

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2015

March Parish Stewardship

*Migrant Ministry,
Special Olympics of MI,
Southern Poverty Law and
Heifer International*

Budget amount
needed for each week:

\$7,600.00

February 28 and March 1
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes: \$6,082.00
Youth:..... \$4.00
Total: \$6,086.00
EFT:..... \$175.00
Total:.....\$6,261.00

Thank You

Needed Budget YTD . . . \$273,600.00
Actual YTD \$250,328.26

Stewardship: “You shall not covet” is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

The Big Raffle: The St. Peter Parish Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Programs will be selling tickets for this year’s Big Raffle. Half of all proceeds comes directly back to the parish. Prizes include a new car (or \$10,000), \$7,500 Home Improvement, Trip for two to Rome, an Apple iPad, a computer laptop and three \$500 cash awards. Tickets are \$5 each and are available after weekend Masses or in the Faith Formation Office. If you would like to sell tickets, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 845-1797.

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 8
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
2:00 pm Passion Play Practice
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
5:00 pm Children’s Choir
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group
Tuesday, March 10
6:30 pm “Women in Bible” presentation
Wednesday, March 11
9:00 am BeFriender Ministry
5:00 pm Adult Choir
Friday, March 13
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 14
8:00 am Rosary
5:00 pm St. Patrick’s Day Beef Dinner
Sunday, March 15
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
2:00 pm Passion Play Practice
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
5:00 pm Children’s Choir
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group



Rosary Devotions: Are said daily from 8-9 am.

Faith Formation

Classes will be held on Sunday, March 8th starting at 6 pm with family prayer in church. The second Confirmation/First Eucharist class will be held on March 8th. Parents need to have all of their work completed with their children. Parental participation is required. See you there!

Youth Ministry

Both Youth groups will meet on Sunday, March 8th. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. Junior High youth please don’t forget your Retreat forms! Passion Play practice will be from 2-4 pm in the church. It’s not too late to be a part of the play! Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, March 8
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, March 11
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, March 12
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Saturday, March 14
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Jeanne Gewirtz and Diane Gewirtz
Eucharistic Ministers:
Gayle Tufts, Laura Moliterno, Meredith Adelman, Lindy Beckman and Sally Borsenik
Altar Servers:
Helena Czeisperger and volunteer
Sunday, March 15
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Shirley Schnell and Glenn Robinette
Eucharistic Ministers:
Ken Schnell, Shirley Schnell, Denise Ebenhoeh, Judie Giesken, Karen Hoover, Angie Meder, Mary Memmer and Michelle Neumann
Altar Servers:
Ken Schnell and Keegan Kalisek

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Jn 3:14-21

Sponsor of the Week

CHESANING NURSING CARE CENTER

MEDICARE/MEDICAID CERTIFIED

Rehab~Hometown Care

201 S. Front Street 989-845-6602

Thank You: We at Saginaw County Right to Life extend our sincere thanks for your participation in our recent Lifesaver Drive. We collected \$84. We would be unable to continue our work in the community to promote the preservation of the precious gift of life were it not for your generosity and support. With deepest appreciation, Leeta Theiss, Office Manager.

Lenten Mission: Noelle Garcia McHugh and her band (All in Ministry) will be playing/singing at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 22nd. They will also have a concert at 12:30 pm that same day. Noelle will have her themed talks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights (March 23, 24, 25) at 6:30 pm. "Free Will" offerings will be accepted. Contact St. Agnes Church, 300 Johnson St., Freeland at (989) 695-5652.



St. Patrick's Day Beef Dinner: Is on **Saturday, March 14th** from 5-7 pm in the parish hall. The menu is: all you can eat roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, dressing, green beans, rolls, applesauce, coleslaw and pie and coffee for dessert. The cost for adults: \$10; children (4-12) \$5 and children under 4 are free. Bring your friends and family for a wonderful meal and fellowship.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:



Irene Nietling, Madge Uehlein, Dallas Falls, Nanette Muirhead, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Mechelle Kuchar, Vickie Daniels, Alice List, Josie Dorval, Barb Beckman, Jane Selleck, Sarah (Chernow) Fischer, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joe Lane, Fran A. Gross, Sue Bucholz, Evelyn Schaft, Joseph Klasek, Ray Tithof, Rose Bonkowski, Derrick Knieper, Annette O'Brien, Ashley Maxa, Bertha Hart, Roger Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Steve Szukhent, Tim Brady, Fred Lane, Ernie Newcomb, Helen Snyder, Rita Amman, Robert Coughlin, Tammy Chrysler, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Vivian & David Cook, Richard Young Jr., Nancy Dennis, Rich Greenfelder, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Jeannette Zajdlík, Diane DeVoe, Sue Adams, Roxann Timm, Kathy Brown, Gayle Shooltz, Judy Wakeman, Jim Owens, David and Marianne Sutter, John Sims, Christina Sims, Bessie McSwayn, Judy (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Lavern Walser, Virginia Lawton, Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Bill Krzicok, Franklin Bates, Henry Huntoon, Jolene Archibald, Will Lucio, Kathleen Spodney, Georgia Coon, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Johannes Vogelaar, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, Joseph Sr. and Pauline Sedlar, Constance and Edward Leneeman

Catholic Relief Service Collection: Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Service Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees and Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services and **help Jesus in disguise**. There are envelopes in the pews for your convenience. Please make checks payable to St. Peter Parish.

"Women in the Bible": Please join us on **Tuesday, March 10th from 6:30-8:00 pm** in the parish hall in welcoming back LeAnne Osborn as our Lenten speaker. LeAnne will be speaking on the topic "Women in the Bible." All Christians—women and men—will be inspired and challenged to find themselves in the remarkable stories of Scripture and to follow Christ with greater fidelity, courage and hope.

11th Annual FREE Health Fair: On Saturday, March 21st from 9 am to 1 pm at the Horizons Conference Center, 6200 State St. Saginaw. There are 80 plus booths, physicians to answer your questions, drawings for prizes and much more! There are free screenings on various conditions, free information on numerous health issues. You may also donate blood at the fair by calling Jamie at 790-3590 to sign up. The Saginaw County Health Department and Sheriff's Department will collect your unused and expired medications. Also accepting non-perishable food donations for the East Side Soup Kitchen.

Roof Loan Update: As of February 2015, the loan to replace the church roof has been paid in full! Thank you for your contributions to achieve this goal. The Debt Reduction envelope in the monthly packet will now go towards replacing the savings used for the new lights and sound system in the church.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015 Living Liturgy: The temple in Jerusalem was a sign to the Jews of God's Presence and saving works. This sign could be corrupted, however, by human beings who turn away from the temple's true purpose. Enraged, Jesus takes "a whip" and drives out of the temple area those who corrupt the sign. Then Jesus announces both a new temple (his own body) that could not be corrupted and a new sign ("raised from the dead") that would draw those who come to believe in him to a whole new reality. Even though the new temple of Jesus' body would be destroyed by death, in the end it was not. This temple would be an eternal sign of God's Presence and saving works and those who wish to share in Jesus' Life cannot lose sight of this sign.

The simple call of the gospel is to see the living signs of God's Presence in our midst. Unlike the signs the Jews asked to see in the gospel—signs which would justify Jesus' extraordinary action in the temple—we are to ask and look for different signs, ones which draw us into the deepest reality of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus showed us the signs so clearly: he was crucified and then raised up. Just as surely as God raised up Jesus from the dead, so will we be raised up. The signs are there for us to see and believe. Oh, the jealousy and fidelity of the Divine! Yes, God can be trusted with our very lives.