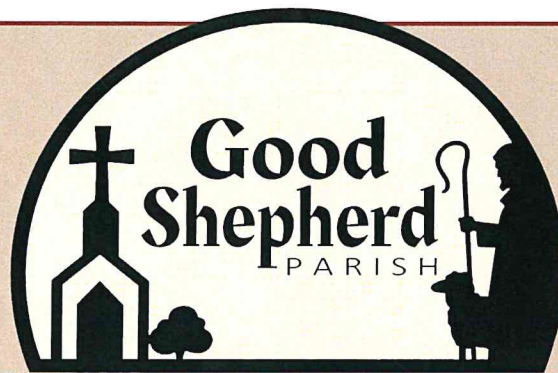


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. St. John

THURSDAY
10:30 a.m. (2nd of the month)
Medical Care Facility

6:00 p.m. St. Columbkille

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
5:00 p.m. St. John (June, July, & August)

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY
9:30 a.m. St. John

THURSDAY
After 6:00 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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MAY
Month of
Blessed
Virgin Mary



JUNE
Month of
the Sacred
Heart of
Jesus

→ **Holy Father's May Intention:**
That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

→ **Holy Father's June Intention:**
For the Values of Sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

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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May 17, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord

**2026 May 17 SUN: ASCENSION OF THE LORD S
(Seventh Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 1: 1-11/ Ps 47: 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 (6)/ Eph 1: 17-23/ Mt 28: 16-20

2026 May 18 Mon: Easter Weekday/ John I, pp, mt *Acts 19: 1-8/ Ps 68: 2-3ab. 4-5acd. 6-7ab/ Jn 16: 29-33*

2026 May 19 Tue: Easter Weekday

Acts 20: 17-27/ Ps 68: 10-11. 20-21/ Jn 17: 1-11a

2026 May 20 Wed: Easter Weekday/ Bernardine of Siena, p, r, ms *Acts 20: 28-38/ Ps 68: 29-30. 33-35a. 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17: 11b-19*

2026 May 21 Thu: Easter Weekday/

Christopher Magallanes, p, & co., mts *Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11/ Ps 16: 1-2a and 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/ Jn 17: 20-26*

2026 May 22 Fri: Easter Weekday/ Rita of Cascia, r *Acts 25: 13b-21/ Ps 103: 1-2. 11-12. 19-20ab/ Jn 21: 15-19*

2026 May 23 Sat: Easter Weekday

Acts 28: 16-20. 30-31/ Ps 11: 4. 5 and 7/ Jn 21: 20-25

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Envelope Offerings	\$ 7,403.00
Flocknote Online Giving	\$ 742.56
Loose Offerings	\$ 639.52
Total Offerings	\$ 8,785.08
Envelopes Used	116
Envelope Holders	249
Avg. amount needed weekly	\$ 5,980.77
Weekly Budget shortfall/overage	\$ 2,804.31
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

Is God calling you to be a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion?

You must be 16 years old. You must be fully initiated, received Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. You must be a parishioner who participates in the sacramental life of the church. If married, valid and recognized in the Roman Catholic Church. You may volunteer for any mass time. Call the office so we can add you to the training schedule. Training by Father will be scheduled at the Parish Center soon.

Mass Intentions:

Friday, May 15, at St. John: Alexandria Grace Skipinski
Saturday, May 16, at St. John: +Mary & Al Kubacki
Sunday, May 17, at St. Joseph: All Parishioners
Sunday, May 17, at St. Columbkille: +Luke Snyder

Saturday, May 23, at St. John: +Ron Skipinski
Sunday, May 24, at St. Joseph: All Parishioners
Sunday, May 24, at St. Columbkille: +Madison Heleski

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:

May 18: Norma Peruski, Carol Beaudin, Donna Stepka

May 26: Denise Kubacki, Ann Ympa, Kathy Beaver

June 1: Lori Uhl, Debbie Osentoski, Glorie McCarty

4:00pm Mass: May 23rd - St. John

Lector: Mike O'Parka

EMHC: Rose Maikrzek, Bev Pawlosky, Ann Ympa

Altar Server: Ricardo Fabian

Sacristan: Rose Maikrzek

North Entrance Greeter: Shirley Guza

Ushers: Whitey Pawlosky, Charlie Briolat, Rich Trepkowski

8:30am Mass: May 24th - St. Joseph

Lector: Michelle Stine

EMHC: Paul Deo, Lori Uhl

Altar Server: Alice & Courtney Stine

Sacristan: Bruce/Lori Uhl

Greeter: Bruce Uhl

Ushers: Bruce Uhl, Kerry Grifka

10:30am Mass: May 24th - St. Columbkille

Lector: Maria Roth

EMHC: JaCie Tyrrell, Karen Picla, Dana Irion, & Volunteers

Altar Servers: Caleb Roth, Owen Gentner

Greeter: Paige Sweeney

Gift Bearers: Briolat Family

Ushers: Aaron Bismack, Todd Gingrich, Myah Peruski

5:00pm Mass: St. John Starting June 7th to August 30th.

Is God calling you to be an Altar Server assisting Father during Mass? You must have received Baptism & Eucharist. You may volunteer for any mass time. Training will be scheduled. Call the office so we can add you to our next schedule.

Is God calling you to be a greeter, welcoming all as Jesus did? You may volunteer for any mass time. Call the office so we can add you to our next schedule.

“Lifelong Faith Formation”

(See Parish Vision on cover)

Child Faith Formation (PreK-6): Weekly

St. John Ubly: Fall 2026, Wednesdays 3:15-5pm

St. Columbkille: Fall 2026, Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

Family Night: Fall 2026

Faith Formation Adoration: Fall 2026

Youth Group: (7-12 grade) Mini Golf June 17th at 4pm at Sandy Dunes. Contact JaCie

Youth Mass: Fall 2026

Adult Faith Formation Offerings:

Adoration: All day Adoration until 4pm first Friday of every month; Holy Hour every Friday after 9am Mass

Scripture Study: Starting Sept. 2026 at St. Columbkille

Bible Study: Starting May 3, 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, (resuming in fall) 6:00-7:30pm



Youth Group Mini Golf Outing will be on June 17th at 4pm at Sandy Dunes, Port Austin. Group will meet at Sandy Dunes. Youth Group will cover the cost of this

event, so **come and enjoy with friends.** Text JaCie at 989-551-1225 or email jtyrrell@goodshepherd.diosag by June 15th.

Vacation Bible School July 6th to July 10th at



the Parish Center. Helpers are needed. Contact JaCie at jtyrrell@goodshepherd.diosag.org

Christ's Mission Appeal 2025-2026

As of 5/12/2026

We have raised \$41,102.00 towards our goal of \$52,459.00. This year's mission appeal is ending soon, so if you haven't given already, please prayerfully consider doing so. The remaining balance will be paid by Good Shepherd funds. Thank you to 152 Parish members who have responded. Thank you for your stewardship!

Bible Study is continuing, in St. Joseph Hall, immediately after 8:30 mass. We will be studying the book of Revelation, with videos by Jeff Cavens. You may purchase companion study guide, contact Joann Roy 904-571-0156.

Father Kumar's Birthday Mass will be Monday June 1, 2026, at St. John at 5:00pm. After mass we will celebrate at Parish Center. The Knights will grill hot dogs. Bring a side or dessert and join in celebrating. Please RSVP to the office so we have a count to plan for.

Ladies Evening Tea, June 17, 2026

Ladies of all ages, please join us for an evening filled with great conversation, delicious tea and food, fellowship and more!

Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm

\$15 at the door per person

RSVP to Marsha McDonald (989) 551-3437

RSVP by June 7, 2026

Good Shepherd Parish Center



All 2026 Graduates!

Good Shepherd Parish graciously invites You and Your Parents to Graduation Mass.

Graduation Masses will be:

4:00pm, May 23rd at St. John

8:30am, May 24th at St. Joseph

10:30am, May 24th at St. Columbkille

You may attend any mass and are invited to wear your cap and gown. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by May 20th

Christian Mothers Garage Sale

June 25 & 26, 2026

Good Shepherd Parish Center

Spring Cleaning or Downsizing?

Dates for drop off to be announced.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Holy Father, keep them in your name... so that they may be one just as we are one.”

This is often called the “High Priestly Prayer” of Jesus. It is intimate, emotional, and full of love. Before His suffering begins, Jesus entrusts His disciples to the Father’s care.

Notice something important: Jesus does not pray that His followers will avoid difficulty. He does not promise comfort, success, or an easy road. In fact, He knows they will face confusion, persecution, and fear. Instead, He prays for unity.

Why?

Because division destroys witness.

Fear isolates.

Pride separates.

But unity reveals God.

The unity Jesus speaks of is not superficial agreement or pretending that differences do not exist. Christian unity is deeper than that. It is rooted in love — the same love shared between the Father and the Son.

That is a challenging calling in our world today.

We live in a culture that rewards outrage, suspicion, and division. Families become divided. Churches become divided. Nations become divided. Social media trains us to attack before listening.

Yet Jesus still prays:

“That they may be one.”

This means the Christian is called to become a bridge-builder, not a divider. We are called to forgive even when it is difficult, to seek reconciliation, to speak truth with charity, and to remember that every person is made in the image of God.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows the disciples gathered together after Jesus’ Ascension. They are uncertain about the future, but they remain united in prayer with Mary. Before Pentecost comes power, there is first waiting together in faith.

That is important for us too.

Sometimes we want quick solutions from God. But often the Lord forms us in the waiting. He teaches us trust before mission, prayer before action, communion before success.

And in the second reading, Saint Peter reminds suffering Christians not to be ashamed of belonging to Christ. Even trials can become a participation in His glory.

So today’s readings ask us three questions:

- Am I contributing to unity or division?
- Do I pray for others the way Jesus prays for me?
- Is my life revealing the love of Christ to the world?

The beautiful truth of this Gospel is that Jesus still intercedes for us. Even now, the risen Christ continues to pray for His people.

When we feel weak, He prays.

When the Church struggles, He prays.

When we fall into sin and return again seeking mercy, He prays.

And His prayer has power.

As we prepare for Pentecost, this is the moment to ask the Holy Spirit to heal divisions within us and among us. Unity begins in the heart — in humility, forgiveness, and love.

May we become the answer to Christ’s prayer: That they may all be one.

Father Kumar

Parade walkers of all ages are needed to hand out pro-life merchandise or simply to walk in the Bad Axe Memorial Day Weekend Parade on Saturday, May 23rd. The parade starts at 10:30am. Volunteers need to arrive at the Bad Axe Middle School no later than 9:30am. Please contact Mary Jo to let her know you will help 989-954-7028. It's an easy way to be involved in the local pro-life movement.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

The Huron County Right to Life and Positive Alternatives Pregnancy Center of Bad Axe are co-sponsoring a Baby Bottle Boomerang which kicked off last weekend. If you missed it, you are still welcome to take home a baby bottle and fill it with their spare change and return the bottle and its contents to church on Father’s Day weekend. Checks can be made payable to Huron Co. RTL. Positive Alternatives is a Christ-Centered, pro-life ministry working to educate women on the alternatives to abortion. The Huron Co. RTL consists of volunteers that are committed to saving the lives of the unborn, the elderly, and everyone in between. This is the primary fundraiser for both pro-life organizations. If you or someone you know is in a crisis pregnancy, please call 1-800-712-HELP.



Catholic Rural Life Mass – Saturday, May 30 - Bishop Gruss will celebrate the unique Catholic culture of rural life with Mass and a luncheon on Saturday, May 30, 2026. Rogation Day Procession begins at 11am. The celebration is being held at the Octagon Barn, 6948 Richie Rd., Gagetown. All are welcome for the procession and mass!

The East Region Council of Catholic Women will hold their Spring Meeting on **Wednesday, May 20**, at St. John Church / Good Shepherd Parish Center (4476 N. Washington St.), Ubyly. Registration & refreshments will begin at 9:30 a.m.; the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at approximately 2:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated, and lunch will be served. Cost is \$15. Speakers will be Fr. Ron Wagner with the topic of “Prayer Dialogue with the Lord” and Tony Szczygiel, who will speak on the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. **All women of the Diocese are invited!** Please **RSVP to Rose Lilly at 810-359-7610 / lillytad310@gmail.com. before May 17.**



Thank You

The Euchre parties at St. Joseph’s have come to an end for the 2026 season. A big thank you to all that participated whether it was by playing cards, working at the party, planning them, or contributing with food or money. Everyone that attends these parties has such a wonderful time and they are always asking us to do more! By the Grace of God, we are still able to sponsor these parties, and plan to continue next year. The money raised is used for various needs within the parish. In the past, we have been able to make many updates to the Parish Hall (painting, flooring, handicap bathroom, appliance repairs, etc.). We have also been able to give to those in need in our community such as Eva’s Place (Shelter for homeless or abused women) and the Sanilac County Veterans organization. This year we will also be able to donate to the Veterans, but the majority of the proceeds are going back into the Parish to help with the utility bills and maintenance needs. Thank you again! See you next year!

St. Joseph Altar Society

Please welcome into our faith family:

Conner David Iseler, Son of Johnathan & Alyssa

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2026 Quarter-At-A-Glance

May 5, 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Investment Forum
Scan the QR code to RSVP.



June 30
Grant Applications Close

Apply for 2026 Grants!



Grants recipients at the Foundation's 2025 Grants Luncheon.

The Catholic Community Foundation's 2026 Grant Application period is now open! Our community grants are designed to support the immediate needs of our entire community throughout Mid-Michigan. Grant applications will close on June 30, 2026.

With the Foundation's stewardship of endowed funds, we are able to provide both long-term, perpetual support to parishes and schools, while also stewarding your gifts to support the needs of our community right now.

Last year, the Foundation disbursed more than \$150,000 to grant recipients. Their service to our community focused on a range of causes, like the needs of our Catholic schools and the needs of the poor and vulnerable. From supporting food banks to providing free health care, our grant recipients work every day to lift up our community by supporting those most vulnerable.

As we celebrate the Foundation's 20th Anniversary, we are so thankful for the donors who make these grants possible. In total, the Catholic Community Foundation has disbursed more than \$1.9 million in community grants. It's a part of our 20 year legacy of generously supporting the spiritual, educational, and social needs of the Diocese of Saginaw.

To apply for 2026 grants, visit our website at www.ccfmm.org/grants or scan the QR code.



Giving in Abundance, Giving in Memory

After attending one of the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan's "End of Life with Christ" seminars, Mary Reynolds and her husband Roger arranged to look at a cemetery plot. That's where they discovered that many Catholics can't afford a proper Catholic burial.

When Roger unexpectedly passed away in 2024, Mary said, "I gave Roger the best Catholic funeral he could have had." Afterwards, she set up an endowment with the Foundation to help others have a Catholic funeral.

Mary and Roger were married for 63 years. They met on a blind date, but as Mary says, "I knew it was love at first sight. I knew he was the one." Everyone loved Roger. He was kind, laid back, and loving, and complimented Mary as they raised three children. "He lived a full life," said Mary. "He was happy. He wouldn't have done anything differently."

Mary and Roger decided to learn how to invest to better provide for their family. Soon, Mary started to view investing as stewardship of God's gifts. "God gave you the talent, the grace, and everything you need to know how to give back," Mary explained.

Before Roger's passing, he and Mary talked about setting up an endowment. As a lifelong Catholic, Mary knew the importance of stewardship. "I just had a sense of responsibility to be generous because the Lord has blessed us," Mary said. "I felt the need to give back—not because somebody asked me, but because I felt that in my heart it was the right thing to do."

After Roger's passing, Mary and her family established the Roger Reynolds Family Endowment, designed to provide funds for Catholic funerals and burials for those in need in Saginaw County. In fact, Mary set up the endowment with an initial gift from her IRA that fulfilled her Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). While receiving the tax benefits of giving from her IRA, Mary also ensured her family's gift will benefit the Catholic community of the Diocese of Saginaw for generations.

Now, Mary is the Foundation's newest board member and serves on the Investment Committee. When Mary talks to others about giving to fulfill a RMD, she recommends having a glass-half-full kind of attitude. "Start thinking differently about the giving process," Mary encourages. You can give to your children *through your church*—sustaining your family, church, and Catholic community for generations.

"When I give in abundance, I receive in abundance," Mary simply says. "God gives you the direction. You just have to be open and willing to listen."



Mary and Roger Reynolds.

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– Matthew 5:12