

# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2015

## August Parish Stewardship

Sister Parish in Haiti

Budget amount  
needed for each week:  
**\$7,300.00**

August 22 and 23

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes: ..... \$5,128.00  
Youth: ..... \$4.00  
Total: ..... \$5,132.00  
EFT: ..... \$150.00  
Total: ..... \$5,282.00

## Thank You

Sunday Contributions YTD . . . \$58,400.00  
Actual YTD . . . . . \$53,696.50

**Stewardship:** "Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from above," says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves *using* good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!

**League of Catholic Women:** As summer draws to a close we will resume our regular meeting schedule. St. John Paul II Parish will host our Sept. 15th meeting at 469 Shattuck Rd (former St. Josaphat site). The meeting will begin with Mass at 11 am followed by the luncheon. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend. The cost of the luncheon is still \$12. Please have your money in the office by Thursday, Sept. 10th. Please mail your check to LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, MI 48608. We are looking forward to an interesting and informative year. Joyce

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, August 30

8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation  
(Bannister)

### Saturday, September 5

8:00 am Rosary

### Sunday, September 6

8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation  
(Bannister)

## LABOR DAY



**Parish Offices:** The parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day holiday.

**Rosary Devotions:** Rosary devotions are prayed every morning from 8:00-9:00 am.

## Faith Formation

Check your mailbox! The 2015-16 Faith Formation Brochure and Registration forms have been mailed out. If you did not receive a mailing, please contact the Faith Formation office at 845-1797. A reminder that if your child is receiving a Sacrament this year they must have participated in a Faith Formation program last year. Doris

## Youth Ministry

It's hard to believe but the first Junior High and High School youth group is Sunday, September 13th. High School is 4-5:30 pm and Junior High is 6-7:30 pm. See you there! Katie



**Save the Date!** The Bishop's Charity Golf Classic is Wednesday, September 16th. Golfing at Swan Valley Golf Course in Saginaw (morning & afternoon flights). \$100 each/\$400 per foursome.

Thursday, September 17th Dinner Banquet & Silent Auction. Reception and silent auction at 5:30 pm hors d'oeuvres and cocktails served; 6:45 pm dinner and program. Please RSVP for golf and/or dinner by Thursday, September 10th by email [psupes@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:psupes@dioceseofsaginaw.org) or calling 989-797-6693.

## Liturgy this Week

### Sunday, August 30

8:30 am Mass

### Wednesday, September 2

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

### Thursday, September 3

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

### Friday, September 4

9:00 am First Friday Mass (Bannister)

### Saturday, September 5

4:30 pm Mass

### Lectors:

Ellen Martz and Mike Maxa

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Ellen Martz, Tim Martz, Mike Maxa, Laura Moliterno and Sandy Sloan

### Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed

### Sunday, September 6

8:30 am Mass

### Lectors:

Alice Dowd and Ray Gengler

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Judie Giesken, Angie Meder, Penny Apsey, Bernard Coonrod and Bob Corrin

### Altar Servers:

Helena Czeisperger and Nanette Scott-Muirhead

## Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Mk 7:31-37

## Sponsor of the Week

### CHESANING

COIN LAUNDRY

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



**Attention Eucharistic Ministers:** Here are the nearest locations for formation sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Wednesday, September 2 at the Cathedral, Saginaw; Thursday, September 3 at Blessed Trinity Church, Frankenmuth; Wednesday, October 21 at St. Agnes Church, Freeland. All sessions begin at 6:30 pm and will end at approximately 8 pm. There is a session on Saturday, October 31st from 1-2:30 pm at St. John Paul II (St. Matthew Church), Zilwaukee. The session on Oct. 1st is canceled. If you have been a Eucharist Minister from July, 2009 to current, you will need a copy of your baptismal certificate. This formation session is required for all Eucharist Ministers.

**Carpooling to St. Mary Cathedral and Blessed Trinity in Frankenmuth:** There will be carpools formed for the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Certification Sessions held on September 2nd and 3rd. Carpools will form in the church parking lot at 5:30 pm and will leave at 5:40 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Shelly Kenney at 845-1794 extension 104.

**Tony Alonso in Concert Featuring Our Diocesan Singing Priests:** On Friday, September 11th at 7 pm at Holy Spirit Church, 1035 N. River Rd., Saginaw. Cost for the concert is \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. Children 12 and under \$5. Please see Shelly Kenney for tickets.

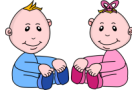


**THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:**

*Val Perkins, Terry Kennelly, Joann Richardson, Tina Schultz, Mary Lou Kligar, Bradley Blakeselle, Petrina Workman, George Czeisperger, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, Irene Nietling, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Mechelle Kuchar, Vickie Daniels, Sarah (Chernow) Fischer, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joe Lane, Fran A. Gross, Evelyn Schaft, Joseph Klasek, Ray Tithof, Rose Bonkowski, Derrick Knieper, Bertha Hart, Roger Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Ernie Newcomb, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Rich Greenfelder, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Jeannette Zajdlik, Diane DeVoe, Sue Adams, Roxann Timm, Gayle Shooltz, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, John Sims, Bessie McSwain, Judy (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Virginia Lawton, Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Bill Krzicok, Franklin Bates, Henry Huntoon, Jolene Archibald, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Johannes Vogelaar, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.*



**Mark Your Calendars!** St. Cyril's annual Chicken & Ham Dinner is Sunday, September 13th at 11:00 am in the parish hall. The menu is: chicken & ham, dressing, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, cabbage, pies, coffee & tea. Adults are \$8; children 12 and under are \$4; and preschool are free. Everyone is invited!



**Dresser Project:** Starting September 1st we will have a dresser in the Gathering Space of church for the month of September. There will be a tree with suggested baby gifts to assist a young mother who has chosen life for her baby. These gifts will be distributed through *Abortions Alternative of Saginaw*. **Gifts should not be wrapped.** Monetary donations are also welcomed. Sponsored by your Christian Service Commission.

**Thank You:** *Thank you to everyone who donated to the diaper drive held this summer. We received 790 diapers.*

**Catholic Family Services:** Currently, our Catholic Family Service agency (CFS) only received United Way funding through the United Way of Bay County. As United Way campaigns begin throughout the other counties of the Diocese, please remember the possibility of designating your donation to CFS or making it directly to CFS. Funding through CSA, United Way and private donations assure that counseling services are available to those in need who either do not have behavioral health insurance coverage or who cannot afford the cost of services.

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

**Living Liturgy:** In the gospel it appears that “the Pharisees with some scribes” are judging Jesus and his disciples for how they fail to keep the Jewish traditions. In fact, Jesus is passing judgment of the Pharisees and scribes by facing them with their own self-righteousness. The Pharisees fixate on keeping human traditions; Jesus frees people from rigid adherence to human traditions and redirects them to authentic living of God’s commandments. At stake is right covenantal relationship with God and others in the community. Law is about right relationships, not about self-righteousness. Law is not given to be kept for its own sake; law is given for the good of the people. Any traditions to which we adhere must be for the sake of the purpose of God’s commandments: to live in right relationship with God and each other.

What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday; after all, this is what most of us grew up doing; this is what Catholics do. Or perhaps we cling to rote prayers that we learned as a child rather than stretch our relationship with God to find new prayer expressions. We need to look at the way we live, and this will tell us whether we have hearts truly turned toward God in a healthy and life-giving relationship. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living—self-giving for the sake of others that deepens our relationships. This is how we have life. This is how commandments free us.