

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

January Parish Stewardship

Bread for the World,
Pax Christi USA,
Network
and
CAER Center

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

January 16 and 17
Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$5,548.00
Youth:.....\$3.00
Total:\$5,551.00
EFT:.....\$705.00
Total:..... \$6,256.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$211,700.00
Actual YTD \$207,953.33

Thank You

Debt Reduction:

December \$585.00
Total for the fiscal year \$3,400.00

Stewardship: The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

St. Cyril's Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus, from St. Cyril, will be having a free will offering breakfast on Sunday, January 24th from 10:00-12:30 pm. Proceeds from this event will go toward the Elsie Food and Baby pantries.

This Week's Events

Sunday, January 24

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA
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

Wednesday, January 27

9:30 am Adult Choir

Saturday, January 30

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, January 31

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA
9:30 am Baptism Class
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

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

Faith Formation

There will be class on Sunday, January 24th, beginning with family prayer in church at 6 pm. See you there! Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, January 24th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group is from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group is from 6-7:30 pm. Forms for the Ski Trip are available. Upcoming events include the Saginaw Spirit Hockey Faith Night on Saturday, February 20th, Passion Play rehearsals throughout Lent, Middle School Youth Rally on March 12th, Middle School Retreat March 18-19th and Cardboard City April 15-16th. Information for all upcoming events will be available soon!



World Youth Day

Pancake Breakfast: There will be a free will Pancake

Breakfast on Sunday, February 7th from 9-11 am in the St. Peter Parish Hall. Join us for pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice! All proceeds benefit the World Youth Day Pilgrimage in Poland later this summer. Bring your family and enjoy a delicious meal!

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, January 24

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, January 27

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, January 28

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 30

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Laura Moliterno and Mike Maxa

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mike Maxa, Laura Moliterno, Jason Eichler, Katie Eichler and Helena Czeiszperger

Altar Servers:

Helena Czeiszperger and volunteer needed

Sunday, January 31

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Angie Meder and Ray Gengler

Eucharistic Ministers:

Angie Meder, Ken Schnell, Shirley Schnell, Michelle Neumann and JoAnn Ostipow

Altar Servers:

Paula Rench and Ken Schnell

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Lk 4:21-30

Sponsor of the Week



The League of Catholic Women: Is conducting its annual membership drive. Current members should have received their renewal forms in the mail. If you haven't received yours yet, or if you would like to become a member of the LCW, please call 989-752-5053 and leave your name and number and I will call you back. I will answer any questions and see that you get your membership information. I hope everyone will join. Sincerely, Joyce

Catching Fire Becoming Flame: The next DVD presentation by Albert Haase, OFM is Wednesday, February 17th from 9-11 am in the parish hall. The topic is: *The Examen and Seven Principles of Prayer*. To register or for more information, please call Colleen Ontko at 845-1794 or Diane Hungerford at 845-6856.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive: Will be held after Mass on Saturday, January 23rd and Sunday, January 24th. You must be at least 18 years old, male and a practicing Catholic. If you have any questions, please call Ron Sutter at 845-6855.

Thank You! Thank you to everyone who came to the Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner and to those who worked so hard to make it a success. We cannot do it without the hard work and support of so many people. St. Peter Youth Ministry and those attending the World Youth Day Pilgrimage in Poland later this summer are so thankful for the support of our parish community! Katie



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Abby Aldrich, Joe Pine, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak,
Helen Gasser, Tim Amman, Margaret Bolinger, Matt
Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Eugene Sutter, Jim Meder, Val Perkins, Terry
Kennelly, Joann Richardson, Mary Lou Kligar, Bradley Blakeselle,
Petrina Workman, George Czeiszperger, Chantel Fondren, Tim
Apshey, Irene Nietling, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Mechelle
Kuchar, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang Franke, Albert &
Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Fran A. Gross, Joseph Klasek, Ray
Tithof, Rose Bonkowski, Roger Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman,
Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr.
Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Ernie Newcomb, Rita
Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy
Dennis, Rich & LuAnn Greenfelder, Joey Kligar, Barb
Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Sue Adams, Roxann Timm,
Gayle Shootz, 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, Franklin Bates, Henry
Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Johannes Vogelaar,
Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob
Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.



Michigan Blood Drive: Is on Thursday, February 4th and Friday, February 5th from 12-6 pm at the Chesaning-Brady Fire Dept. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment please call 1-866-642-5663. Make sure to eat and drink before donating and bring 2 pieces of ID. Be somebody who shares, Give Blood!

Lay Ministry Formation Program: There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in the Lay Ministry Formation Program on Wednesday, February 3rd from 6:30-8:30 pm in the parish hall. It is a four-year formation experience designed for lay people who wish to expand their knowledge of Scripture and Catholic theology, deepen their relationship with God, and fulfill their baptismal call by serving others. This meeting is not only for those interested in applying to Lay Ministry, but also for anyone wishing to learn about the Lay Ministry Formation Program. For more information, please contact Kellie Deming, Coordinator of Lay Ministry Formation, at 797-6609 or kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Church & CSA Contribution Statements 2015:

Are in the gathering area of church for the next two weekends. Please stop by and pick yours up. You may also stop by the parish office during normal business hours.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2016

Living Liturgy: At the beginning of Luke's gospel he explicitly states that he sets out to "compile a narrative of the events" of Jesus' person and mission. He claims that he has "investigated everything accurately anew." Luke wants to get it right. He knows how important his writing is—its purpose is to "realize the certainty of the teachings" Jesus brought us. Luke's story of Jesus, however, is more than facts.

In this gospel Jesus clearly proclaims who he is and what he comes to bring. He is One who lives "in the power of the Spirit"; he comes to bring a new teaching. He is God's anointed; he comes to bring the human community glad tidings, liberty, sight, freedom, favor. He is the long-awaited Messiah; he comes to bring manifest signs of salvation. The "eyes of all . . . looked intently at him." Do our eyes look intently upon him? Why should we? Because in Jesus is fulfilled all our longings, all our hopes, all our expectations.

The same intensity with which the people of Nehemiah's time heard the Law proclaimed by Ezra is focused on Jesus in the synagogue. Their intense anticipation is met by Jesus' dramatic assertion that the Scripture passage from Isaiah "is fulfilled" in their hearing. In the first reading Ezra reads from the book of the Law; in the gospel Jesus *is* the book, the Good News, the Word made flesh. Ezra interprets what he read; in the gospel Jesus himself *is* the interpretation. Ezra's word was an inspiring word that had power and moved the people to worship and praise; Jesus' word is a creative word fulfilled *in him* and continues in the gospel in which *we ourselves* encounter Jesus and are moved to be disciples. The feasting, joy, and new strength on the holy day when Ezra read the Law are now fulfilled in a new order in which the feasting is on Jesus and the strength comes from our sharing in the same Spirit.