

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 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**

April 9 and 10

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes: .....\$7,208.00

Youth: .....\$5.00

Total: .....\$7,213.00

EFT: .....\$55.00

Total: .....\$7,268.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$299,300.00

Actual YTD .....\$290,201.22

## Thank You

**Stewardship:** Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejections and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

### Debt Reduction:

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

March .....\$434.00  
Total for the fiscal year .....\$4,493.00

**Rice Bowl Thank You:** Thanks to everyone who returned their Rice Bowls. As a parish we raised \$509 for Catholic Relief Services to help those in need locally and worldwide.

## Faith Formation This Week's Events

### Sunday, April 17

8:00 am Rosary

11:30 am Individual Reconciliation  
(Bannister)

### Tuesday, April 19

12:00 pm League of Catholic Women  
luncheon

### Wednesday, April 20

9:30 am Adult Choir

6:45 pm Commissions & Finance  
Council meet

### Saturday, April 23

8:00 am Rosary

### Sunday, April 24

8:00 am Rosary

11:30 am Individual Reconciliation  
(Bannister)

4:00 pm Youth Group



## Faith Formation

Keep your eyes open for a mailer from the Faith Formation Office! Have a great summer! Doris

## Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Ministry has started . . . in a snowstorm! The next Youth Group is Sunday, April 24th, from 4-5:30 pm in the Youth Room. All youth and friends in grades 5-12 are welcome and encouraged to attend! Join us for food, faith and fun! Youth Encounter Service forms are available from Katie. Y.E.S. is a week long service project for those entering grades 9 to current 12th graders the week of June 19-24th. There are two camps sponsored by the Diocese of Saginaw this summer July 10th-15th at Camp Timbers in West Branch. The Discipleship Camp is for middle school aged youth and helps participants learn about their faith and how to live it in the outside world. Teen Leadership Challenge is for high school aged youth and equips participants with Christian leadership skills and ways to apply them in their every day life. For more information contact Katie.

## Liturgy this Week

### Sunday, April 17

8:30 am Mass

### Tuesday, April 19

11:00 am Mass-League of Catholic Women

### Wednesday, April 20

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

### Thursday, April

10:00 am Mass CNCC

### Saturday, April 23

4:30 pm Mass

### Lectors:

Nanette Mishler and Laura Moliterno

### Eucharist Ministers:

Doris Mahoney, Laura Moliterno, Lisa Coon,  
Sarah Mahoney and Paulette Fuoss

### Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz

### Sunday, April 24

10:30 am Mass

### Lectors:

Penny Apsey and Mary Baese

### Eucharist Ministers:

Mary Baese, Karen Hoover, Penny Apsey, Angie  
Meder and Mary Memmer

### Altar Servers:

Isaac Tessman and Gavin Tessman

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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

## Sponsor of the Week

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## **Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):**

We have received 52% of pledges toward our CSA goal of \$70,812. Thank you to everyone who has generously pledge so far. This is encouraging, but we have a long way to go. Please prayerfully consider your pledge amount. There are envelopes in the gathering area of church if you need one.

**Thank You:** *For your generous gift of \$2,471.42 to Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties. Bless you all! With your support, and the support of others like you, we are able to meet the demands of the Flint Water Crisis—affecting our clients and neighbors. May you, and all those you love, be blessed with health and happiness! Sincerely, Vicky L. Schultz, President/CEO*

**The Big Raffle:** This is your last chance to purchase Big Raffle tickets. Half of all ticket sales comes directly back to the St. Peter Parish Faith Formation and Youth Ministry program. Tickets are \$5. If you would still like tickets they will be available in the Faith Formation office until Tuesday morning. Contact Katie by email [stpeteyth@gmail.com](mailto:stpeteyth@gmail.com) if you want to buy more tickets! Thanks to everyone who has bought tickets and supported our children and youth!

**Job Opening:** St. Peter Parish is seeking a Pastoral Care Coordinator. 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, 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, 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 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.*

**Senior Mass:** All graduating high school and college seniors are invited to celebrate your great accomplishment at the Senior Mass on Saturday, May 21st at the 4:30 pm Mass. A mailing will be sent out at the end of the month to all high school seniors with more information.

**Dinner & Discussion-Misiuk Funeral Home:** Join us to learn about the options and benefits of Advance Funeral Planning, followed by informal questions and answers. Tuesday, April 26th at 5:30 pm at The Junction Restaurant, 4136 Peet Rd., Chesaning. Please call 989-385-3584 or 845-3096 to reserve dinner and a seat, as reservations are limited.

**Operation Inasmuch:** We will start Saturday, April 30th from 8:00 am-noon at the Trinity Methodist Church in Chesaning. This is a morning event and includes lunch and child care for volunteers. If you know of someone with a need, or for more information, please contact Chris or Jim Mishler at 845-2203. Volunteers of all ages are needed.

**Thank You:** *To everyone who came and supported the Pancake Breakfast and donated toward the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland this summer. \$350 was raised towards our goal! We are now even closer to hitting our goal! It's not too late to donate money to the WYD Envelope Fund in the back of church. Thank you for all of your prayers and support through our fundraising efforts and beyond.*

### **A Reflection on the Gospel from 2016 Living**

**Liturgy:** The focus of this gospel is giving, giving, giving. The Father gives us to Jesus as his flock. We give Jesus our attentive listening and faithful following. Jesus gives us eternal Life. There are no qualifying words in this gospel at all, no “ifs” about the giving. This is simply the way living risen Life is. Jesus gives us the gift of risen Life; we give Jesus the gift of ourselves.

The gospel conveys Jesus’ great, tender care and concern for his “sheep.” This care does not keep his followers from “violent abuse” or “great distress”. It does assure them of protection in the midst of persecution (“No one can take them out of my hand”) and of eternal Life (“they shall never perish”). But this assurance only comes when we followers of Jesus “hear his voice” and live out of the personal relationship God offers us. It comes when we give the gift of ourselves in hearing and following.

We follow first by listening. The call to follow is a call to faithful obedience. In other words, hearing Jesus—heeding his voice—is already an act of following. Heeding Jesus’ voice is already our own participation in proclaiming the Gospel. But probably most importantly, hearing Jesus’ voice is already our participation in risen Life. Ultimately this promise of risen Life is the reassurance and care that Jesus offers: by hearing Jesus’ voice and following him we will not perish. No better care than this could the Good Shepard give us as gift!

This is a good Sunday to bask in Jesus’ care and protection; listen to his voice calling us to his loving, embracing hands; and rejoice in the gift of goodness showered upon us who are faithful to his call. This, too, is living the paschal mystery. Giving the gift of ourselves to others, to Jesus is living the paschal mystery.