

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016

August Parish Stewardship

Sister Parish in Haiti

Budget amount needed for each week:
\$7,200.00

August 13 and 14

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$6,513.00
Youth:\$1.00
Total:\$6,514.00
EFT:\$705.00
Total:.....\$7,219.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$50,000.00
Actual YTD.....\$47,431.71

Thank You

Stewardship: Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself—my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of August are: pancake mix & syrup and peanut butter & jelly. There is a basket in the gathering area of church for donations. Donations of any kind are always welcome. Thank you for your continued support for this much needed service.



This Week's Events

Sunday, August 21

8:00 am Rosary

Tuesday, August 23

7:00 pm Ensemble/Choir practice

Wednesday, August 24

6:00 pm Youth Group

Saturday, August 27

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, August 28

8:00 am Rosary

11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)

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

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry

Check your mailboxes! The Faith Formation and Youth Ministry information brochure and registration forms will be mailed next week. If you do not receive one please contact the Faith Formation Office at 845-1797. Registration forms will also be available in the back of church and online. Remember that in order to receive a sacrament you must have been in class last year. Classes start on Sunday, September 18th in the church. See you there to kick off a great year! Doris and Katie

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of

Catholic Women: Will hold their Annual Conference on Wednesday, September 21st at the Diocesan Center for Ministry in Saginaw. All women of the diocese are invited to attend. Registration will be from 9:30-10 am. The morning program will be a video of the History of Religious Women. The afternoon speaker will be Sabrina Costilla from the Hispanic Ministry office who will speak on Immigration. Mass will be celebrated. The cost for the day is \$13, which includes lunch. The meeting will end at approximately 2:45 pm. Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989) 635-7072 or Brenda Bissonette (989) 671-0096 by Wednesday, September 14th (need luncheon numbers).

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, August 21

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, August 24

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, August 25

10:00 am CNCC Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, August 27

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Ellen Martz

Eucharist Ministers:

Gayle Tufts, Tim Martz, Ellen Martz, Sarah Mahoney, and Mike Maxa

Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed

Sunday, August 28

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Alice Dowd and Ray Gengler

Eucharist Ministers:

Kathy Stewart, Karen Hoover, JoAnn Ostipow,

Nanette Scott-Muirhead and Michelle Vrable

Altar Servers:

Paula Rench and volunteer needed

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Sponsor of the Week

Line Street

Family Dentistry

Jeanne Hopfensperger, D.D.S.

Carrie Ehinger, D.D.S.

Office Hours By 989-845-7655

Appointment 371 S. Line St., Ches



Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):

We have received \$55,730.00 toward our CSA goal of \$70,812 which is 79%. 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.



Chicken & Ham Dinner: On Sunday, September 11th at St. Cyril Church in Bannister at 11:30 am. Join us for a delicious chicken & ham dinner with all the fixings. Adults are \$10; children 12 and under are \$5; and preschool age are free. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you!

Saginaw County Right to Life Focus on Life

Annual Benefit Dinner: Is on Thursday, September 29th at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw. Doors open at 5:30 pm; dinner and program begin at 6:15 pm. Special guest speaker is Stephanie Gray who is an international prolife speaker. The cost is \$45 per person. For more information please call 799-4464 or email sagcountyrll@yahoo.com Deadline for reservation and payment is Tuesday, September 20th.

Bishop's Charity Golf Classic and Dinner:

Mark your calendars to attend the Bishop's Charity Golf Classic & Dinner to assist our vocations and seminary program. The golf outing is Wednesday, September 14th and the dinner & silent auction is Thursday, September 15th. More information in upcoming bulletins.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Tina Carpenter & grandchild, Pauline Gasper, Dave Fogarty, Bill Draheim, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Mel Austin, Ernie Richardson, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Dennis Kettle, Jim Smith, Jim Pitt, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Benny Sims, Janet Scheffler, Carol Moore, Tiffany Dankert, Abby Aldrich, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Tim Amman, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, 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, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe,

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

Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, Bessie McSwain, 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, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.

We Need Your Time & Talent: Volunteers are needed for presenting the bread, wine and monetary gifts of our parish. Please consider sharing your time at liturgy to help in this ministry. We have a sign-up sheet in the gathering area. Also, volunteers are desperately needed for **altar serving at 4:30 pm Mass.** Adults and students from 4th grade up are welcome. If you are available and/or have questions about the ministry, please contact Shelly Kenney at 845-1794 or skenneystpeter@gmail.com

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church presents

"With Gratitude": A musical celebration with David Haas, Marty Haugen & Michael Joncas on Friday, September 16th at 7:30 pm at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, 958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Please call 989-652-8397 for tickets. Proceeds will benefit Music Ministry Alive!

Diocesan Job Opening:

A position has recently been posted on the diocesan website for a full time secretary in the Diocesan Tribunal Office. The deadline for application is 8-31-16. Detail of the opening and the job description can be found at www.saginaw.org click on job openings. Please call Connie Huiskens Wojda director of Human Resources, 797-6687 if you have any questions.

A Reflection on the Gospel from 2016 Living

Liturgy: God has promised salvation from that first fateful fall of humanity. God has never forsaken us. While salvation is a gift freely given by God, we must choose it, work at it, desire it with all our hearts. This Sunday's gospel uses two images that indicate to us that we have work cut out for us: a "narrow gate" and locked door. We must squeeze and push our way through life if we wish to be saved. We must squeeze out any weakness that leads us astray; we must push aside anything that gets between God and us. To squeeze and push our way to salvation, we must be strong. The door of salvation is open to all those who have chosen to pass through the "narrow gate" of self-surrender and the locked door of curbed passions and false desires. So, why would we choose this journey? Because the immediate destination (Jerusalem, with its promised death) is the way to a greater destination (new and eternal Life).

By "making his way to Jerusalem" Jesus is being faithful to his own mission; by going to Jerusalem he fulfills his Father's will even when that means he must suffer and die. Jesus walks the journey with us and shows us the way to what we desire most for our lives—salvation. Our salvation is a great gift from God, but it is not without cost. We must pass through the "narrow gate" of conforming ourselves to Jesus and participating in his dying and rising. Being disciples of Jesus, then, demands more than being in Jesus' company; it means we must take up the mission of Jesus to die and rise, that is, we must be on the way to Jerusalem.

What limits the scope of salvation is not God's reach (which is to east, west, north and south—that is, salvation is offered to all people) but *our response*. We gain eternal salvation by the difficult and demanding path of following Jesus on this way to Jerusalem; we do this by dying to self and being faithful disciples.