

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

## February Stewardship

Saginaw County Jail Ministry

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

February 4 and 5 Stewardship Back to the Lord	
Envelopes: .....	\$7,242.00
Youth: .....	\$1.00
Total: .....	\$7,243.00
EFT .....	\$150.00
Total: .....	\$7,393.00

Sunday Contributions YTD	\$230,000.00
Actual YTD .....	\$223,246.38

## Thank You

### Debt Reduction:

January .....	\$570.00
Total for the fiscal year .....	\$3,938.00

**Stewardship:** Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

### **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:**

Is every Friday from 5-8 pm at the K of C Hall located at 9171 Deitering Rd., Chesaning. You may dine in or take out. Ash Wednesday will be take only.

**Knights of Columbus:** If you are interested in joining the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th degree of Knights of Columbus you are invited to a meeting on Saturday, April 29th at 8:30 am. Please call 845-7449 for more information.

## This Week's Events

- Sunday, February 12**  
 8:00 am Rosary  
 4:00 pm High School Youth Group  
 5:00 pm Children's Choir  
 6:00 pm Faith Formation  
 6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group
- Wednesday, February 15**  
 9:30 am Adult Choir  
 6:45 pm Christian Service & Faith Formation meet
- Thursday, February 16**  
 4:30 pm Prayer meeting in Henry Eickholt room
- Saturday, February 18**  
 8:00 am Rosary
- Sunday, February 19**  
 8:00 am Rosary



**Rosary:** The tradition of the Church and the teaching of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church lead by Bernie Coonrod.

### Faith Formation

We have class on Sunday, February 12th, beginning in the church at 6 pm with family prayer. Join us as we learn and celebrate our faith together! See you there! Doris

### Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, February 12th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group is 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group is 6-7:30 pm. Information and sign up will be available for the Mardi Gras Chicken Dinner, Youth Encounter Service (Y.E.S.), Middle School Retreat and the Half Day Pizza Party. Join us for a great night of food, faith and fun! Katie



**Diaper Drive:** Starting this weekend and ending the weekend of March 17-18 we will be collecting diapers for children and adults. There is a playpen in the gathering area for your donations. If you prefer to make a monetary donation there are envelopes available and you may put it in the collection basket.

## Liturgy this Week

- Sunday, February 12**  
 8:30 am Mass
- Wednesday, February 15**  
 No Mass (Bannister)
- Thursday, February 16**  
 No Mass (Chesaning)
- Saturday, February 18**  
 4:30 pm Mass
- Lectors:**  
*Mike Maxa and Pat Walser*
- Eucharist Ministers:**  
*Mike Maxa, Helena Czeiszperger, Pat Walser, Lindy Beckman and Lisa Coon*
- Altar Servers:**  
*Helena Czeiszperger and Daniel Hodges*
- Sunday, February 19**  
 8:30 am Mass
- Lectors:**  
*Angie Meder and Greg Mahoney*
- Eucharist Ministers:**  
*Angie Meder, Ken Schnell, Bernard Coonrod, Michelle Neumann and JoAnn Ostipow*
- Altar Servers:**  
*Ken Schnell and Paula Rench*

## Readings for the Week


- Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1  
**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13  
**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Mt 5:38-48

## Sponsor of the Week

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**Thank You:** The family of Madeline Klopp wishes to express their appreciation to Father Gruden, Shelly, and Rosemary, the musicians and choir for their kindness and support during Madeline's passing. We also wish to thank all of those who prepared and served the funeral luncheon. Thank you, the Madeline Klopp family.

**Time and Talent Opportunity:** Ushers needed. There is a need for additional ushers (men and women) at both Masses, particularly at 4:30 pm Mass. If you can help out or want more information, please speak with any usher or call Shelly Kenney at 845-1794 at the parish office.

 **Mardi Gras Chicken Dinner:** Celebrate Mardi Gras by coming to the St. Peter Mardi Gras Chicken Dinner! This year's dinner is Saturday, February 25th, from 5-6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Adults are \$10 and children 4-12 are \$5 (3 and under free). Dinner includes: chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, string beans, glazed carrots, coleslaw, rolls, beverages and ice cream! There will be free kids activities throughout the dinner as well. All proceeds go towards the Youth Ministry Program. Please see the enclosed flyer.

**Underground Railroad, Inc. Thank You:** We would like to thank the parishioners of St. Peter Parish for your contribution of \$322.00. Your contribution will help give support to women and children seeking shelter, counseling and 24-hour support line. Sincerely, Valerie Hoffman, Executive Director.

### THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

 Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Leo Henige Jr., Shirley Potter, Tim McLeod, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Tina Carpenter & grandchild, Dave Fogarty, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Mel Austin, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Dennis Kettle, Jim Smith, Jim Pitt, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Benny Sims, Janet Scheffler, Carol Moore, Abby Aldrich, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, Laurie

Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr. (serving in the Armed Services)	Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joseph Klasek, 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
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Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, 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, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.

**Life Saver Drive:** We are calling special attention to the Sanctity of Human Life. With this in mind, we will be participating in a LIFESAVER Drive for Saginaw County Right to Life on Saturday/Sunday February 11th and 12th after Mass. Please consider making a donation to this worthy cause to help protect human life, especially the unborn,

**Lenten Small Groups:** Lent is fast approaching. If you feel the call to seek intimacy with our Lord, to connect more meaningfully with the Christian community, or just to grow deeper in your faith, perhaps one of our small faith sharing groups is for you. Sign up for one of the groups at the meeting space at the back of church. Or check with Rosemary about starting a new group.

**Dinner & Discussion:** Enjoy dinner while learning about the benefits of planning your funeral the safe way, followed by informal questions and answers. This event is on Tuesday, March 7th at 5:30 pm at The Junction Restaurant, 4136 Peet, Chesaning. Please call 989-385-3584 or 845-3096 to reserve a seat. This dinner & discussion is offered by Misiuk Funeral Home in Chesaning.

**Fish Fry:** The Knights of Columbus #4102 at 360 S. River Rd in Bay City is hosting an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Friday, February 17th to benefit the Diocese of Saginaw Seminarians from noon-?. Menu includes: perch, cod, corn, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$12 adults; \$6 children. Please come and join us!

### A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

**2017:** Thomas Aquinas defined human law as an ordinance of reason promulgated by the proper authority for the common good. We might define God's law as the ordinance of God's wisdom, promulgated by Jesus who is the fulfillment of all law, for the righteousness that brings us to be the "greatest in the kingdom of heaven." God's law is not about restrictions curbing freedom, but about freeing us to become who God intends us to be.

We need God's law to guide us because we are imperfect, coming only slowly to the fulfillment that Jesus promises. However, Jesus makes clear that simply keeping the law—as the scribes and Pharisees were so careful about doing—is not enough. The gospel is a lengthy comparison between the law of the old covenant (especially as the scribes and Pharisees to whom Jesus refers in the gospel interpreted and lived it) and a new law—a new covenant—Jesus offers. The point of Jesus' lengthy discourse is clear: he is challenging us to a whole new covenantal relationship as the basis for interpreting and choosing to keep God's law. Jesus' new covenant is built on the right relationships that extend beyond the mandate of the law.

No law—whether divine or human—can cover all the right choices we are to make as we journey through life in community. Both the gospel and first reading point to what more is needed: "trust in God," right choices that bring life to ourselves and others, relying on the wisdom and understanding of God who knows us better than we know ourselves. Our own choices for good—for life— can only come when we open ourselves to God's guidance and wisdom. In this is the promise of fullness of Life. In this is our life in Christ.