

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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**

April 15 and 16  
Stewardship Back to the Lord  
Envelopes: .....\$9,668.76  
Youth: .....\$3.00  
Total: .....\$9,671.76  
EFT: .....\$850.00  
Total: ..... \$10,521.76

Sunday Contributions YTD \$295,050.00  
Actual YTD ..... \$282,232.86

## Thank You

**Debt Reduction:**  
March ..... \$435.00  
Total for the fiscal year ..... \$4,878.00

**Stewardship:** Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

**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.

## This Week's Events

**Sunday, April 23**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
**Wednesday, April 26**  
9:30 am Adult Choir  
**Thursday, April 27**  
7:00 pm Pastoral Council meet  
7:00 pm Confirmation practice at St. Michael, Maple Grove  
**Saturday, April 29**  
1:00 pm Confirmation at St. Michael, Maple Grove  
8:00 am Rosary  
**Sunday, April 30**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
5:30 pm Spring Fling Bingo



## Faith Formation

A mandatory Confirmation practice will be held on Thursday, April 27th, at St. Michael, Maple Grove beginning a 7 pm. All those receiving the sacrament, their parents and sponsors are required to attend. Doris

## Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Group will start on Saturday, May 6th! Cardboard City will be May 12-13th. Forms are available in the gathering area of church, Youth Room, parish websites (Youth Ministry section) or by contacting Katie. There is still time to register for Y.E.S. Contact Katie for more information. Senior Mass will be held on Saturday, May 20th, at 4:30 pm. Baccalaureate will be held at Trinity Methodist Church on Sunday, May 21st., at 3 pm.

**Thank You:** To everyone who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt and donated eggs. A special thank you to Adam & Will Guzinski, Sarah & Heather Mahoney, Kenzie Youmans and Sadie Eichler for their help setting up the Easter Egg Hunt every year. Without your help it would not be possible. Doris & Katie

## Liturgy this Week

**Sunday, April 23**  
8:30 am Mass  
**Wednesday, April 26**  
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)  
**Thursday, April 27**  
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)  
**Saturday, April 29**  
4:30 pm Mass  
**Lectors:**  
Laura Moliterno and Kassidy Bucholz  
**Eucharist Ministers:**  
Gayle Tufts, Laura Moliterno, Helena Czeiszperger, Sarah Mahoney and Lindy Beckman  
**Altar Servers:**  
Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer  
**Sunday, April 30**  
8:30 am Mass  
**Lectors:**  
Glenn Robinette and Rosemary Newcomb  
**Eucharist Ministers:**  
Dawn Boucher, Judie Giesken, Angie Meder, Bernard Coonrod and Bob Corrin  
**Altar Servers:**  
Isaac Tessman and Gavin Tessman

## Readings for the Week

**Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8**  
**Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20**  
**Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21**  
**Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36**  
**Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15**  
**Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21**  
**Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Lk 24:13-35**

## Sponsor of the Week

AMMAN'S  
GARAGE

Complete One Stop Service  
423 E. Broad St  
(989) 845-3987



## Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):

Please prayerfully consider your contribution. If you are unable to contribute, please return your pledge card marked "zero". This counts as participating. We are at 46% of our goal.



## Spring Fling Bingo:

The Spring Fling Bingo is Sunday, April 30th in the parish hall. All 20 games are cash prizes. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Concessions will be available to support Youth Ministry. Everyone is welcome!

## Grief Recovery Series:

An information meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd from 6:30-7:30 pm in the parish hall. The facilitator is Mary Emmendorfer. This series is for any adult who has experienced a loss and is in need of healing and support. To register call Rosemary at 845-1794 or come to the first meeting.

## Attend the 2017 New Evangelization Summit!

The New Evangelization Summit is being live-streamed to the Center for Ministry from Ottawa, Canada, Friday evening, May 12 and Saturday, May 13th. Speakers include: Bishop Robert Barron, Peter Herbeck, Fr. Michael White among others. Tickets for this year's summit are on sale at: www.newevangelization.ca along with additional information about the summit. All are welcome and will benefit from the inspiration and approaches offered this year. For more information contact Peg McEvoy, Coordinator of Faith Formation at pmcevoy@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 797-6608.



## THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Leo Henige, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Tina Carpenter & grandchild, 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, 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 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, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.



**Thank You:** The Knights of Columbus would like to thank Fr. Bill and all the parishioners for their support at the Tootsie Roll Drive.

## 8th Grade Celebration Mass:

Bishop Cistone has invited all eighth grade students in Catholic schools, parish faith formation and youth ministry programs to join him for Mass on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 10:30 am at St. Agnes Church, Freeland, to celebrate their transition into high school.

## Catholic Women's Fellowship:

The monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship meets Wednesday, May 3rd, from 6-8:30 pm at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss Rd., Saginaw. The topic: **Woman's Genius: Her Mystery & Task**-with Dawn Hausmann. For more information visit: www.womensfellowship.org



## Camp Sancta Maria:

Looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren while they have a blast at the same time? Check out Camp Sancta Maria located in Gaylord, MI. We are a Catholic camp that provides fun experiences in a technology-free zone (and they won't even miss their cell phones!) while immersed in a faith-filled environment. We offer separate camping experiences for boys and girls that include daily Mass, horseback riding, swimming, archery, various sports, high and low ropes, campfires, crafts and more. For additional information, check us out at www.CampSanctaMaria.org or call (248) 822-8199.

## Right to Life Pancake Breakfast:

Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in St. Charles is having a pancake breakfast fundraiser for Right to Life on Sunday, April 23rd from 11:30-12:30 pm. This is a free will offering.

## A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

**2017:** "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord." The absent Thomas could not bring himself to such rejoicing in Jesus' being alive, for he had not yet encountered the risen Jesus; he had not yet come to believe. Thomas insists on seeing and touching Jesus before he can believe that he is truly alive and well. A week later, confronted by the risen Jesus, Thomas's obstinate doubt becomes unwavering belief: "My Lord and my God!" Both the disciples and Thomas's shifts in who and how they were had everlasting effects on them. For those who believe, Jesus' resurrection shifts their self-understanding and their purpose in life, enabling them to see all things as new. Do we believe?

The resurrection asks more of us than merely believing in Jesus' new Life. Our belief is strengthened by our doing. The doing brings about shifts in our own self-understanding: we are members of Christ's Body living with his risen Life coursing within us. The doing brings about shifts in our own purpose in life: we now, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, continue Jesus' saving ministry.

The struggle to believe is no less than the struggle to recognize and encounter the risen Jesus. This is really what our Christian life is all about—encountering the risen Jesus who lives now within us, and believing that risen Life is given to us to share with others. Our Easter joy doesn't come from tangibly seeing and touching the risen Jesus; it comes from grappling with the mystery of the resurrection because what the mystery promise is so much: new Life.