

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

January Stewardship

Bread for the World,
Right to Life of Michigan,
Network,
and
CAER Center

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

January 20 and 21
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$7,552.05
Youth: \$2.00
Total:\$7,554.05
EFT \$115.00
Total:\$7,669.05

Sunday Contributions YTD \$213,400.00
Actual YTD \$212,134.27

Thank You

Stewardship: Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

Rosary: The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod. The Luminous Mysteries of the rosary, as proclaimed by St. John Paul II, are part of Jesus' life on earth. For the next two months we will be praying the Luminous Mysteries before Sunday Mass at 8:00 am. There will be a healing anointing with oil. This is not to be confused with the Sacrament of Anointing.

This Week's Events

Sunday, January 28
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group
Tuesday, January 30
10:00 am Prayer Group
Wednesday, January 31
9:30 am Adult Choir
Saturday, February 3
Souper Bowl of Caring
8:00 am Rosary
Sunday, February 4
Souper Bowl of Caring
8:00 am Rosary

Faith Formation

Class will be held this Sunday, January 28th. We will begin with St. Blaise Blessing for good health at 6 pm in the church. Families please join us as we pray for the health of our families and parish community. Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, January 28th. High School Youth Group will be from 4-5:30 pm in the Youth Room. Junior High Youth Group will be from 6-7:30 pm and will start in the church. There will be lots of information available of upcoming events in Youth Ministry. Katie

Souper Bowl of Caring: Students from St. Peter Youth Ministry will be at entrances of church with a souper bowl to collect money for the CAER Center the weekend of February 3rd & 4th.

East Side Soup Kitchen Thank You: On behalf of the East Side Soup Kitchen Board of Directors, Staff and all the people we serve, I write to thank you for your generous donations of \$306. We are extremely blessed this holiday season with generosity from the community. Our guests are grateful to you for this gift. May God bless you for your kindness. Peace, Dawn Goodrow, Director

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, January 28
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, January 31
No Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, February 1
No Mass (Chesaning)
Saturday, February 3
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Jeanne Gewirtz and Mike Maxa
Eucharist Ministers:
Doris Mahoney and Sarah Mahoney
Altar Servers:
Mike Maxa
Sunday, February 4
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Julie Burtch and Penny Apsey
Eucharist Ministers:
Ken Schnell and Shirley Schnell
Altar Servers:
Keegan Kalisek

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Lk 2:22-40
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Mk 1:29-39

Sponsor of the Week



Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):

CSA 2017 is drawing to a close. We are thankful for all who have generously contributed to CSA this past year. Please remember to finish paying your pledge amounts. At this point, approximately \$15,000.00 will need to come from the general fund to cover the assessment. It still is not too late to make a contribution. Envelopes are available on a table in the gathering area.



Save the Date! Chicken Dinner! St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry will be having it's annual Chicken Dinner on Saturday, February 10th, from 5-6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please see enclosed flyer for more information. If you would like to help with the dinner please contact Katie in the Faith Formation Office at 845-1797. All money raised goes towards opportunities for our youth!

Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed: The Chesaning Center (Young @ Heart Club) 218 Church St. in Chesaning is in need of Meals on Wheels drivers. This person would deliver meals to homebound seniors in the surrounding areas. Meals are delivered between 10:30 am and noon. Mileage will be reimbursed by the Saginaw County Commission of Aging.. Please call Beverly Yanca, Activities/Volunteer Coordinator at 797-7566 if you are interested.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Tim Apsey, Debbie Meder, Bill Kress, Betty Naessens, Ron Aldrich, Willburt Schneider, Clayton Meder, Thelma Schneider, Annie (Ebenhoeh) Dugalech, Jim Smith, Ray Meder, Alison Andres, Geri Sholtz, Madonna Bueche, 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, Benny Sims, 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, 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, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Jacob Albers, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.

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



St. Cyril Knights of Columbus

Breakfast: Make plans to attend the Knights of Columbus Breakfast on Sunday, January 28th at 11:30 am. Proceeds from this free will offering breakfast will go toward the Elsie Food and Baby pantries. See you there!



Diaper Drive: We will have a diaper drive for the month of February. Diapers for children and adults are needed. There will be a play pen for your donations. Envelopes will also be available for any monetary donations.



Blood Drive: There will be a blood drive on Thursday, February 1st from noon-6:00 pm and Friday, February 2nd, from 9:00am-3:00 pm at the Chesaning-Brady Fire Dept., 1632 Brady St., Chesaning. Please call 1-866-642-5663 or visit www.miblood.org to make an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome. Be a hero! Donate!

Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit: The Center of Ministry in Saginaw in hosting the national Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit from Feb. 17-25. For information on this spiritually powerful experience, visit the events calendar at www.saginaw.org. This exhibit will also be on display at St. Paul the Apostle Parish Church in Ithaca from Feb. 27th-March 4th.

Prayer Group: The Prayer Group meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in the Henry Eickholt room. Everyone is invited! For more information please call Rosemary at 845-1794.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: Having called his first four disciples, Jesus goes to the village of Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, where he begins to teach in the synagogue. He is confronted by evil, a man with unclean spirit. There is a foreshadowing here as we know that in the end, Jesus will lose his life in a confrontation with evil. What the reader knew from the beginning of Mark's gospel, namely, that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God (1:1), the man with the unclean spirit shouts out, "I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" No human being, only the spirits, call Jesus this during his earthly ministry. The only human being to call him "the Son of God" will be the centurion, and only after he has witnessed Jesus die on the cross.

Both the unclean spirit and the skeptical scribes are silenced in today's gospel. Jesus' casting out the unclean spirit from the possessed man silences the demons of hatred and division that plague humanity. In his compassionate outreach to the poor and sick, Jesus "silences" the scribes by redefining their understanding of authority: whereas the "authority" of the scribes' words is based solely on their perceived status and learnedness, the authority of Jesus is born of compassion, peace, and justice.

Perhaps we do not like to hear it, but the Christian life (and, in fact, any life) is riddled by encounters with evil. We learn in today's gospel that Jesus is more powerful than that. Once we become followers of Jesus we will still encounter challenges and hostility. Some might wish to think that becoming Christian inoculates one from having those encounters. But the gospel (and our own lived experience) tells a different story.