

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016

July Parish Stewardship

Mustard Seed Shelter,

Emmaus House

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Mother Teresa Endowment Fund

Budget amount
needed for each week:

\$7,200.00

July 16 and 17

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$5,579.00

Youth:\$12.62

Total:\$5,591.62

EFT:\$705.00

Total:\$6,296.62

Sunday Contributions YTD \$21,200.00

Actual YTD \$21,872.86

Thank You

Stewardship: Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

Heritage Mass: The 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, August 7th at St. Cyril Church in Bannister is a Heritage Mass. The Mass remembers and honors the Czech and Slovak founding fathers of St. Cyril's as well as all the ethnic groups that make up the parish. Everyone is welcome and is encouraged to wear costumes representative of their own nationality.

This Week's Events

Sunday, July 24

Diaper Drive continues

8:00 am Rosary

11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)

Tuesday, July 26

7:00 pm Ensemble/Choir

Saturday, July 30

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, July 31

8:00 am Rosary

11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)

Rosary Devotions: Are prayed every morning at 8:00 am.

Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Group will meet in August! Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm on Wednesdays. All youth in grades 5-12 and their friends are invited!

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA:

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This collection is every three years. There is still time to make a contribution. There are envelopes in the pews for your convenience if you would like to make a contribution.



Czechoslovak Harvest

Festival: Is Sunday, August

7th at the ZCBJ Hall in

Bannister. A dinner of breaded

chicken, ham, dressing, dumplings and cabbage and all the trimmings is available from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm. Adult are \$10; children under twelve are \$3; and preschoolers are free. Opening ceremonies begin at 2:30 pm with traditional dances and songs by the Bannister ZCBJ Czechoslovakian Folk Dancers. There are free drawings for children, teens and adults. A dance will begin at 4:00 pm with music by Vesela Kapela band. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome!

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, July 24

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, July 27

No Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, July 28

No Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, July 30

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Laura Moliterno

Eucharist Ministers:

Gayle Tufts, Laura Moliterno, Lindy Beckman,
Mike Maxa and Pat Walser

Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed

Sunday, July 31

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Richard Muirhead and Mary Memmer

Eucharist Ministers:

Mary Memmer, Karen Hoover, Helena
Czeizperger, Nanette Scott-Muirhead, JoAnn
Ostipow

Altar Servers:

Helena Czeizperger and volunteer

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Jn 11:19-27

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Lk 12:13-21

Sponsor of the Week

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Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):

We have received \$54,910.00 toward our CSA goal of \$70,812 which is 78%. Please return your pledge card by mail or drop in the collection basket. There are envelopes on the table in back of church. It is still not too late to contribute. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.



Catechist Needed: Have you ever wanted to share your faith with our young people? Faith Formation has an opportunity for a first grade catechist. Responsibilities include sharing your faith with our young people, planning a weekly lesson (all materials provided and we will help you along the way) and a commitment to be present at weekly Faith Formation classes September through April. If interested, please contact Doris in the Faith Formation Office at 845-1797.

Newspaper Trailer: We have a trailer located at 802 Lockwood St. for your newspapers. You may drop them off during normal office hours. By dropping off your newspapers we are keeping them out of the landfills.

International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: Is visiting St. Joseph Church in St. Johns on Thursday, August 11th starting with 11:00 am Mass. The location is: 109 Linden Ave, St. Johns. For more information please call Elizabeth Dotts (517) 887-2329.

Our prayers and support go out to the family of Helen Roy Maves who was buried from our parish on July 22nd.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Mel Austin, Ernie Richardson, Ernie Burns, Mary

Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Dennis Kettle, Theresa Chernow,

Jim Smith, Jim Pitt, 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, Terry Kennelly, Bradley

Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apey, Laurie Tufts, Brenda

Lienau, Mechelle Kuchar, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang

Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Fran A. Gross, Joseph

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

Klasek, Ray Tithof, Rose Bonkowski, Roger Nietling,

Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred

Lane, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan

Addington, Nancy Dennis, Joey Kligar, Barb

Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm, Judy

Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, Bessie

McSwain, Judy (Willits) 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, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob &

Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.



Box Tops for Education: Please continue to clip the Box Tops for Education over the summer. There is a container in the gathering area of church for your box tops.

Capernaum: The Town of Jesus: The town of Capernaum became Jesus' home base during his Galilean Ministry. Come and discover this exciting town and all the evidence surrounding Jesus' presence there 2000 years ago. Presenter is Fr. Jose Cabrera. The date is Monday, August 29th at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. The cost is \$10; deadline to register is Monday, August 22nd. Please call 797-6607 or ckaczynski@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Diaper Drive: Our summer diaper drive is in full swing. We are asking for donations of diapers for children and adults. There is a play pen in the gathering area for your contributions. We also have envelopes if you would rather make a monetary donation. You may put the envelope in the collection basket. The diaper drive is for the month of July ending on August 7th.



Information Update: If you have recently changed your phone number, please call the parish office at 845-1794 to update your information. This will help to keep our information current. Thank you.

A Reflection on the Gospel from 2016 Living

Liturgy: Jesus, in this gospel, gives us a way to address God (as "Father"), how we ought to pray (with perseverance), and why we pray (because God gives us all "good gifts"). Jesus teaches us that prayer is and must be from oneself, very personal. Prayer is a gift of self.

Jesus' disciples want him to teach them to pray "just as John taught his disciples." Jesus couldn't teach them the prayer of John, however, because he was not John. He was himself, and would teach a prayer that is the very gift of himself to us. Jesus' prayer to his Father flows from who he is—the One who praises, intercedes, forgives, reconciles, and protects. In this he gives us a pattern for our prayer, even if we do not use these very words. Our prayer flows from our physical needs, our emotional attachments and relationships, our spiritual desires. In the end, however, Jesus' prayer is for his Father to "give the Holy Spirit." Then, no request is too great, no seeking is unrewarded, no door is locked. The Holy Spirit transforms our prayer—and us—into turning ourselves toward God, into allowing the prayer to change us into those who seek only what God desires for us.

Jesus teaches us that the One to whom we pray is our "Father" whose love and care for us is unlimited. This deeply intimate and personal relationship with God inspires in us the confidence ("how much more . . .") to pray with "persistence" and the realization that what we pray for is not so important as the fact that we address God in such intimate terms. The prayer always deepens our relationship with God and this is already an answer to what we need. The prayer transforms our relationship with each other—opening us to forgiveness and reconciliation—and this is surely an answer to who we are and wish to become.