

# First Sunday of Lent

## February 18, 2018

### February Stewardship

Saginaw County  
Jail Ministry

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

February 10 and 11  
Stewardship Back to the Lord  
Envelopes: ..... \$5,409.00  
Youth: ..... \$0.00  
Total: ..... \$5,409.00  
EFT ..... \$35.00  
Total: ..... \$5,444.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$234,700.00  
Actual YTD ..... \$228,901.27

### Thank You

**Stewardship:** The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism. . . that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God's service in and through the Church.

**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, February 18**  
8:00 am Rosary  
9:40 am Adult Choir  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
6:15 pm Lenten Enrichment  
**Tuesday, February 20**  
10:00 am Prayer Group  
7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)  
**Wednesday, February 21**  
9:30 am Adult Choir  
11:00 am Lenten Enrichment  
6:30 pm Finance Council meet  
6:45 pm Christian Service meet  
**Friday, February 23**  
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday, February 24**  
8:00 am Rosary  
5:45 pm Lenten Enrichment  
**Sunday, February 25**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
2:00 pm Passion Play practice  
4:00 pm High School Youth Group  
6:00 pm Taize Prayer  
6:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Junior High Faith Formation  
7:15 pm Lenten Enrichment



### Faith Formation

There will be NO class on Sunday, February 18th, due to the holiday weekend. Join us on Sunday, February 25th, for a family Lenten prayer beginning at 6 pm. Doris

### Youth Ministry

There are NO Youth Groups on Sunday, February 18th. Enjoy the holiday weekend. The next Youth Groups will be held on Sunday, February 25th, in the Youth Room. Passion Play practice is Sunday, February 25th, from 2-4 pm in the church. All 6th-12th graders are invited to participate and no experience is necessary. For more information contact Katie.

### Liturgy this Week

**Sunday, February 18**  
8:30 am Mass  
**Wednesday, February 21**  
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)  
**Thursday, February 22**  
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)  
**Saturday, February 24**  
4:30 pm Mass  
**Lectors:**  
*Laura Moliterno and Mike Maxa*  
**Eucharist Ministers:**  
*Gayle Tufts and Laura Moliterno*  
**Altar Servers:**  
*Mike Maxa*  
**Sunday, February 25**  
8:30 am Mass  
**Lectors:**  
*Kathy Stewart and Greg Mahoney*  
**Eucharist Ministers:**  
*Karen Hoover and Michelle Neumann*  
**Altar Servers:**  
*Karen Hoover and Nicole Neumann*

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Mk 9:2-10

### Sponsor of the Week

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### 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.

**Lenten Retreat Day:** The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a **Lenten Retreat Day** for all women of the diocese in the Center for Ministry in Saginaw on Saturday, March 10th. The day's activities start at 9 am (registration begins at 8:30 am) and will end at approximately 3:30 pm. The retreat leader will be Sr. Patricia Benson, OP, & the theme will be: The Papal Encyclical, Laudato Si'. The cost for the day is \$25 (in advance) and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, confession, Mass, rosary & Stations of the Cross. Please **RSVP** to Rita Maher at 989-635-7072 or Joyce Raducha 989-875-2650 by **Friday, March 2nd.**



**Diaper Drive:** Our diaper drive continues for the month of February. Diapers for children and adults are needed. There is a play pen for your donations. Envelopes will also be available for any monetary donations. Thank you!

### THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

*Mel Austin, Joan Richardson, Patrick Borsenik, Ron Kulhanek, Tim Apsley, 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)*

**Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit:** The Center of Ministry in Saginaw in hosting the national Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit from Feb. 17-25. The exhibit contains 92 panels detailing the history and science of the Shroud. It is recommended that viewers allow at least 60-90 minutes. For information and schedule on this spiritually powerful experience, visit the events calendar at [www.saginaw.org](http://www.saginaw.org).

**Thank You:** Thank you for investing in our mission with your gift of \$165.50 to NETWORK Lobby. You're making possible our ministry of bringing Gospel principles to bear on the life of our nation through its legislative agenda. With sincere gratitude, Sister Simone Campbell, SSS Executive Director

**Big Raffle:** Once again the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry will be selling raffle tickets after both Masses. The cost of each ticket is \$5 and half of each ticket comes back to our programs. Tickets are also available in the parish office Monday through Wednesday. Thank you for supporting our youth programs! Katie & Doris



### Saginaw Catholic Men's Mini-Conference:

Is on Saturday, March 17th, 8 am-1 pm at St. Hyacinth Church, 1515 Cass Ave., Bay City. Admission \$30 a beer (or soda) & brat lunch included. Keynote speaker is Sean Forrest. Please email [thecatholicmenssaginaw@gmail.com](mailto:thecatholicmenssaginaw@gmail.com) with any questions.

### A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

**2018:** Upon making a commitment, how often do we start out with strong intentions, firm will, and fortitude? Perhaps nothing represents that more in our modern culture than a New Year's resolution. So many of us are resolute in those weeks. But once a hurdle is in our path we can quickly stumble. Jesus faces something much more profound than a New Year's resolution or an intention to exercise daily. Upon being baptized and starting his ministry, he was immediately faced with temptation. He was driven into the desert, a place of no consolation, no respite, and no refreshment. The experience of knowing he is God's Son gives way to isolation and solitude in a harsh environment.

As a human being, Jesus knew temptation; the gospel is clear about that. But for many Christians it can be difficult to imagine that Jesus was truly tempted, for he was also divine. Despite these real temptations, he overcame them. Mark is intent to tell us in sparse text, without wasting a word, that Jesus was tempted by Satan. Jesus was fully human and experienced temptation as we do.

As Jesus was tempted we too will be tempted. Perhaps even our profound experience of faith and trust in God is tested. But after this period of testing Jesus returns to Galilee, his home, and proclaims the Gospel. In this he is a model for us, who will not live without temptation. We might have an experience of desolation that God is not with us in our trials. But like Jesus we can undergo this experience and emerge stronger, with the courage to proclaim the Gospel.

