: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4: 19 -- 5: 4/ Ps 72: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17/ Lk 4: 14-22

2026 Jan 9 Fri: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Lk 5: 12-16

2026 Jan 10 Sat: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-2. 3-4. 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3: 22-30

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Envelope Offerings	\$ 2,760.00
Flocknote Online Giving	\$ 809.03
Loose Offerings	\$ 549.00
Christmas Offering (envelopes and loose)	\$ 6,636.00
Total Offerings	\$10,754.03
Envelopes Used:	76
Envelope Holders:	249
Avg. amount needed weekly	\$ 5,980.77
Weekly Budget shortfall or overage	\$4,773.26
Building Fund Donations (Current Project: St. John Window Repair):	\$22,879.55 towards goal of \$36,060.
Religious Retirement	\$170.00

Christ's Mission Appeal 2025-2026

We have raised \$24,277.00 towards our goal of **\$52,459.00**. Thank you for your stewardship in the past, and this year!

Cancelations: If Ubly School is closed the weekday mass will also be canceled.

Mass Intentions: January 3rd & 4th

Saturday at St. John: +Virginia Dropiewski
Sunday at St. Joseph: +Theresa McCarty Glaza
Sunday at St. Columbkille: All Parishioners

Mass Intentions: January 10th & 11th

Saturday at St. John: +Joan Warner
Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners
Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Eugene & Agnus Gorkowski

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:

Jan. 5: Donna Stepka, Glorie McCarty, Debbie Osentoski

Jan. 12: Lisa Briolat, Luci Kubacki, Carol Beaudin

Jan. 20: Lori Uhl, Ann Ypma, Kathy Beaver

4:00pm Mass: Saturday, January 10th - St. John

Lector: Bev Pawlosky

EMHC: Delphine Czewski, Debbie Osentoski, Ann Ympa

Altar Server: Ricardo Fabion

Sacristan: Delphine Czewski

Ushers: Charlie Briolat, Rich Trepkowski, Volunteer

North Entrance Greeter: Jennifer Booms

8:30am Mass: Sunday, January 11th - St. Joseph

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Debbie Peruski, Shirley Catalano

Altar Server: Taylor Chase

Sacristan: Steve & Lisa Briolat

Greeter: Lisa Briolat

Ushers: Kevin & Louise Hessling

10:30am Mass: Sunday, January 11th - St. Columbkille

Lector: Lori Osentoski

EMHC: JaCie Tyrrell, Karen Pichla, Beth & Joseph Van Erp, Jeremy Roth

Altar Servers: Sadie Fischer, Paige Sweeney, Alyson Klee

Greeters: Briolat Family

Gift Bearers: Fischer Family

Ushers: Marv Osentoski, Ronnie Irion, Kendal Irion

"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) January 11, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Youth Mass: February 22, 2026, at 10:30am 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: January 2026, 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. January 11 & January 25



Happy Anniversary Father Kumar

Father was ordained January 2, 2013.

May God Bless You and may You always feel *His Presence* as You reflect *His Love* to All! Thank You for being a *Missionary Shepherd* for all of Us at Good Shepherd Parish!

Walking in Faith

During the month of January & February please join us for walking in faith in the parish gym. We will walk while we listen to the podcaster Fr. Mike Schmitz. Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness for us, revealed in scripture and passed down through the tradition of the Catholic faith. Each podcast is about 20 minutes. We ask you to walk silently during the podcast. After the podcast you may go or continue walking. Please bring dry shoes to avoid getting the gym floors wet and wear a sweatshirt as it may be a bit cooler in the gym.

Mondays and Thursdays 6pm to 7pm

Saturday 9am to 10am

Starting Jan 5th, 2026

Cost: Donations accepted to building funds at Good Shepherd Parish



Above - Our Youth Group Caroling at Meadow Lane.
Below - Youth who took part in Christmas Eve Youth Mass.



Good Shepherd Christian Mothers

and Women will meet on Tuesday, January 13, at the Parish Center at 6:00pm.

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

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.



Join Lifespan for the 2026 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.

Ruth K of C Euchre Party

January 11th, 2026

Starts at 1:00pm at Ruth K of C Hall
Cash Prizes & Hot Lunch Included

Admission \$6.00

Come Join Us!

January 30 – February 1, 2026 -

Women's Silent Retreat: All rooms are full. Commuting spots are available. In peaceful silence, we hear the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit, inviting us to become the women God made us to be. Please join retreat leaders, Mary Jo Kerlin, Jean Thiele, and Stacey Trapani, for the Women's Silent Retreat on January 30-February 1, 2026, at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. There will be time to journal, express your creativity, experience silent prayer, and participate in spiritual direction if you choose. Mostly we will rest in the presence of our loving creator.

NEW THIS YEAR: In response to requests for more time in prayer, you have the option to arrive Friday beginning at 1:00 p.m. **ALSO NEW:** We will begin at 7:00 p.m., with the option to arrive at 6:00 p.m., for dinner. You can indicate your preference on the registration form. There will be an option to attend Mass at the Center for Ministry on Sunday at 8:00 a.m., and breakfast will follow. We will conclude at noon on Sunday. The cost is \$110 for a commuter. This includes five meals, snacks, and beverages.

Register at this link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSR_2026, by scanning the QR code, or by calling 989.797.6654. Registration deadline is January 23, 2026, or when full. To be added to the waiting list for a room, please contact Amy Dore at adore@diosag.org or call 989.797.6654.



The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

As we begin a new year, the Church places before us Mary, the Mother of God. This is not by accident. On the very first day of the year, we are reminded that God chose to enter human history through a woman who said “yes.” Today’s solemnity is about who Jesus is—and what God’s love looks like when it enters our world.

1. Why Do We Call Mary “Mother of God”?

When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are proclaiming an essential truth of our faith: Jesus is truly God and truly human. Mary did not give birth to a mere prophet or teacher; she gave birth to the Son of God made flesh. This title protects our belief in Jesus’ identity. To honor Mary is to honor the mystery of the Incarnation—God choosing to dwell among us, sharing our human life from the very beginning.

2. Mary Teaches Us How to Receive God

Mary did not fully understand God’s plan, but she trusted Him. She listened, believed, and allowed God to work through her life. Because of her openness, salvation entered the world.

At the start of a new year, Mary invites us to ask: Am I making room for God in my life? Like Mary, we are called to listen, trust, and allow God to act—even when the future is uncertain.

3. Mary, Mother of Peace

This solemnity is also celebrated as the World Day of Peace. Mary gave birth to the Prince of Peace. Yet her life was not free from struggle—there was hardship, fear, and suffering. Still, she carried peace in her heart because she trusted God. True peace does not mean the absence of problems. It means knowing that God is with us. Mary teaches us that peace begins when we place our lives in God’s hands.

4. Mary Keeps All Things in Her Heart

The Gospel tells us that Mary “treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.” She did not rush, complain, or panic. She prayed. In a world full of noise and pressure, Mary shows us the importance of silence, reflection, and prayer.

As we begin this year, Mary encourages us to slow down, to listen for God’s voice, and to carry His word in our hearts.

Father Kumar

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

TEEN PRO-LIFE SOCIAL MEDIA

VIDEO CONTEST Huron County high school students — have extra free time this winter? Put it to work and win up to \$300! Create a short Pro-Life social media video and enter the Teen Pro-Life Social Media Video Contest presented by Huron County Right to Life.

There are cash prizes: 1st Place \$300, 2nd Place \$200, and 3rd Place \$100. Enter by March 6, 2026. Winners announced March 12, 2026.

Scan the QR Code or link below for official rules and submission form.

<https://forms.gle/kwCwRfr3hMGp2h968>





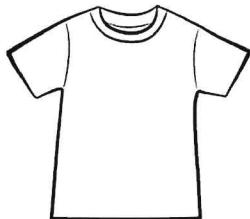
The Epiphany of Our Lord

February 7, 2026 - ABLAZE Diocesan

Confirmation Retreat: All current youth in the Purpose Confirmation Program (year 1 & 2) are invited to our Diocesan Confirmation Retreat for powerful talks, fun, worship, Mass, and Adoration on February 7, from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, at Holy Spirit Parish, 1035 N. River Rd., Saginaw. This retreat is not required to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, but a powerful opportunity to encounter Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Group leaders at each parish can register their adult and youth participants at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2-7-26>. Parishes must bring completed permission forms the day of the event. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch and dinner (parishes will be billed after the event).

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.



Fall in Love All Over Again! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a time set aside for you and your spouse to connect more deeply and fan the spark of your love. Through presentations and time for private discussion, WWME offers tools to take your marriage to the next level. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517.667.0433 for more information. Upcoming Experiences:

January 30 - February 1 at Country Inn & Suites in Grand Rapids

March 6-8 at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw

April 10-12 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt



"The Chosen" Series is Back!

As we continue to build our Next Generation Parish, the Implementation Team is offering fellowship weekly with our Good Shepherd Parish family. We will again be watching "The Chosen" series starting in February. We hope to offer both Seasons 1 and 2. It will be shown 2-3 times per week, and you can choose the location that bests suits your schedule. We will have sign-up sheets at the back of the church throughout January or you can call Lori at 989-551-8391 or Bonnie at 810-358-8444.

Rosaries

Join us for the Rosary before each weekend Mass: 3:40pm at St John; 8:10am at St Joseph; 10:00am at St Columbkille



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POST #1**



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JANUARY 4, 2026

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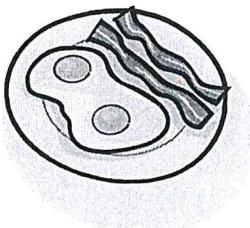
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