

Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016

April Parish Stewardship

Food Bank of Eastern MI,
Saginaw Habitat for Humanity,
and
Southern Poverty Law Center

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

March 26 and 27

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$8,049.00
Youth:\$11.95
Total:\$8,060.95
EFT:\$65.00
Total:\$8,125.95

Sunday Contributions YTD \$284,700.00
Actual YTD\$274,042.22

Thank You

Stewardship: "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of April are: macaroni & cheese, spaghetti & sauces. There is a basket in the gathering area for your donations. Donations of any kind are also welcome.

Catching Fire Becoming Flame: The next DVD presentation by Albert Haase, OFM will be Wednesday, April 13th from 9-11 am at St. Peter Parish Hall. Topic is: *God's Will in Decision Making and Challenge of Forgiveness*. Contact Diane Hungerford at 845-6856 for info.

This Week's Events

Sunday, April 3

8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
5:30 pm Spring Fling Bingo in parish hall

Wednesday, April 6

9:30 am Adult Choir

Saturday, April 9

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, April 10

First Eucharist

8:00 am Rosary
9:00 am Pancake Breakfast
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
4:00 pm Youth Group



Rosary Devotions: from 8-9 am every morning.

Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Group begins on Sunday, April 10th from 4-5:30 pm in the Youth Room. All youth currently in grades 5-12 and their friends are invited to come for some food, faith and fun. See you there!

Cardboard City: St. Peter Youth Ministry will be hosting Cardboard City on April 15-16th for those in grades 5-12. Youth will spend time in prayer and reflection as we raise awareness of the homeless, the hungry and those who live in poverty. Youth sleep outside in cardboard boxes, do service projects that help those less fortunate than us and experience a limited fast. Information is available on the St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry Facebook page, the parish website under Youth Ministry and forms are also available in the back of church. Contact Katie to register.

Big Raffle Tickets: The Faith Formation/Youth Ministry programs are selling Big Raffle tickets after weekend Masses or in the Faith Formation office. The tickets are still \$5.00 with a chance to win a car or \$10,000! Half of the proceeds come directly back to the parish.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, April 3

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, April 6

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, April 7

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, April 9

4:30 pm

Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Cassidy Bucholz

Eucharist Ministers:

Jason Eichler, Katie Eichler, Doris Mahoney, Sarah Mahoney and Laura Moliterno

Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed

Sunday, April 10

Lectors:

Anne Stasa and Shirley Schnell

Eucharist Ministers:

Doris Mahoney, Mary Kay Hoerner, Michelle Neumann, Karen Hoover and Bernard Coonrod

Altar Servers:

Ken Schnell and Paula Rench

Readings for the Week

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

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Jn 21:1-19

Sponsor of the Week

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Catholic Service Appeal (CSA): We have received 36% of pledges toward our CSA goal. Please prayerfully consider your contribution. If you are unable to give this year please return your pledge as this counts as participating. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, they are available in the gathering area of church.



Spring Fling Bingo: Is today, 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!

The League of Catholic Women: Will host their luncheon meeting on Tuesday, April 19th at St. Peter Parish. Mass will be at 11:00 am celebrated by Fr. Bill with luncheon to follow. Cost of the luncheon will be \$10. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted to support the CAER Center. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Send your \$10 reservation to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, MI 48608. Your reservation must be in the office by April 7th. Hope to see you there. Joyce

Job Opening: St. Peter Parish is seeking a Pastoral Minister. If you are a practicing Catholic with experience in Pastoral Ministry and Pastoral Formation and are interested in a full-time position (32 hours), send your resume and two letters of recommendation to: St. Peter Parish, Search Committee, PO Box 454, Chesaning, MI 48616 by **Friday, April 29th.**



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Reynaldo Rodriguez, Mark Borsenik, 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 Apey, 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

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

Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther 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.

Thank You: The Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Office would like to thank all those who helped us make this past Holy Week a success! Thank you to all the youth who participated in the Passion Play. Your dedication and service to our parish community is a true gift. Thank you to the Calandrinios for feeding the youth on Good Friday. Thank you to the Education Commission for making soup and helping with the Holy Thursday Soup Supper. The soups were yummy! Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning. Thank you to those who donated candy and those who helped hide them. The kids had a great time hunting for eggs. Thank you to those selling Big Raffle tickets. We appreciate your dedication to helping the young people of our parish. We could not do all of these parish activities without the help of all of you. It is greatly appreciated! Katie & Doris

American Legion Breakfast: On Sunday, April 3rd from 7:30-11:30 am at the Chesaning American Legion Hall, 15053 McKeighan Rd, Chesaning. Menu: pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, eggs, potatoes, sausage gravy & biscuits, toast, juice, milk & coffee. Adults-\$8; 6 thru 12-\$4 and 5 and under are free.

Easter Flower Donations: David & Ann James in Memory of Londyn Solheid beloved granddaughter; Jane Alden in Memory of Dale & Bob Alden, Morrisette & Alden families; John & Mary Beth Reiber; Mike & Chris Maxa in Memory of Robert & Mary Ann Eickholt; Terry Birdsley in Memory of Shirley Birdsley; Donald & Jean Cooper; Margaret Bolinger in Memory of Dine DeVoe, Matt, Evelyn, Mary and Rose Coughlin.

A Reflection on the Gospel from 2016 Living

Liturgy: Lent is a practical time, a season we can easily understand, embrace, use to progress in our spiritual lives. Now we are in the Easter season. This season is not so easily understood; risen Life is not something practical deriving from certain spiritual practices. We know Jesus rose from the dead; we cannot so easily grasp how this has an immediate effect on us. The resurrection is a mystery. Risen Life is different, a new happening, a fresh experience. Most surely, risen Life is of God. It instills Easter joy. Like the penance of Lent, it ought to make a difference in our every day living.

This gospel shows us why the resurrection makes all the difference in the world. When the risen Lord appears to the disciples locked away behind closed doors, fear is allayed by peace, sin is allayed by forgiveness, doubt is allayed by Presence, unbelieving is allayed by seeing-believing. The Lord comes to the disciples a first time on that first Easter Sunday evening when Thomas is not present. Thomas makes know quite clearly to the other disciples what he needs in order to believe that Jesus is alive. A week later when Thomas is present, Jesus appears to the disciples again, and responds to Thomas's unbelief. Seeing-believing—for Thomas and for us—is not merely an exercise in intellectual assent, but a practical encounter played out through our acceptance of the risen Life that is offered to us. Risen Life is God's divine Life transforming who and how we are. Resurrection makes all the difference—for us, for all of creation.