

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2015

## March Parish Stewardship

*Migrant Ministry,  
Special Olympics of MI,  
Southern Poverty Law and  
Heifer International*

Budget amount  
needed for each week:

**\$7,600.00**

March 14 and 15

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes: ..... \$8,158.00

Youth: ..... \$4.00

Total: ..... \$8,162.00

EFT: ..... \$625.00

Total: ..... \$8,787.00

## Thank You

Needed Budget YTD . . . \$288,800.00

Actual YTD . . . . . \$265,253.26

**Stewardship:** “If anyone would serve me,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel, “let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be.” In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

**The Big Raffle:** The St. Peter Parish Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Programs will be selling tickets for this year’s Big Raffle. Half of all proceeds comes directly back to the parish. Tickets are \$5 each and are available after weekend Masses or in the Faith Formation Office. If you would like to sell tickets, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 845-1797.

**CAER Food Pantry:** Items being collected for the month of March are: personal items such as tooth paste & brushes, deodorant, diapers. You may drop off your donations in the basket in the gathering area.

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, March 22

8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
2:00 pm Passion Play Practice  
4:00 pm High School Youth Group  
5:00 pm Children’s Choir  
6:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

### Monday, March 23

6:30 pm Baptism Preparation Class

### Wednesday, March 25

5:00 pm Adult Choir

### Friday, March 27

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 28

8:00 am Rosary

### Sunday, March 29

8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
4:00 pm Passion Play Practice  
5:00 pm Children’s Choir  
6:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group  
6:00 pm Passion Play Performance



**Rosary Devotions:** Are said daily from 8-9 am.

### Faith Formation

Classes will be held on Sunday, March 22nd, beginning at 6 pm with family prayer in the church. We have two classes left this year! Let’s finish the year strong! Doris

### Youth Ministry

Both Youth groups will meet on Sunday, March 22nd in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. There will be Passion Play practice on Sunday, March 22nd, from 2-4 pm in the church. A National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) meeting will be held for all interested 8th-11th graders and their parents on Sunday, March 22nd, from 5:30-6 pm in the Youth Room. Cardboard City forms are available in the Youth Room as well. See you Sunday! Katie

## Liturgy this Week

### Sunday, March 22

8:30 am Mass

### Wednesday, March 25

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

### Thursday, March 26

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

### Saturday, March 28

4:30 pm Mass

### Lectors:

*Laura Moliterno and Mike Maxa*

### Eucharistic Ministers:

*Gayle Tufts, Doris Mahoney, Mike Maxa, Laura Moliterno and Meredith Adelman*

### Altar Servers:

*Emma Adelman and volunteer*

### Sunday, March 29

8:30 am Mass

### Lectors:

*Kathy Stewart and Penny Apsey*

### Eucharistic Ministers:

*Karen Hoover, Bob Corrin, Kathy Stewart, Penny Apsey, Denise Ebenhoeh, Angie Meder and Mary Memmer*

### Altar Servers:

*Meghan Florian and Paula Rench*

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Is 50:4-7/Mk 14:1—15:47

## Sponsor of the Week

**CHESANING**

**COIN LAUNDRY**

Open Daily 8:00 am-8:00 pm  
210 W. Broad St.  
Parishioner

## Mt. Calvary & Resurrection Cemeteries Clean-

up: Please remove all grave blankets and wreaths from the gravesite by April 1st. Anything left will be removed. New decorations must not be placed before April 15th.

**Help  
save  
lives**



**Blood Drive:** There is an upcoming blood drive on Friday, April 3rd from 12-6 pm at Chesaning/Brady Fire Department. To make an appointment, please call 1-866-642-5663. Please bring ID and eat and drink before donating. Attempt to donate and you could win a \$100 Meijer Gift Card!



**CSA:** We are currently at 28% parish participation. If you did not receive a letter/pledge card from the diocese,

there are pledge cards available on the table in the gathering space. If you are unable to support CSA at this time, please return your pledge card marked with a zero. This counts as participating. Thank you.

## Holy Thursday Pot Luck at St. Cyril Church,

**Bannister:** Pot luck will be at 5:30 pm. Table service and beverage will be furnished. Please bring a dish to pass. Mass will be at 7:00 pm with Adoration until 9:30 pm. If you have any questions please call 989-862-5270. We hope to see you there.



### **THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:**

*Peter Young, Chuck Quaderer, Irene Nietling, Madge Uehlein, Nanette Muirhead, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Mechelle Kuchar, Vickie Daniels, Alice List, Josie Dorval, Barb Beckman, Jane Selleck, Sarah (Chernow) Fischer, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joe Lane, Fran A. Gross, Sue Bucholz, Evelyn Schaft, Joseph Klasek, Ray Tithof, Rose Bonkowski, Derrick Knieper, Annette O'Brien, Ashley Maxa, Bertha Hart, Roger Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Steve Szukhent, Tim Brady, Fred Lane, Ernie Newcomb, Helen Snyder, Rita Amman, Robert Coughlin, Tammy Chrysler, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Vivian & David Cook, Nancy Dennis, Rich Greenfelder, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Jeannette Zajdlk, Diane DeVoe, Sue Adams, Roxann Timm, Kathy Brown, Gayle Shooltz, Judy Wakeman, Jim Owens, David and Marianne Sutter, John Sims, Christina Sims, Bessie McSwayn, Judy (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Lavern Walser, Virginia Lawton, Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Bill Krzicok, Franklin Bates, Henry Huntoon, Jolene Archibald, Will Lucio, Kathleen Spodney, Georgia Coon, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Johannes Vogelaar, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, Joseph Sr. and Pauline Sedlar, Constance and Edward Leneeman*



**Passion Play:** The Youth Ministry program will once again be performing the Passion Play during Holy Week. The first performance is Sunday, March 29th at 6 pm. The second performance will be on Good Friday, April 3rd at 1:30 pm. The youth, dressed in mime, perform the Passion Play which depicts the last week of the life Jesus'. It is a very powerful performance and a great way to spend part of Holy Week.

**Bread for the World Thank You:** *Thank you for your gift of \$370.00. Your financial support is especially helpful as we move forward with Bread for the World's 2015 Offering of Letters. Moved by God's grace in Christ Jesus, we are urging Congress to sustain and strengthen our nation's child nutrition programs-including school meals and other programs that help children grow and learn. May you be renewed in strength and hope as you follow Christ during this season of Lent. Sincerely, James R. Lund, Vice President for Development and Membership*

**New Evangelization:** The Diocese of Saginaw has been selected as one of 19 remote host-sites in North American for the New Evangelization Summit to be held on Saturday, April 25th. The Summit is taking place in Ottawa, Canada and will be live-streamed to host-sites, including the diocesan Center for Ministry. Fr. Michael Gatitley, Fr. James Mallon and Patrick Coffin are just a few of the speakers. All Catholics will benefit from this opportunity to become further prepared to carry out the fundamental mission of our Church. Go to [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca) for more information and to register. Pre-registration is necessary. Invite some friends and attend together. Any questions can be directed to Peg McEvoy at 797-6608.

## **A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015**

**Living Liturgy:** In this gospel Jesus speaks of different kinds of pain. There is the physical pain of his crucifixion, alluded to when he speaks of his being "lifted up from the earth." He also speaks of the pain of dying, of losing our life, of serving him by following him. In all this pain, the focus is not on the suffering, but on the fruits that come from being faithful. The dying grain, "produces much fruit"; losing one's life now "preserves it for eternal life"; serving brings "honor." In all these examples, Jesus does not so much emphasize the pain, but the gain.

By Jesus giving his life over for our salvation, glorification bursts forth. The Father is glorified in the very giving over of the Son. The Son is glorified in giving himself over to the cross. We are glorified in giving ourselves over to following Jesus to the cross. And this glorification is fullness of Life.

All three images in this gospel lead us to the basic truth of the mystery of salvation, the paschal mystery: by dying to self for the good of others we come to new life. Giving ourselves for the sake of others is never easy. Sometimes it even makes demands on us that seem impossible. Both the gospel and second reading make clear that Jesus did not want to suffer. Jesus, however, taught us the most important lesson about the paschal mystery: death (self-giving) is the way—the only way—to fullness of Life. The dying itself is a gift and grace because it is a harbinger of new Life. Our glorification is *in* the very dying because in dying we fully identify with Jesus, who passed through death to rise Life. So will we.