

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

April Stewardship

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

Budget amount
needed for each week:

\$7,200.00

March 25 and 26

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$5,790.00

Youth:\$1.00

Total:\$5,791.00

EFT\$65.00

Total:\$5,856.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$280,650.00

Actual YTD\$265,579.10

Thank You

Stewardship: When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives—our gifts as well as our sufferings—can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.

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

This Week's Events

Sunday, April 2

8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
2:00 pm Passion Play practice
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
6:00 pm Lenten Prayer Service

Tuesday, April 4

9:30 am BeFriender meet

Wednesday, April 5

9:30 am Adult Choir

Friday, April 7

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 8

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, April 9

8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)
4:00 pm Passion Play Practice
5:00 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group
6:00 pm Passion Play Performance

Easter Vigil Time Change: Please make note that the Easter Vigil will begin at **9:00 pm.**

Faith Formation

Can you believe we only have two classes left? We will have class on Sunday, April 2nd & 9th beginning with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. Please, please, please bring your children to these classes to finish their Faith Formation year. They have many projects they have worked on throughout the year to bring home. Also, please remember to bring in your Rice Bowls. See you there! Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, April 2nd in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. Passion Play practice is from 2-4 pm in the church followed by a meal in the Youth Room. We are still accepting forms for Y.E.S. as well! See you Sunday! Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, April 2

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, April 6

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Friday, April 7

9:00 am First Friday Mass (Bannister)

Saturday, April 8

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Ellen Martz

Eucharist Ministers:

Gayle Tufts, Tim Martz, Ellen Martz, Doris Mahoney and Sarah Mahoney

Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed

Sunday, April 9

Passion Sunday

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Angie Meder and Greg Mahoney

Eucharist Ministers:

Michelle Neumann, Karen Hoover, Kathy Thompson, Angie Meder and Michelle Vrable

Altar Servers:

Isaac Tessman and Gavin Tessman

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Is 50:4-7/Mt 26:14—27:66

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Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):

The CSA letter/pledge cards have been mailed for 2017-18. Please prayerfully consider your contribution. We are at 24% of our goal.



Blood Drive: Chesaning-Brady Fire Dept., 1632 Brady St., Chesaning on Thursday, April 6th from noon-6 pm and Friday, April 7th, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Call 1-866-642-5663 or visit www.miblood.org for an appointment. Be a hero! Donate!



Spring Fling Bingo: Save the date! The Spring Fling Bingo is Sunday, April 30th in the parish hall. All 20 games are cash prizes. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Cemeteries Clean-Up: Please remove any items that you would like to keep from the Mt. Calvary & Resurrection cemeteries by **Sunday, April 2nd**. After that date the remaining items will be removed. New decorations should not be placed before Friday, April 14th.

Help Decorating the Church: We will be decorating the church on Thursday, April 6th at 2 pm for Passion Sunday and after Good Friday Mass to decorate for Easter. Please considering helping on either day or both days if possible. Please call Linda at 845-2363 with any questions.

Lenten Prayer Service: This Sunday, April 2nd at 6 pm in church will be The Taize Prayer. All are welcome.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Leo Henige, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Tina Carpenter & grandchild, Dave Fogarty, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, 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,

Laurie 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, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, Bessie McSwayn, Judy

Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr. (serving in the Armed Services)

(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.

Big Raffle: The Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs are selling raffle tickets after both Masses. The cost of a ticket is \$5. Tickets are also available in the parish office Monday through Wednesday. The last day tickets are available is Monday, April 10th. Please help support our parish programs!

The League of Catholic Women: Will have our Tuesday, April 18th luncheon at St. John XXIII (former Sacred Heart, 445 S. Midland, Merrill). Mass begins at 11:00 am with our catered lunch by Sullivan's to follow. The speaker will be Patty Reynolds, Director of the Partnership Center. Please mail your check for \$10 to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, MI 48608. Reservations need to be in by April 10th. Please call Mary at 790-3358 with any questions.

Easter Poster Contest: Students from Kindergarten through 5th grade are asked to create a drawing of the Easter story. Please draw your picture on a 8 x 11 size paper portrait style. There will be paper on the table in the gathering area. All drawings should be turned in by Monday, April 9th, to Doris or the rectory office. Questions please call Doris at 845-1797.

Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone: The next Holy Hour is Thursday, April 6th at 7 pm at St. Mary Church in Albee beginning with Soup Supper at 5:45 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt: We are in need of donated "filled" plastic Easter eggs. Suggestions for filling the eggs are small, wrapped candies. Please no candies with nuts. Please make sure the eggs are closed. There is a large, pink basket in the gathering area for your eggs. Eggs need to be dropped off by Sunday, April 9th.

K of C Easter Bake Sale: We will be having a bake sale during the Good Friday fish fry on April 14th from 4-8 pm. Proceeds go to 4th degree charities. If you would care to donate baked good please contact: Mary Rombach-845-2643, Kay Gross-798-2271, or Gloria Sutter-845-6855.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2017: Both Martha and Mary say to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." How disappointed they must have been with Jesus! Only good friends can chide one another in such a way! They have high expectations of their Friend: he could heal others, he certainly would heal Lazarus whom he loved so much. However, Martha and Mary's expectation, hope, desire that their brother would be healed by their Friend was actually too shortsighted. Jesus intended something way beyond their experience, their imagination, their limited understanding of him and his power. Jesus intended a new revelation about himself. And a new revelation about themselves.

Jesus purposely had delayed for two days coming Bethany. Arriving after Lazarus was dead four days, Jesus could then reveal that death is necessary, but not the end. Out of death Jesus gives Life. Out of death Jesus reveals the deeper mystery of his own Person: "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus' power over death to give Life is a whole new revelation that asks of us nothing less than the kind of believing in Jesus that means giving our whole lives over to him. Martha and Mary came "to believe." Have we?