

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 20, 2016

March Parish Stewardship

Migrant Ministry,
Special Olympics,
and
CAER Center

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

March 12 and 13

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$6,107.00
Youth:\$2.00
Total:\$6,109.00
EFT:\$705.00
Total:\$6,814.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$270,100.00
Actual YTD \$257,413.02

Thank You

Debt Reduction:

February \$444.00
Total for the fiscal year \$4,059.00

Stewardship: In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

Thank You: To all of our friends, family and fellow parishioners for your prayers, contributions and donations to our son Matt's benefit. Thank you again. Mike & Mary Coughlin

Cemetery Clean Up: All old decorations must be removed by Monday, April 4th. New decorations must not be placed before Friday, April 15th. This will allow time for remaining items to be removed.

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 20

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA
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 Passion Play Performance in church



Tuesday, March 22

7:00 pm Ensemble/Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 23

9:30 am Adult Choir

Thursday, March 24

5:30 pm Holy Thursday Soup Supper (Chesaning)

Friday, March 25

1:30 pm Passion Play Performance in church

Saturday, March 26

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, March 27

8:00 am Rosary



Lent Rosary Devotions: from 8-9 am every morning.

Faith Formation

The final class of the year will be this Sunday, March 20th, beginning at 6 pm in the church. We will be watching the Passion Play and then going to our classrooms to finish the night. See you there! Doris

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Group will **not** meet on Sunday, March 20th, but youth are encouraged to attend the Passion Play at 6 pm. Junior High Youth Group will meet at their normal time from 6-7:30 pm but will start in the church. Cardboard City will be April 15-16th. Forms are available in the back of church and in the Youth Room. If you can help with the Spring Fling Bingo on Sunday, April 3rd contact Katie. The first summer Youth Group for those in grades 5-12 is Sunday, April 10th from 4-5:30 pm. Keep up to date with our St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry Facebook page and Instagram account. Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday

8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, March 22

10:00 am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral-Saginaw

Wednesday, March 23

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Paschal Triduum Our Holiest Days

Holy Thursday, March 24

7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Last Supper Adoration following (Chesaning)

Good Friday, March 25

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Bannister)

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 26

8:30 pm Mass (Chesaning)

Lectors:

TBA

Eucharist Ministers:

TBA

Altar Servers:

TBA

Easter Sunday, March 27

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TBA

Eucharist Ministers:

TBA

Altar Servers:

TBA

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8,11-14/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: 1:1, 26-31a/Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Jn 20:1-9

Sponsor of the Week

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Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 22nd will be broadcast live at 10:00 am on WNEM TV5, and also streaming live via wnem.com and the diocesan website Saginaw.org. If you are unable to watch the Mass live, a replay of the Chrism Mass will be available on WNEM TV5 on Saturday, March 26th following the 11 pm news and on WNEM MY5 on Friday, March 25th at 3 pm.

BAKE SALE Knights of Columbus Bake Sale: The Knights of Columbus is having a bake sale on Friday, March 25th from 4-8 pm. The proceeds from this bake sale are going toward 3 church events. They are: St. Michael Youth Group-Mission Trip; St. Peter Youth Trip to Poland-World Youth Day; and St. Charles Trip to March for Life. Please stop by to support these upcoming trips. If you would like to donate baked goods, please contact Mary Rombach at 845-2643. Thank you for your support!

Pastoral Council Meeting: Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, March 31st at 7:30 pm.

Michigan Blood Drives: Michigan Blood will be holding three drives in Chesaning this month. Please try to fit one of these dates into your schedule. Someone needs blood every two seconds. Be somebody that saves lives! Schedule an appointment to donate by calling 1-866-642-5663. You may visit their website at www.miblood.org. The day & locations are: **Big Rock Elementary School**-Monday, March 21st 12-5 pm; **Chesaning High School**-Tuesday, March 22nd 9:00 am-3:00 pm; **Chesaning High School**-Wednesday, March 23rd-9:00 am-3:00 pm.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Benny Sims, Janet Scheffler, Carol Moore, Tiffany

Dankert, Abby Aldrich, Joe Pine, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Tim Amman, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Eugene Sutter, Jim Meder, Terry Kennelly, Joann Richardson, Bradley Blakeselle, 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, LuAnn Greenfelder, Joey Kligar, Barb

Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, 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.

Rice Bowls: Please turn in your Rice Bowls during Holy Week. There will be a box for your rice bowls in church. The rice bowls proceeds go toward the Catholic Relief Services.



Easter Egg Hunt: Don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Sunday Mass. It will be on the church lawn. Thank you for your donation of candy!

Catholic Service Appeal (CSA): A letter from Bishop Cistone and pledge card were mailed from the diocese last week. If you haven't received yours yet, please call the office and we can send you a pledge card or you may pick one up in the gathering area of church. We have heard from 14% of parishioners already! Please prayerfully consider your contribution. If you are unable to give this year please return your pledge as this counts as participating.



Spring Fling Bingo: Join us for the first annual Spring Fling Bingo on Sunday, April 3rd at St. Peter Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm. There will be 20 games and 2 cover all bingos with money prizes. Concessions will be available to support Youth Ministry. This event is sponsored by the Christian Service Commission. Hope to see you there!

A Reflection on the Gospel from 2016 Living

Liturgy: For most of us Holy Week unfolds like many other weeks; we still contend with work, school, preparing meals, doing laundry, cranky folks, the usual triumphs and setbacks. Palm Sunday begins an extraordinary week—a week that concentrates in a few days the ultimate meaning of our whole Christian life. We must slow ourselves down and make choices so that this week doesn't go by without our taking the time to enter into its meaning. We celebrate in the liturgies what we live every day—all the dying to self that characterizes truly faithful disciples of Jesus, all the dying to self that proclaims our choice to live in God's kingdom. This choice is our way of continuing Jesus' saving mission, our way of making visible our ultimate desire: to live forever with God, united with this Jesus who suffered, died, and was buried. This Jesus who was raised. Living in this kingdom is possible when we, too, commend ourselves into God's hands.

The "kingdom of God" is not a place we can enclose, not a space we can occupy. It is a face we encounter—the very face of God, the very Presence of God. This kingdom is present whenever we wholeheartedly join ourselves with Jesus' utterance in the Garden: "not my will but yours be done." This kingdom is present whenever we speak the truth about who we know and follow, shower compassion upon those sorrowing or in need, forgive those who harm us, bring hope to the despairing, commend ourselves to God with conviction and purpose.

Jesus suffers, dies, and is buried. The gift of his death? He confers on us his kingdom and invites us to be with him in Paradise. Two kingdoms: the one of this world, the one of Jesus. Which kingdom do we choose?