

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

April Stewardship

Food Bank of Eastern MI
and
Saginaw Habitat for Humanity

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

April 21 and 22
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$6,691.00
Youth: \$12.00
Total:\$6,703.00
EFT \$35.00
Total: \$6,738.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$305,700.00
Actual YTD \$297,953.87

Thank You

Stewardship: The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

League of Catholic Women: All ladies are welcome to attend the Spring Luncheon and Raffle of the League of Catholic Women at St. John Paul II Parish (St. Josaphat site at 469 Shattuck, Saginaw). The date is Tuesday, May 15th. Mass starts at 11 am with lunch to follow catered by Sullivan's Black Forest. Please RSVP before May 10th. your \$10 check to LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, MI 48608. Call with any questions to Mary at 790-3358. You are welcome to bring a non-perishable food or hygiene item for the Food Pantry at St. John Paul II Parish.

This Week's Events

Sunday, April 29
8:00 am Rosary
9:40 am Adult Choir
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
4:00 pm Youth Group
Tuesday, May 1
10:00 am Prayer Group
Wednesday, May 2
9:30 am Adult Choir
Saturday, May 5
8:00 am Rosary
Sunday, May 6
8:00 am Rosary
9:40 am Adult Choir
6:00 pm Spring Fling Bingo

Faith Formation

Congratulations to those who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist this weekend! Congrats to Karlee Reiber, Layla Lorencz, Seth Parsons, Brooke Springer, Bella James, Noah Klein, Marissa Ball and Evan List. We look forward to seeing you at Mass and Faith Formation as you continue your faith journey. Doris

Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Group starts Sunday, April 29th, from 4-5:30 pm in the Youth Room. All youth in grades 5-12 and their friends are invited for a fun night of food and games! Information for Cardboard City (May 11th-12th) will be given out as well as information about summer Youth Ministry. Don't miss out on a fun night with your friends! Katie



Senior Mass: A Mass to celebrate our high school and college graduating seniors will be held on Saturday, May 19th, beginning at 4:30 pm. A letter to all high school seniors has been sent out with information regarding the Mass. College graduates are asked to sit with your families. All will be recognized at this Mass. Please drop off a picture of your graduate to Katie in the Faith Formation office along with the graduates future plans.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, April 29
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, May 2
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, May 3
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Friday, May 4
9:00 am Mass First Friday (Bannister)
Saturday, May 5
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Angie Meder and Mike Maxa
Eucharist Ministers:
Lindy Beckman, Lisa Coon, Angie Meder, Mike Maxa and Helena Czeiszperger
Altar Servers:
Mike Maxa
Sunday, May 6
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Penny Apsey and Evonne Tithof
Eucharist Ministers:
Dawn Boucher, Michelle Vrable, Kathy Thompson, Penny Apsey and Bernard Coonrod
Altar Servers:
Paula Rench

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Jn 15:9-17

Rosary: The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod. The church is open until 3 pm daily for anyone who would like to pray.

Sponsor of the Week

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2018-19 Catholic Service Appeal (CSA): We are currently at 56% toward our goal. Pledges already contributed are \$40,325.00. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute. If you are unable to contribute, please return your pledge card marked "zero". This counts as contributing. Envelopes are available in the gathering area.



Part-time Maintenance Position: St. Peter Parish has a part-time temporary maintenance position available. Responsibilities include but not limited to: grass mowing and maintenance. If interested send resume to Fr. Bill Gruden, PO Box 454, Chesaning MI 48616 by **Tuesday, May 1, 2018.**

Thank You: The family of Tim Apsey would like to thank the members of our parish family for all of the support and prayers we received during Tim's final illness. Thank you to those who visited and sent prayers and wishes to Tim. Thank you to Fr. Bill for the beautiful service and to the music ministry and others who participated in both the wake and funeral Mass. Finally, thank you to those who provided and served the funeral luncheon. You all made this difficult time so much easier for the family. Sincerely, the Apsey family, Penny, Katie and Patrick.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Bonnie Kempainen, William J. Amman, Amy Beldyga, Jim Yeager, Jane Toma, Jack Kulhanek, Greg Flory, Mel Austin, Joan Richardson, Patrick Borsenik, Ron Kulhanek, Debbie Meder, Betty Naessens, Ron Aldrich, Willburt Schneider, 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, Arnold Schultz, Ruth Toma, 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, 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, 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, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, and Jacob Albers

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



Spring Fling Bingo Rescheduled: The rescheduled date for St. Peter's Spring Fling Bingo is **Sunday, May 6**, from 6-8 pm in the parish hall located at 803 Church St. Doors open at 5:30 pm. There are 20 games played with money prizes. All proceeds to the CAER Center. See you there!

Thank You: Thanks to all who donated to the Lenten Rice Bowls! This year we raised \$874.25 for Catholic Relief Services. CRS is the number one emergency relief provider in the world. With your support we have been able to help many in need!

Monthly Church Envelopes: Beginning in May, 2018 the Debt Reduction envelope will be replaced with a Capitol Improvement envelope. The Finance Council Building & Grounds Team is preparing a FACILITIES CONDITION ASSESSMENT (FCA) for all St. Peter Parish buildings including grounds, property, and parking which includes preparing budgets. Phase 1 projects include Church boiler and controls and air conditioning units, Parish Hall roof top unit (RTU) and new water service to the Rectory and Church. We will keep you informed as the project progresses and schedules are prepared to better identify funding needs. Thank you, Building & Grounds Team.

Grief Recovery Ministry: Over the years our parish has sponsored groups of folks who have been dealing with major losses, usually the death of a loved one. Participants have reported that these experiences have been very helpful in bringing hope and healing. We are working with St. Michael Maple Grove, Mary of the Immaculate Conception and St. Cyril to have facilitators trained to lead groups in the future. The Diocese will provide the training. We are looking for at least two people from our parish to take this training. Is this your calling? Call Rosemary Newcomb at 845-1794 or email ranewcombstpeter@gmail.com

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: The image used in today's gospel can be understood in a number of ways. For one, Jesus says that the branches that do bear fruit are pruned, to bear more. We can reflect on that to wonder why these fruit-bearing branches need to be pruned at all! Isn't it enough to cut off the branches that do not bear fruit? No, for the vine grower, merely producing fruit is not enough. He knows that the branch can produce more. And anyone with gardening experience would agree.

And so we at times have the experience of being pruned. We can wonder why. Things seem to be going well. Life is in order. Good things are happening. And yet, we are pruned. We die to parts of ourselves regularly. And this dying is essential if we are to produce more fruit. The vine grower, the Father, knows what he is doing. Our task is simply to remain on the vine, and to produce fruit. Our being pruned is a natural and healthy, though perhaps painful, experience that is necessary for us to grow into the people we are to become. This process of being pruned, of dying to self, is essential for the Christian life, and it is directed, even carried out by the Father. It is the paschal mystery. The result of which is producing fruit.