

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 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

March 7 and 8
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes: \$5,984.00
Youth: \$4.00
Total: \$5,988.00
EFT: \$150.00
Total: \$6,138.00

Thank You

Needed Budget YTD . . . \$281,200.00
Actual YTD \$256,466.26

Stewardship: All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

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

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 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

Monday, March 16

6:30 pm Baptism Preparation Class

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)

Wednesday, March 18

5:00 pm Adult Choir
6:45 pm All Commissions & Pastoral Council meet

Friday, March 20

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, March 22

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

Faith Formation

Classes will be held on Sunday, March 15th starting at 6 pm with family prayer in church. First Eucharist candidates and their parents are to come directly to the hall at 6 pm for class. See you there!

Youth Ministry

Both Youth groups will meet on Sunday, March 15th. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. It's not too late to sign up for the Middle School Retreat on March 20-21 in Bay City. Contact Katie for more information or print the forms out on the website under the Youth Ministry forms. There will be Passion Play practice on Sunday, March 15, from 2-4 pm in the church. It's not too late to participate in the play! See you Sunday!

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, March 15

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, March 19

10:00 am CNCC Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, March 21

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Lisa Greenfelder and Ellen Martz

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lisa Greenfelder, Tim Martz, Ellen Martz, Lisa Coon and Paulette Fuoss

Altar Servers:

Claire Greenfelder and volunteer

Sunday, March 22

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Anne Stasa and Evonne Tithof

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan Stasa, JoAnn Ostipow, Kathy Thompson, Beth Tomac, Michelle Vrable, Penny Apsey, Mary Baese and Bernard Coonrod

Altar Servers:

Isaac Tessman and Gavin Tessman

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Jn 12:20-33

Sponsor of the Week



**BROAD STREET
PHARMACY**

1115 W. Broad St, Chesaning
845-WELL (9355)

Beth Tomac, CPhT Owner

Greg Jenkinson,
Pharm. D Pharmacist

Tamara Mason,
Pharm. D Pharmacist

Mt. Calvary & Resurrection Cemeteries Clean-

up: Please remove all grave blankets and wreaths from the gravesite by April 1st. Anything left will be removed. New decorations must not be placed before April 15th.

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.

Diaper Drive Thank You: *To everyone who donated diapers for our drive. We collected 811 items and \$30 in monetary donations. The Christian Service Commission*

Thank You: *Fr. Bill and Parish Members, thank you for your generous check to our Catholic Parish in Jurudent, India. This money will be of great help to our parish in reconstructing our Church Buildings. Our parishioners are very grateful for this help. Be assured of their prayer for you all. I keep you in my prayers, Fr. Ignatius Ekka, Pastor.*

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

 *Chuck Quaderer, Irene Nietling, Madge Uehlein, 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 Zajdlk, Diane DeVoe, Sue Adams, Roxann Timm, Kathy Brown, Gayle Shooltz, Judy Wakeman, Jim Owens, David and Marianne Sutter, John Sims, Christina Sims,*

<i>Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr.</i>	<i>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</i>
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Passion Play: The Youth Ministry program will once again be performing the Passion Play during Holy Week. The first performance is Sunday, March 29th at 6 pm. The second performance will be on Good Friday, April 3rd at 1:30 pm. The youth, dressed in mime, perform the Passion Play which depicts the last week of the life Jesus'. It is a very powerful performance and a great way to spend part of Holy Week.

Communal Reconciliation Change: On Tuesday, March 17th at 7 pm there will be Individual Reconciliation at St. Peter. The Communal Reconciliation at St. Cyril has been canceled. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the parish office at 845-1794.

Tools for Forgiveness with Fr. Bert Gohm: On Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. This Lent, you are warmly invited to join Fr. Bert Gohm to examine what forgiveness does and does not entail, and to explore concrete ways to grow in our ability to forgive others, receive God's forgiveness and forgive ourselves. Cost is \$35 (includes lunch). Advanced registration is required. Please call 797-6607 to register.

Catholic Relief Services: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Service Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection you **help Jesus in disguise.**

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015

Living Liturgy: There are two parts to this gospel, separated by the line "And this is the verdict." The first part concerns the evidence: God "gave his only Son" in whom we choose to believe or not. The second part gives the judgment: those are saved who believe in Jesus, live the truth, and come to the light. Those are condemned who do not believe in Jesus, prefer darkness, and do "wicked things." Our whole life is working out our own verdict. Thank God we are at the mercy of a gracious and forgiving God! Jesus says clearly that believing "in the name of the only Son of God" is necessary if we are not to "be condemned" but be saved. What is this believing? Jesus makes this clear, as well: believing is coming "to the light" by living the truth. The light is the Jesus who was "lifted up." The words "believe" and "light" occur five times each in this gospel and the two words are not unrelated. The light (= Christ) enables us to see; in John's gospel, seeing is believing. Our coming to the light to see and believe is expressed in "works. . .done in God." God's work is this: to die to self so that we can be raised to new life. God demonstrates great love for us by giving the Son to be lifted up on the cross and then raised to eternal Life and glory. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing the work of God—dying and rising, conforming ourselves so completely to Christ that we cooperate in his very work of salvation. We need not fear the verdict of God's judgment at the end of our lives if we daily work at increasing the depth of our believing and conforming ourselves to Christ by living in his light.