

Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

August Stewardship

Sister Parish in Haiti

Budget amount needed for each week:
\$7,100.00

July 29 and 30
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$6,769.00
Youth: \$3.00
Total:\$6,772.00
EFT\$405.00
Total:\$7,177.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$35,900.00
Actual YTD \$35,588.46

Thank You

Stewardship: In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to *do* something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to *be still*, to *listen* to Jesus, and to *wait* for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

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.

Monthly Calendar Correction: Please make note that the Thursday morning Mass at St. Peter is at **8:00 am** not 8:30 am as stated on the August calendar. I apologize for the confusion. Kris

This Week's Events

Sunday, August 6
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
Saturday, August 12
8:00 am Rosary
Sunday, August 13
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation



Faith Formation

We hope you are enjoying your summer! Enjoy your summer mailer from us and we will see you in the Fall.

Youth Ministry

Have a safe and fun summer with your family.

Save the Date! Parish Picnic

St. Peter Parish Picnic is Saturday, September 9th after the 4:30 pm Mass. Save the date for an evening of fun! Hospitality teams are in charge of the cake walk.

Virtus Training: There will be a Virtus training session on August 14th, at St. Cyril Church from 5:30-8:30 pm. This is for any adults that will be working with children. Please call Kris in the parish office to register at 845-1794 by August 11th.

Harvest Festival: The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, August 6th at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister. A traditional ethnic dinner will be served from 11:30 am through 2 pm. Tickets for adults are \$10, children under 12 are \$5 and preschoolers are free. The program will start at 2:30 pm with dancers of all ages performing. A dance will begin at 4 pm with music by the Bill Nemanis Band. Admission is FREE. There will be free drawings for children's bikes as well as drawings for teen and adult prizes. A good time is guaranteed for young and old alike. See you there!

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, August 6
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, August 9
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, August 10
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Saturday, August 12
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Pat Walser and Laura Moliterno
Eucharist Ministers:
Gayle Tufts, Laura Moliterno, Helena Czeiszperger, Pat Walser and Lisa Coon
Altar Servers:
Helena Czeiszperger and Daniel Hodges
Sunday, August 13
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Penny Apsey and Bernard Coonrod
Eucharist Ministers:
Bernard Coonrod, Judie Giesken, Dawn Boucher, Bob Corrin and Penny Apsey
Altar Servers:
Karen Hoover

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Mt 14:22-33

Sponsor of the Week

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CSA Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):

We have reached 75% of our CSA goal with \$51,905.00 that has been pledged. Thank you for your generous contributions to CSA.

Parents, Godparents, and Grandparents: St. Peter Family Ministry will be providing a "Worship Aide for the Little Ones" preschool and younger. They depict images that help focus on the theme of the week's liturgy. Feel free to take one for your little one. It will be an opportunity to start a conversation about God in our lives. Also, check the Father Eickholt room after Mass. There will be a small treat for your little ones as a reward for their good behavior at Mass.

Spiritual Enrichment Study Group: Do we define our faith as a system of beliefs or it is an expression of a loving way of life? During the next few weeks we will be reflecting on challenging questions that help us focus on the role of faith in our life today. **If we are to be truly Christian, it makes sense to turn to Jesus for the answer.** Father Richard Rohr helps us realize that Christianity can be a forces of spiritual liberation and forward movement. The study group continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons (2 pm) in the Parish hall. If this time does not work for you but would be interested in another time, call Rosemary at 845-1794.

Current Phone Numbers: Please call the parish office if you have dropped your land line phone or have a new cell phone number. This will help keep our phone lists current. Thank you.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Jim Smith, Ray Meder, Alison Andres, Jack Benac, Robert Meyer, Geri Sholtz, Madonna Bueche, Lewis Gerding, Matt Barancik, Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Leo Henige, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Jim Pitt, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Benny Sims, Janet Scheffler, Carol Moore, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, 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 (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., 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.

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

Senior Parishioners: We have a selection of books geared to the spiritual growth for the "second half of life". Check out the selections on the table in the back of church. They are available to order through the parish office. Call Rosemary if you have any questions at 845-1794.

Diaper Drive Thank You: To everyone who donated diapers or made a monetary donation. We received 12 pks of wipes, 594 diapers and \$60 in cash donations. The diapers have been given to the CAER Center.

Prayer and Praise Group: The Lord says "When you call on Me I will listen. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:12-13. Join us as we seek the Lord in the Father Eickholt room on Thursdays at 4:00 pm.

Pilgrimage to Ireland with Bishop Cistone in 2018: Join Bishop Cistone on a Pilgrimage to Ireland and sample rural life and learn about the Emerald Isle and meet its friendly people from September 25-October 4, 2018. The Pilgrimage will include daily Mass at a variety of sites, including Cathedrals, abbeys and small village churches. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 2 pm at the Center for Ministry for those interested. To receive a brochure, please call Annette O'Brien at 797-6696 or email aobrien@dioceseofsaginaw.org Space is limited.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017: Sunglasses offer us many more important benefits than making a fashion statement. They make us more comfortable in the very bright light, filter our harmful ultraviolet rays and the serious consequences that can come from that. It would seem that the transfiguration would have been a sunglasses moment for Peter, James and John! They needed to be shielded not only from the brightness that surrounded Jesus in the transfiguration, but also from the full revelation of their own participation in Jesus' glory and what that participation would cost them: their very lives.

While Jesus is transfigured, "Moses and Elijah appeared to them, / conversing with him." Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of the "old." Moses and Elijah represent the law and prophecy of the old covenant. But with Jesus' transfiguration, we see the promise of change, of something entirely new taking place. When the voice from the cloud tells the three apostles to "listen to" Jesus, they will hear something new, they will be challenged to embrace something new, they will be called to participate in a mystery only now being revealed in its fullness.

In face of Jesus' transfiguration, the disciples "were very much afraid." Perhaps they were afraid of losing what was familiar to them from of old. Perhaps they were afraid because they had an inkling that this new journey presents formidable challenges. If we are to enter into Jesus' glorification, then we must be open to a transfiguration of ourselves, of our lives, of our own destiny. We must let go of our own limited vision and horizons and "listen to" Jesus opening up for us the uncharted territory of remarkable compassion and mercy, forgiveness and care, love and humility. We must allow Jesus to transfigure us.