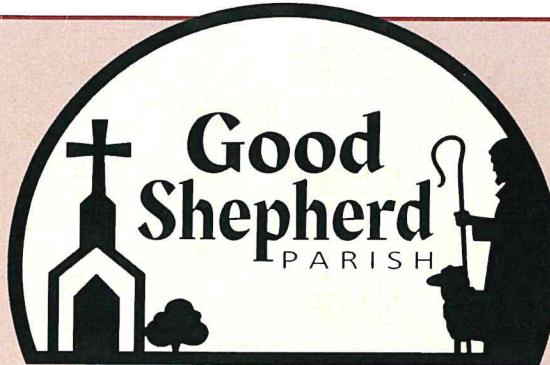


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MASS SCHEDULE

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 / CONFESIONS

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

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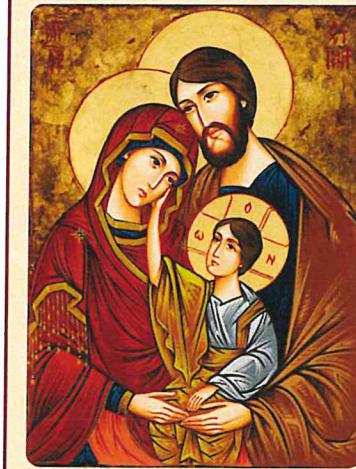
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JANUARY
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→ *Holy Father's December Intention:*

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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February 1st, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2026 Feb 1 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zep 2: 3; 3: 12-13 / Ps 146: 6-7. 8-9. 9-10 / 1 Cor 1: 26-31 / Mt 5: 1-12a

2026 Feb 2 Mon: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD F

Mal 3: 1-4 / Ps 24: 7. 8. 9. 10 / Heb 2: 14-18 / Lk 2: 22-40

2026 Feb 3 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Blase, bp, mt/ Ansgar, bp, ms

2 Sm 18: 9-10. 14b. 24-25a. 30 19: 3 / Ps 86: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 / Mk 5: 21-43

2026 Feb 4 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

2 Sm 24: 2. 9-17 / Ps 32: 1-2. 5. 6. 7 / Mk 6: 1-6

2026 Feb 5 Thu: Agatha, v, mt M

1 Kgs 2: 1-4. 10-12 / 1 Chr 29: 10. 11ab. 11d-12a. 12bcd / Mk 6: 7-13

2026 Feb 6 Fri: Paul Miki, p, mt, & co., mts M

Sir 47: 2-11 / Ps 18: 31. 47 and 50. 51 / Mk 6: 14-29

2026 Feb 7 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

1 Kgs 3: 4-13 / Ps 119: 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14 / Mk 6: 30-34

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Envelope Offerings	\$ 2,997.00
Flocknote Online Giving	\$ 674.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 413.05
Total Offerings	\$ 4,084.38
Envelopes Used:	94
Envelope Holders:	249
Avg. amount needed weekly	\$ 5,980.77
Weekly Budget shortfall/overage	-\$1,896.39
Building Fund	\$ 1,190.00

Christ's Mission Appeal 2025-2026

We have raised \$30,302.00 towards our goal of \$52,459.00. The new calculation for each parish's CMA is a flat 16% average of the last three year's Sunday/Holy Day collections. This calculates to the original number provided, \$46,571.00. It was later decided that the maximum change from the previous year's CMA amount would cap at 15%. Our 24-25 CMA amount was \$61,716.00, so our 25-26 could only decrease by 15% of that, coming to the updated amount of \$52,459.00.

Thank you for all of the generous donations to the St. John's window repair/building fund throughout 2025. This includes the most recent donations from Christian Mothers and Daughters of Isabella. We raised \$25,461.00 of the \$36,060.00.

The remaining \$10,599.00 has been taken from our Building Fund savings account.

Weekday masses will be canceled through February 13th.

Mass Intentions: January 31st& February 1st

Saturday at St. John: +Mary & Al Kubacki

Sunday at St. Joseph: All Parishioners

Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Carey Deachin

Mass Intentions: February 8th

Sunday at St. Joseph: +Walter & Mildred Uhl

Sunday at St. Columbkille: +Barb Sweeney

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:

Feb. 2: Lori Uhl, Luci Kubacki, Carol Beaudin

Feb. 9: Ann Ypma, Kathy Beaver, Donna Stepka

Feb. 17: Luci Kubacki, Debbie Osentoski, Glorie McCarty

4:00pm Mass: Saturday, February 7th - St. John
There will be no mass – no priest available.

Please pray for vocations in our Diocese.

There are other Saturday options in our area.

Holy Apostles, Ruth 4:00pm

Our Lady Consolata, Cass City 4:30pm

St. Huberts, Bad Axe 4:30pm

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

Lector: Lori Uhl

EMHC: Denise Kubacki, Debbie Peruski

Altar Server: Shirley Catalano

Sacristan: Denise Kubacki

Greeter: Jo Izydorek

Ushers: Kevin & Louise Hessling

10:30am Mass: Sunday, February 8th - St. Columbkille

Lector: Katie Sweeney

EMHC: Dana Irion, Joe Flannery, Jerry Sweeney, Jacie Tyrrell, Karen Pichla

Altar Servers: Luke & Caleb Roth

Greeter: Kubacki Family

Gift Bearers: Briolat Family

Ushers: Ray Maurer, Jeff Maurer & Terry Sween

"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: February 4, 5:30pm Parish Center

Faith Formation Adoration: *To be announced*

Youth Group: (7-12 grade) February 15, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Youth Mass: February 22, 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: March 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, February 8th 4:00-5:00pm, February 26th 6:00-7:00pm

St. John's Choir Interest –

Answer the Call to Lead Our Song.

St. John Church service is seeking someone with a heart for worship to start, organize, and lead a possible choir. If you love sacred music and feel called to guide others in singing God's praise, this is a beautiful opportunity to serve our parish through leadership and song. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Kumar if interested.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

We wish to express our deepest condolences to the family & friends of **Cindy Lou Gucwa** whose funeral mass was celebrated last Saturday.

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

Faith Through the Generations



A multi-generation mass celebration

Bring your whole family - grandparents, parents, children, and beyond!

Join us for our *Multi-Generation Mass* at Good Shepherd masses the weekend of February 14th-15th, followed by family photos, cupcakes, and fellowship.

This is a great opportunity to extend an invitation to a loved one you've been missing at mass.

"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 weekly starting in February and it will run to the end of March. We hope to offer both Seasons 1 and 2. We will have sign-up sheets at the back of the churches throughout January or you can call Lori at 989-551-8391 or Bonnie at 810-358-8444 if you would like to sign up or have any questions.

Below are the areas and times we are hosting the program:

Mondays, 6:30pm - Argyle area

Tuesdays, 6:30pm – Ubly Area

Thursdays, 1:00pm – Ubly Area

Thursdays, 6:30pm – Deckerville Area

Fridays, 7:30pm – Sheridan Area

Saturdays, 1:00pm - Ubly Area

Good Shepherd Christian Mothers and Women will meet on Tuesday February 10th, at the Parish Center at 6:00pm. All women of Good Shepherd are invited.

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. Come join us.



Walking in Faith

During the months 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

Cost: Donations accepted for the building fund at Good Shepherd Parish

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.



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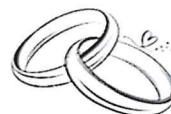
All meetings are at 7:00pm at the Parish Center on the Second Wednesday of the month. We are always looking for New Members – call Dave Keller at 989-670-3107. Our food pantry is available for anyone in need, located in Ublý at the parish center. This is confidential and anonymous – Call Jeff Maurer at 989-553-4224. Dave Keller - Grand Knight

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March 6-8 at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw

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



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 depleted for both WWMN and the Mother Teresa Fund. If you would like to support pregnant and new moms, 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: Kelly Hadd, 5800 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48603. Thank you for supporting life.



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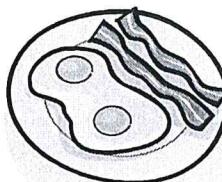
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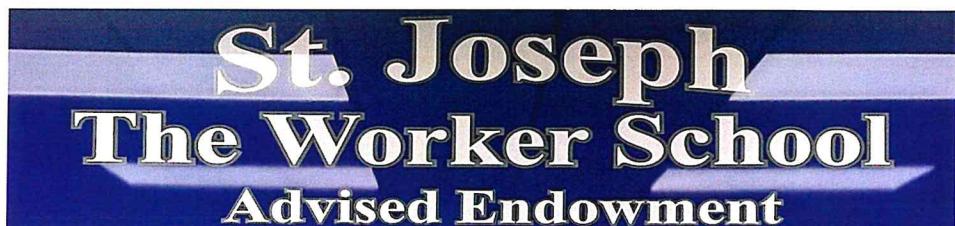
As the Catholic Community Foundation begins celebrating our 20th Anniversary in 2026, we are already looking forward to the next 20 years of serving our community and growing the Catholic faith. The Foundation is committed to generously supporting the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our Catholic community. We strive to meet those needs by stewarding funds like the *St. Joseph the Worker Catholic School Advised Endowment*, which was established in 2024. In fact, the fund’s “motto” perfectly describes the Foundation’s commitment to long-term prosperity: ***Your giving ensures the future.***

“We believe in stewardship and giving to support our school,” said Henry Block, a grandparent of seven grandchildren currently attending St. Joseph the Worker School in Beal City. Amanda Schafer, a mother whose three out of four children currently attend St. Joseph, agreed that their school is a community that truly supports one another. “I just love that everyone knows everybody,” Amanda said. “Everybody looks out for everybody.”

Amanda and Henry both believe in the importance of Catholic education and emphasize how St. Joseph the Worker School is a force for good in the Beal City community. Amanda notes how the educators at St. Joseph have provided a good foundation for her kids. From having small class sizes to attending a school-wide weekly Mass, Amanda sees the impact of Catholic education. Even her youngest child, now in preschool, interacts with older grades through programs like Reading Buddies and attending weekly Mass. “It’s helped us going as a family to Mass on the weekend,” said Amanda. “I feel like she’s more involved with the structure of the Mass.”

As a grandparent, Henry sees that impact with his grandkids as well. “It is my foundational belief that the lifeblood of St. Joseph the Worker Parish is through St. Joseph the Worker School,” he said. “I think the school is vital to the community.”

One of the things Amanda and Henry like most about the endowment with the Catholic Community Foundation is their involvement as advisors. They have the ability to decide how the fund’s annual disbursement will be used. As parents and grandparents, Amanda and Henry have a unique perspective on how that disbursement will most help the school.



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For More Information



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*Henry’s sign at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City says
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2026 Quarter-At-A-Glance

January 31
2026/2027 Scholarship
applications due

March 10, 11:30 a.m.
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5802 Weiss Street
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April 1
2026 Grant applications open

“Your Giving” (continued)

“That’s why I got involved,” said Henry. “We have some discretion. That could go directly to teachers’ salaries, technology, [or] books.”

“The biggest thing I really hope to see this endowment improve is to keep our teachers,” said Amanda. “Our teachers aren’t paid like public school teachers,” she continued. “We’re trying to close that gap.”

Part of paying teachers a better salary is to increase enrollment at St. Joseph the Worker School—with more students per classroom, the more teachers can be paid. That’s why another goal of the endowment is to help with tuition. “Our tuition is very reasonable,” said Henry. “Our goal is to keep it very reasonable.”

Right now, St. Joseph the Worker School is trying to raise funds to help their endowment grow even more so they can receive their first disbursement. Henry even designed a donation sign for Beal City’s Knights of Columbus Hall, which hosts a lot of funeral luncheons. Henry hopes to encourage guests to consider giving in their will or making an immediate donation. His sign proclaims: **Your Giving Ensures the Future**. “That’s how simple it is,” Henry says.

Amanda and Henry both hope their community will donate in honor of the school that provides a great educational foundation. They want to ensure that St. Joseph will be able to serve future generations. “I just love that we have this opportunity for our community to donate to this fund to keep our school going,” says Amanda.

“No donation is too small. And, definitely, no donation is too large,” says Henry with a laugh. “That goes without saying. It all counts and it’s very important.”

As the new year begins, please consider making a donation to *St. Joseph the Worker School Advised Endowment*. To donate, scan the QR code or visit www.ccfmm.org to make an online donation. To donate by mail, send checks to:

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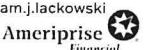
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