

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

## August Stewardship

Sister Parish in Haiti

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

August 12 and 13  
Stewardship Back to the Lord  
Envelopes: .....\$6,142.00  
Youth: ..... \$2.00  
Total: .....\$6,144.00  
EFT .....\$755.00  
Total: .....\$6,899.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$50,100.00  
Actual YTD ..... \$49,395.46

## Thank You

**Stewardship:** In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

**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.

**CAER Food Pantry:** Items being collected for the month of August are: pancake mix & syrup and peanut butter & jelly. You may drop off your donations in the basket in the gathering area of church. Donations of any kind are always welcome. Thank you for your continued support!

## This Week's Events

**Sunday, August 20**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)

**Tuesday, August 22**  
7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)

**Friday, August 25**  
Father Bill's 38th Ordination Anniversary

**Saturday, August 26**  
8:00 am Rosary

**Sunday, August 27**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)



**Faith Formation/Youth Ministry**  
We hope you are enjoying your summer! Please pick up your Faith Formation/Youth Ministry envelope for the upcoming year on the table in the gathering of church. This will help us with postage. The first day of classes is Sunday, September 10th. Doris & Katie



**Save the Date!** St. Cyril Church's Chicken and Ham dinner is on Sunday, September 10th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the parish hall. Adults are \$10; 12 & under are \$5 and preschool age are free. See you there!

**Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:** Will hold their Annual Conference on Wednesday, September 20th, at the Diocesan Center for Ministry in Saginaw. All women of the diocese are invited to attend. Registration will be from 9:30-10:00 am. Amy Bartells-Roe will inform us about the Mustard Seed House & an interesting video will be viewed about Pope Francis. 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 at 989-635-7072 or Brenda Bissonette 989-671-0096 by **Wednesday, September 13th** (need luncheon numbers).

## Liturgy this Week

**Sunday, August 20**  
8:30 am Mass  
**Wednesday, August 23**  
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)  
**Thursday, August 24**  
8:00 am Mass  
**Saturday, August 26**  
4:30 pm Mass

**Lectors:**  
Ellen Martz and Jeanne Gewirtz  
**Eucharist Ministers:**  
Tim Martz, Ellen Martz, Mike Maxa, Lindy Beckman and Lisa Coon

**Altar Servers:**  
Mike Maxa  
**Sunday, August 27**  
8:30 am Mass

**Lectors:**  
Alice Dowd and Mary Memmer  
**Eucharist Ministers:**  
Gloria Sutter, Michelle Vrable, Kathy Thompson, Mary Memmer and Ron Sutter  
**Altar Servers:**  
Ron Sutter and volunteer needed

## Readings for the Week

**Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22**  
**Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30**  
**Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16**  
**Thursday: Rv 21:96b-14/Jn 1:45-51**  
**Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40**  
**Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12**  
**Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Mt 16:13-20**

## Sponsor of the Week

**LaCLAIR SALES INC.**  
  
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**CSA Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):**  
We have reached 77% of our CSA goal with \$53,405.00 that has been pledged. Envelopes are available in the gathering area of church if you haven't pledge yet.

**Art & Environment:** Is looking for some additional hands to help with the upcoming season changes. For those who are interested we will meet on Thursday, August 24th, at 1:30 pm in the gathering area of church. We have a few different projects we will be working on. Call Linda for more information at 845-2363.

**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.

**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! There will be a cake walk, candy bingo, and kid's activities including face painting. The picnic meal will be provided by the parish. Come one, Come all!

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina also know as Padre Pio:**  
The relics of Padre Pio will be available for veneration on Friday, September 29th from 8:00 am (beginning with a procession) until 8:30 pm at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw. There will be a Mass at noon. Don't let this rare opportunity pass you by.

## THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Annie (Ebenhoeh) Dugalech, 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 Knelly, 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 McSwain, 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)

**Bible Study this Fall: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** from September 17-November 12th. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture. It is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You'll see how the Bible reveals God's loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice. The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. Sessions will be held September 17 through the week of November 12th. A choice of sessions each week: Sundays 10:30 am or 6:00 pm, Tuesdays 7:00 pm, Thursdays 11:00 am. The cost is \$20. You can sign up for the study in the gathering area of church, by calling Rosemary at 845-1794 or email ranewcombstpeter@gmail.com

**Bishop Cistone's Charity Golf Classic:** The golf outing is Wednesday, September 13th. Registration for the morning is 7:00 am with golf at 8:00 am. Afternoon registration is 12:15 pm and golf at 1:15 pm. at Swan Valley Golf Club, Saginaw. Cost is \$100 each/\$400 per foursome. The dinner banquet & silent auction is on Thursday, September 14th at Curtiss Hall, Saginaw Valley State Univ. Reception and silent auction at 5:30 pm; dinner and program at 6:45 pm. Tickets are \$65 each/\$480 table of eight. Please RSVP by Friday, September 8th. Proceeds support seminarian education.

**A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017:** A first glance at this Sunday's gospel might lead us to think that the Canaanite woman is a very unwelcome person! The disciples want Jesus to send her away. Jesus says some pretty harsh things.

The Canaanite woman (a foreigner) approaches Jesus with a heartfelt request to heal her daughter. Jesus' reply seems anything but welcoming! But rather than give up and remove herself from a seemingly unpleasant situation, she is determined to receive healing for her daughter. She is willing to accept any rebuke, rebuttal, rebuff in order to get what she desires for one she loves. Love conquers any unwelcome.

The Canaanite woman demonstrates the kind of faith needed to be healed by Jesus and to receive God's gift of salvation, the kind of faith that brings us into divine embrace.

Anyone who approaches God with this kind of great faith will be given healing and salvation. We too must develop and grow in the habits of the heart that make visible the great faith necessary for our healing and salvation.

Here is the twist of this gospel: a seemingly unwelcome situation gives way to one in which everyone is welcome. Jesus initially declares that his mission is only to "the house of Israel," and, consequently, harshly rebuffs the Canaanite woman. Then a change occurs. The encounter between Jesus and the woman reveals the unrestricted welcome of Jesus, the power of great faith, and the universality of salvation for those who believe.

One dimension of living the Gospel is that we work to increase our unity with one another, which in turn draws us to reach out to others in mercy and compassion, welcome and inclusivity.