

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 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 23 and 24  
Stewardship Back to the Lord  
Envelopes: .....\$4,703.00  
Youth:.....\$1.00  
Total: .....\$4,704.00  
EFT:.....\$150.00  
Total:..... \$4,854.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$219,000.00  
Actual YTD ..... \$212,807.33

## Thank You

**Stewardship:** Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

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



### 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!

## This Week's Events

**Sunday, January 31**  
8:00 am Rosary  
8:30 am RCIA  
9:30 am Baptism class  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
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, February 3**  
9:30 am Adult Choir  
6:30 pm Lay Ministry Informational Meeting in parish hall  
**Saturday, February 6**  
*Souper Bowl of Caring*  
8:00 am Rosary  
**Sunday, February 7**  
*Souper Bowl of Caring*  
8:00 am Rosary  
8:30 am RCIA  
9:00 am Pancake Breakfast

### Faith Formation

There will be class on Sunday, January 31st, beginning with family prayer in church at 6 pm. The second class for those receiving the sacrament of Confirmation will be Sunday, January 31st from 6-7:30 pm in the church. All those preparing for the sacrament and their parents are REQUIRED to attend. Please bring your FINISHED folder with you. Doris

### Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, January 31st, 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. Ski Trip forms are due at Youth Group. Forms for the Middle School Retreat and Middle School Rally will be available. Volunteers are needed to help with Souper Bowl of Caring February 6th & 7th as well as the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 7th. If you can volunteer contact Katie.

## Liturgy this Week

**Sunday, January 31**  
8:30 am Mass  
**Wednesday, February 3**  
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)  
**Thursday, February 4**  
8:00 am Mass  
**Friday, February 5**  
9:00 am First Friday Mass (Bannister)  
**Saturday, February 6**  
*Baptism Weekend*  
4:30 pm Mass  
**Lectors:**  
*Pat Walser and Cassidy Bucholz*  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
*Pat Walser, Tim Martz, Lindy Beckman, Paulette Fuoss and Ellen Martz*  
**Altar Servers:**  
*Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed*  
**Sunday, February 7**  
*Baptism Weekend*  
8:30 am Mass  
**Lectors:**  
*Rosemary Newcomb and Richard Muirhead*  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
*Shirley Schnell, Ken Schnell, Dan Stasa, Kathy Stewart and Kathy Thompson*  
**Altar Servers:**  
*Keegan Kalisek and Ken Schnell*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Lk 2:22-40  
**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34  
**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Lk 5:1-11

## Sponsor of the Week

**ACE**  
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207 W. Broad St.  
845-2030 Parishioner



**Diaper Drive:** During the month of February, we will be holding our diaper drive. There is a play pen in the gathering area for your donations. We are in need of both children and adult diapers. There are also envelopes attached to the play pen for monetary donations. The envelopes may be put in the collection basket. Remember to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

**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.

**Save the Date!** We will be having a Lenten Mission from Saturday, March 12th ending Wednesday, March 16th. Fr. Jack Conley, CP from Chicago will be our speaker. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

**Sisters of St. Clare Thank You:** *Thank you so much for your gift of \$283.00. Your support helps us keep our candle burning at prayer as we remember the many needs in our world. Please remember you are not alone. We are praying with and for you and remember us in your prayers. May your new year be filled with peace and joy, and may we always recognize God's continuing mercy. With grateful prayer, Sr. Dianne, Sr. Laura, Sr. Laurene and Sr. Bernardone*



### 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 Apsey, 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*

*Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr.*

*Lickman, 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 Shooltz, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, John Sims, Bessie McSwayn,*

*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](mailto:kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org)

**Church & CSA Contribution Statements 2015:** Are in the gathering area of church. Please stop by and pick yours up.

**Palms:** If you would like to bring your old palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday, there will be a basket in the gathering area for the palms.

### A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2016

**Living Liturgy:** Whose side do we want to be on? The winners, of course! But unwittingly the people in the gospel story choose to be on the wrong side! At first they “all spoke highly of” Jesus. But then they heard him say what they didn’t like and turned on him. “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” However, more than one Scripture passage is being fulfilled in this gospel. The words and deeds of Jesus fulfill the Scripture passage from Isaiah about the coming of salvation: glad tidings for the poor, liberty for captives, sight for the blind, freedom for the oppressed. The words and deeds of the people fulfill the Scripture passages about rejecting and killing God’s prophets: they question Jesus’ origins, become furious at his words, and act to destroy him. The people choose the wrong side! Which Scripture passages do we hear? Which do we fulfill?

When Jesus challenges the people’s narrowness with the examples of Elijah’s and Elisha’s outreach to Gentiles (Sidon and Syria), they grow furious. Jesus challenged the crowd because the Good News is always broader than selective preferences or limited understanding—yes, salvation would be for Gentiles as well as Jews. While the gospel is always good news, it is not always comfortable because it stretches us beyond where we are now. Which Scripture passages do we hear? Which do we fulfill?

And what is our response to the challenge of the gospel? Amazement or fury? Welcoming Jesus or expelling him from our midst? Growing in discipleship or stagnating in narrowness? Which Scripture passages do we hear? Which do we fulfill?