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St. Columbkille
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St. John
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Good Shepherd PARISH

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 Adoration continuing until 4:00 p.m.)
SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. . . . . St. John
SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. . . . . St. Ignatius
10:30 a.m. . . . . St. Columbkille

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY
10:30 a.m. after Mass . . . . . 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

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(CLOSED FRIDAY)

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SEPTEMBER
Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

OCTOBER
Month of the Holy Rosary

✧ ***Holy Father's September Intention:***
For the Care of Water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

✧ ***Holy Father's October Intention:***
For Mental Health Ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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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October 18, 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2026 Oct 18 SUN: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAYIN ORDINARY TIME *Is 45: 1. 4-6/ Ps 96: 1. 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10 (7b)/ 1 Thes 1: 1-5b/ Mt 22: 15-21*
2026 Oct 19 Mon: Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf, ps, rs, mss, mts, & co., mts M *Eph 2: 1-10/ Ps 100: 1b-2. 3. 4ab. 4c-5/ Lk 12: 13-21*
2026 Oct 20 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Paul of the Cross, p, rf *Eph 2: 12-22/ Ps 85: 9ab-10. 11-12. 13-14/ Lk 12: 35-38*
2026 Oct 21 Wed: Ordinary Weekday *Eph 3: 2-12/ Is 12: 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6/ Lk 12: 39-48*
2026 Oct 22 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ John Paul II, pp *Eph 3: 14-21/ Ps 33: 1-2. 4-5. 11-12. 18-19/ Lk 12: 49-53*
2026 Oct 23 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ John of Capistrano, p *Eph 4: 1-6/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 12: 54-59*
2026 Oct 24 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Anthony Mary Claret, bp, rf *Eph 4: 7-16/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5/ Lk 13: 1-9*

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Let Us Give Thanks!

Envelope Offerings	$ 3,067.00
Flocknote Online Giving	$ 387.03
Loose Offerings	$ 790.00
Total Offerings	$ 4,244.03
Envelopes Used	95
Envelope Holders	249
Avg. amount needed weekly	$ 5,903.85
Weekly Budget shortfall/overage	-$1,659.82

Christ Mission Appeal 2026/2027.

The Allocation for Good Shepherd Parish is $51,893.00

What does CMA do for Good Shepherd Parishioners?

Mental health issues, stress, addictions, trauma and other emotional factors can lead to the deterioration of relationships and marriages. People from throughout the Diocese of Saginaw can access counseling and other services through Catholic Family Services. Christ's Mission Appeal results in a subsidy to Catholic Family Services to provide these services.

Mass Intentions:

Friday, Oct. 16, at St. John: Seminarians of Diocese
Saturday, Oct. 17, at St. John: +Marvin & Mary Anna Longuski
Sunday, Oct. 18, at St. Ignatius: All Parishioners
Sunday, Oct. 18, at St. Columbkille: +Bill & Lorraine Lakowski
Friday, Oct. 23, at St. John: Pope Leo
Saturday, Oct. 24, at St. John: Jade Hernandez
Sunday, Oct. 25, at St. Ignatius: All Parishioners
Sunday, Oct. 25, at St. Columbkille: +Barb Sweeney

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Offertory Counters:
October 19: Lori Uhl, Debbie Osentoski, Glorie McCarty
October 26: Norma Peruski, Luci Kubacki, Lisa Briolat
November 2: Marge Briolat, Carol Beaudin, Donna Stepka

4:00pm Mass: October 24th - St. John
Lector: Jeanie Gusa
EMHC: Georgiann Chinoski, Rose Maikrzek, Bev Pawlosky
Altar Server: Paloma Fabian
Sacristan: Rose Maikrzek
North Entrance Greeter: Shirley Guza
Ushers: Whitey Pawlosky, Charlie Briolat, Rich Trepkowski

8:30am Mass: October 25th - St. Ignatius
Lector: Nanette Walsh
EMHC: Paul Guza, Shirley Catalano
Altar Server: Alice & Courtney Stine
Sacristan: Shirley Catalano
Greeter: Taylor Chase
Ushers: Don & Joel McDonald, Joe & Colton Szymanski

10:30am Mass: October 25th - St. Columbkille
Lector: Maria Roth
EMHC: Jerry Fischer, Marge Messing, Dana Irion, Joe Flannery, Jerry Sweeney
Altar Servers: Paige Sweeney, Alyson Klee
Greeter: Roth Family
Gift Bearers: Briolat Family
Ushers: Todd Gingrich, Myah Peruski, Aaron Bismack

"Lifelong Faith Formation"

(See Parish Vision on cover)

Child Faith Formation (PreK-6): Weekly
St. John Ubly: Wednesdays 3:15-4:30pm
St. Columbkille: Wednesdays 6-7:30pm
Family Night: 5:30pm November 4, 2026 @Parish Center
Faith Formation Adoration: November 18, 2026
Youth Group: (7-12 grade) 3rd Sunday of Month, October 18, 2026, at 5:30pm
Youth Mass: October 18, 2026
Adult Faith Formation Offerings:
Adoration: All day Adoration until 4pm first Friday of every month; Holy Hour every Friday after 9am Mass
Bible Study: *St. Columbkille Sept. 14th – Nov. 2nd Mondays 6:30-8:00pm.*
St. Ignatius Hall after 8:30am Mass TBD
Christian Initiation/OCIA: Dana Irion (989) 553-0585
Confirmation Sacrament Classes: October 25, 2026, at Parish Center, 5:30-7:00pm

Confirmation Class Kickoff:

Parent/Guardian Required. We are excited to begin the second year of this special faith journey as our youth prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Who should attend: All confirmands and a parent/guardian are required to attend this first session.
What we will do: We will review important dates, details, and obligations.
Date: Sunday, October 25th; **Time:** 5:30-7:00 pm; **Location:** Parish Center; We look forward to walking this grace-filled path together! Questions? Contact Elisabeth O'Parka at 757- 647- 9103.

Know someone in our community who may welcome a meal because they just lost a spouse, welcomed a new child, or has had medical issues? Let the office know, call 989-658-8824.

Cemetery Regulations

Fall clean-up will take place in all our cemeteries during the month of November. Please remove any decorations that you want to keep before November 1st. All items remaining on the graves after November 1st will be discarded during the clean-up process. Grave Blankets can be put on after Thanksgiving. Thank You!



With Deepest Sympathy...

We wish to express our deepest condolences to the family & friends of parishioner
Jeanie Martin
Whose funeral was celebrated this week.
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.

Curious to learn more about the priesthood?
The **Melchizedek Project Discernment Group** is coming to St. Mary's University Parish at Central Michigan University. Men age 18 and older are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning October 14.

Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, October 21
- Wednesday, October 28
- Wednesday, November 4
- Wednesday, November 11
- Wednesday, November 18

If CMU is a convenient location for you, please consider joining us. The first session is next week, so use the link below to learn more and register.
Questions about the group may be directed to Fr. Matthew Gembrowski at mgembrowski@diosag.org.

DC March for Life 2027

Join the March for Life in Washington DC January 21-23, 2027. Cost is $639-$802 (depending on room occupancy) for 2 nights of lodging, 2 breakfast buffets, and round trip motor coach transportation. Pickup locations are St. Columbkille, Burger King in Sandusky, and Sunrise Convenience Store in Emmett. Reservations & full payment are due by December 1, 2026. Call Amy at 810-404-0860 with any questions.
The Huron County Right to Life is offering Huron County Jr. High & High School students scholarships for this trip. Four $639 scholarships will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Get off of the sidelines and join the fight for the unborn. Contact Jeanne at 954-540-0174 to apply for one of these scholarships.



Clarence & Pat Heleski receiving a blessing as they celebrated 70 years of Marriage. **Congratulations!**



Thank You to everyone who helped with changes to landscaping on front of St. John church. May God bless your generosity!

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Event Date:	The First Thursday of Every Month
	November 5, 2026
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

This Sunday Gospel presents us with a very important question. The Pharisees come to Jesus and ask, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" They are trying to trap Him. If Jesus says that people should pay the tax, some may accuse Him of supporting the Roman rulers. If He says they should not pay, they may accuse Him of opposing the government. But Jesus, in His divine wisdom, gives an answer that teaches us a profound lesson: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."** (Matthew 22:21) This is not merely a lesson about paying taxes. It is a lesson about our identity, our responsibilities, and our relationship with God.

1. We have responsibilities toward society

Jesus acknowledges that we have duties toward the society in which we live. We must respect legitimate authorities, obey just laws, pay our taxes honestly, and contribute to the common good.

As Christians, we cannot separate our faith from our daily responsibilities. We must be honest workers, responsible citizens, faithful parents, sincere students, and compassionate neighbours.

Sometimes people say, "I am a religious person; I go to church every Sunday." But if we are dishonest at work, cheat others, refuse to help those in need, or treat people unjustly, our religious practices are not reflected in our lives. **True faith must be visible in our everyday actions.**

2. What belongs to God?

Jesus goes deeper than the question of Caesar. He asks us to consider what belongs to God.

The coin carried Caesar's image and inscription. But what carries God's image? In Genesis 1:27, we read that God created human beings in His own image. Every human person belongs to God and possesses dignity given by the Creator.

Therefore, giving to God what belongs to God means offering Him our whole lives: our hearts, our minds, our talents, our time, and our love.

God does not simply want our Sunday prayers. He wants us to live according to His Word every day.

When we forgive someone who has hurt us, we give our hearts to God.

When we care for a sick person, we give our hands to God.

When we speak the truth, we give our words to God.

When we help a poor family, we offer our resources to God.

When we choose what is right even when nobody is watching, we give our conscience to God.

Dear friends, we cannot give God only a small part of our lives and keep the rest for ourselves. We are called to belong to Him completely.

3. Do we belong to God or to the world?

The world often tells us that money, position, popularity, and possessions are the most important things in life. We may become so busy earning money and building our future that we forget the One who gave us life.

There is nothing wrong with earning money, working hard, or providing for our families. The problem begins when these things become more important than God.

Sometimes we give our best time to our work, our best attention to our phones, and our greatest energy to earning money, but we give God only the little time that remains.

Let us ask ourselves today:

Does God have the first place in my life?

Do my actions reflect my Christian faith?

Am I honest in my work and relationships?

Do I recognize God's image in the people around me?

Am I using my blessings to serve others?

These questions help us examine whether we truly give God what belongs to Him.

4. Our faith must lead us to love and service

In the second reading, St. Paul thanks God for the faith, love, and hope of the Thessalonian Christians. Their faith was not merely something they professed with their lips. It was expressed through their actions. The same should be true of us.

Our Catholic faith must influence how we treat our spouse, children, parents, colleagues, neighbours, and even those who disagree with us.

It is easy to pray for peace in the church, but do we create peace in our homes? It is easy to sing about God's love, but do we show love to someone who has offended us? It is easy to receive Holy Communion, but do we recognize Christ in the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten?

The Eucharist we celebrate should transform us into people who bring Christ's love to the world.

Conclusion

Dear brothers and sisters, the Gospel invites us to put everything in its proper place. We have responsibilities to society, but our ultimate allegiance belongs to God.

One day, we will not be judged by how much money we earned, how powerful we became, or how many possessions we collected. We will be called to account for how we lived, how we loved, and how faithfully we used the gifts God entrusted to us.

Let us remember these words of Jesus:

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Let us fulfil our duties as responsible citizens, but above all, let us live as God's faithful children. May our thoughts, words, and deeds reflect His image, so that everyone who encounters us may experience something of God's goodness and love.

Fr Kumar

World Mission Sunday, *"One in Christ, United in Mission"* – October 18, 2026. This year, the Church celebrates the **100th World Mission Sunday**. Established by Pope Pius XI, World Mission Sunday is a special opportunity for Catholics around the world to come together in prayer and support the Church's missionary work. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme **"One in Christ, United in Mission,"** reminding us that although we may come from different cultures and nations, we are one family in Christ and share in His mission to bring the Gospel to all peoples. On this special centennial celebration, we are invited to **pray for missionaries, support their work, and generously contribute to the World Mission Sunday Collection:** Our gifts help provide for the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church in mission territories, including catechetical programs, formation of priests and religious, churches and chapels, education, healthcare, and assistance to communities in need. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the missionary work of the Church through your prayers and generosity. If you have any questions regarding World Mission Sunday, please contact Maria A. Coss at 989-797-6646 or mcoss@diosag.org. You may drop your envelope in collection next week if you missed this week.

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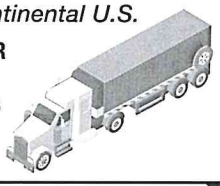
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