

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

February Stewardship

Saginaw County
Jail Ministry

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

February 17 and 18
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$6,026.00
Youth:\$3.50
Total:\$6,029.50
EFT\$960.00
Total:\$6,989.50

Sunday Contributions YTD \$241,800.00
Actual YTD \$235,890.77

Thank You

Stewardship: Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are *my* gifts to the Lord of my resources, of my time, of myself also sacrificial?

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.

This Week's Events

Sunday, February 25
8:00 am Rosary
9:40 am Adult Choir
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 Youth Group
7:15 pm Lenten Enrichment
Tuesday, February 27
10:00 am Prayer Group
Wednesday, February 28
9:30 am Adult Choir
11:00 am Lenten Enrichment
Friday, March 2
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 3
8:00 am Rosary
5:45 pm Lenten Enrichment
Sunday, March 4
8:00 am Rosary
9:40 am Adult Choir
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
2:00 pm Passion Play practice
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Faith Formation
6:15 pm Lenten Enrichment

Faith Formation

Join us for class on Sunday, February 25! Lent has started and we have lots of goodies to help you on your Lenten journey. We will begin at 6 pm in the church. Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, February 25th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group 6-7:30 pm. Passion Play practice will begin on Sunday, Feb. 25th from 2-4 pm in the church. All youth in grades 6-12th and friends are welcome to be a part of this amazing annual event! You do not have to have any experience or be in youth group. We would love to have you! Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, February 25
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, February 28
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, March 1
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Friday, March 2
9:00 am First Friday Mass (Bannister)
Saturday, March 3
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Jean Gewirtz and Cassidy Bucholz
Eucharist Ministers:
Doris Mahoney and Sarah Mahoney
Altar Servers:
Kassidy Bucholz
Sunday, March 4
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Glenn Robinette and Shirley Schnell
Eucharist Ministers:
Shirley Schnell and Ken Schnell
Altar Servers:
Ken Schnell

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-7/Jn 2:13-25

Sponsor of the Week

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Thank You! Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the Youth Ministry Chicken Dinner. We were very excited to see so many of our parish and local community come out in the weather to support the young people of our parish. Thank you to all of those who helped make the dinner possible. Without you we could not have the dinner. We raised over \$900 to be used for Youth Ministry activities such as the March for Life and National Catholic Youth Conference. Thank you for investing in our youth and their journey of faith. Katie



Diaper Drive: Our diaper drive continues for one more week! 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!

"Journey to the Castle of the Soul": A contemplative musical prayer experience written by Tony Alonso and Liam Lawton based on the writings of Teresa of Avila: The Interior Castle. Sunday, March 4th at 5 pm at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 6400 McCarty Rd., Saginaw presented by St. John Vianney Choir & Musicians. This event is FREE and open to all!



Save the Date! The St. Cyril Church fish fry is Friday, March 16th from 4:30-7:00 pm. More information in upcoming bulletins.

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 Kannelly, 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)



Hockey for the Homeless/Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan:

Join us on Saturday, March 3rd for a fun-filled night including: 4:00 pm broomball hockey tournament; 5:00 pm pre-game concert featuring Modern Day Cure; 7:05 pm Saginaw Spirit Hockey game plus fun kid activities. Single ticket sales are \$13. To order online go to: www.saginawspirit.net/groupsales group ID: rescue password: spirit

Big Raffle: We still have plenty of tickets available to purchase! Half of the tickets sales comes directly back to St. Peter Parish Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. Last year we received a check for \$750 because of your generous support! We will have tickets for sale before and after weekend Masses, at Faith Formation and by contacting the Faith Formation office.



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 thecatholicmensaginaw@gmail.com with any questions.

Pancake Dinner at Nouvel Catholic High School:

On Thursday, March 1st, from 5-8 pm at Nouvel High School cafeteria all you can eat pancakes, sausage & eggs. Only \$7 each-children 4 and under are Free. Proceeds benefit the Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: In today's gospel we hear of another encounter with the divine on a mountain, the place of the transcendent. This encounter takes place not in front of the crowds, the disciples, or even the Twelve. This encounter is special; it is unique.

Mountaintop experiences are rare, and we cannot stay there, as much as we would like. The Scriptures give us a glimpse into that reality. Without warning Jesus was transfigured. The encounter with the divine often happens that way, without warning. And it seems that as soon as we have the encounter, it is over, and we are left to descend the mountain. We can share Peter's desire to commemorate the event. It seem natural to erect a monument or some marker so that we may return to this place of encounter again and again. But that is not to be. The three are left wondering what the experience means, and what Jesus' saying about rising from the dead might mean. Of course, this experience and Jesus' saying will become clear in hindsight, after the crucifixion and exaltation.

And this is a model for us of how the paschal mystery is lived. We have peak experiences followed by moments of wonder and discernment. The Christian life is not one grand, never-ending peak experience. In fact, such experiences may be rare, even as they were for the disciples. And the Christian life is not all wonder and discernment, as meaning develops gradually and in light of unfolding events. We stay faithful to Jesus and accompany him in the peak experiences, and also in the struggle to discern meaning.

