

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015

## April Parish Stewardship

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan  
Saginaw Habitat for Humanity  
and  
MI National Guard Family Fund

Budget amount  
needed for each week:

**\$7,600.00**

April 4 and 5

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes: .....\$8,210.00  
Youth:.....\$6.00  
Total: .....\$8,216.00  
EFT: .....\$260.00  
Total:.....\$8,476.00

## Thank You

Needed Budget YTD . . . \$311,600.00  
Actual YTD . . . . . \$287,010.51

### Debt Reduction:

February . . . . . \$597.00  
Total for the fiscal year . . . . \$5,656.00

### Debt Reduction:

March . . . . . \$281.00  
Total for the fiscal year . . . . \$5,937.00  
(as of July, 2014)

**Stewardship:** The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

**Adopt-A-Highway:** The Knights of Columbus will be picking up trash along the highway on Tuesday, April 14th at 1:00 pm. We meet at the car pool area next to the Back Forty restaurant. We certainly could use your help. It usually takes about an hour and a half. Hope to see you there!

## This Week's Events

### **Sunday, April 12**

8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation  
(Bannister)

### **Wednesday, April 15**

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

### **Saturday, April 18**

8:00 am Rosary

### **Sunday, April 19**

8:00 am Rosary  
9:00 am World Youth Day Pancake  
Breakfast  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation  
(Bannister)  
4:00 pm Youth Group  
5:00 pm Children's Choir



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

### **Youth Ministry**

The next Youth Group will be Sunday, April 19th from 4-5:30 pm. This is the start of our Summer Youth Ministry schedule. All those in grades 5-12 and their friends are invited for faith, food and fun! There is no cost or registration.



### **World Youth Day Pancake Breakfast:**

Join us for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee and juice on Sunday, April 19th from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the parish hall. This is a free will offering with all proceeds going towards World Youth Day 2016 in Poland. Enjoy a tasty breakfast and help support the people attending World Youth Day.

**Office of Hispanic Ministry:** The Office of Hispanic Ministry invites all youth in grades 8th-12th to participate in a Hispanic Youth Retreat entitled OMG! LOL! (Our Main Goal: Loving our Lord!) from 3:30-10 pm on Saturday, April 18th at St. Joseph Parish, 936 N. 6th St., Saginaw MI. This free retreat includes Mass, dinner, worship, testimonials and more! Please contact Veronica Strudgeon at 989-797-6646 to register! All are welcome!

## Liturgy this Week

### **Sunday, April 12**

8:30 am Mass

### **Wednesday, April 15**

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

### **Thursday, April 16**

10:00 am CNCC Mass (Chesaning)

### **Saturday, April 18**

*Baptism Weekend*

4:30 pm Mass

### **Lectors:**

*Ellen Martz and Cassidy Bucholz*

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

*Tim Martz, Ellen Martz, Doris Mahoney, Mike Maxa and Sally Borsenik*

### **Altar Servers:**

*Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed*

### **Sunday, April 19**

*Baptism Weekend*

8:30 am Mass

### **Lectors:**

*Denise Ebenhoeh and Ray Gengler*

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

*Denise Ebenhoeh, Kathy Thompson, Beth Tomac, Michelle Vrable, Penny Apsey, Mary Baese, Bernard Coonrod and Bob Corrin*

### **Altar Servers:**

*Keegan Kalisek and Meghan Florian*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15/Jn 2:1-5a

## **Sponsor of the Week**



**Job Opening:** St. Peter Parish is seeking a Pastoral Minister. If you are a practicing Catholic with experience in Pastoral Ministry and Pastoral Formation and are interested in a full-time position (32 hrs), send your resume and two letters of recommendation to: St. Peter Parish, Search Committee, PO Box 454, Chesaning MI 48616 by **Thursday, April 30th.**



**CSA:** We are currently at 44% parish participation. If you are unable to support CSA at this time, please return your pledge card marked with a zero. This counts as participating. A letter will be sent out next month to parishioners that we have not heard from in regards to CSA. You may mail your pledge card or



**May 3, 2015 Tribute to the Blessed Mother and Family Brunch:**

This is a great event to treat your Mom or wife and the whole family. The brunch will be served at 10:15 am at St. Peter Parish Hall. All proceeds are dedicated to CAER. You can purchase tickets in the Gathering Space the next two week-ends. Please see the enclosed flyer.

**Thank You! Thank You!** To all the liturgical ministers who assisted in making the Stations of the Cross a success, thank you! Every week we had about 35-40 people attend the Friday stations. It is a wonderful tradition that continues every year. Malo! Malo! Shelly Kenney



**THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:**

*Tim Apsey, Peter Young, Irene Nietling, Madge Uehlein, Nanette Muirhead, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Mechelle Kuchar, Vickie Daniels, 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, Bertha Hart, Roger Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Steve Szukhent, Fred Lane, Ernie Newcomb, Helen Snyder, Rita Amman, Robert Coughlin, Tammy Chrysler, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Vivian & David Cook, Nancy Dennis, Rich Greenfelder, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Jeannette Zajdlik, 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*



**St. Cyril Rummage Sale:** Will be held on the following days: Thursday, April 16th from 9 am to 3 pm (bake sale); Friday, April 17th from 9 am to 6 pm; Saturday, April 18th 9 am until noon (\$2 bag day). All items are clean and reasonably priced. This is sponsored by St. Cyril Altar Society. Please call Rosemary Houska at 989-862-5021 for more information.

**Congratulations:** To the newly Baptized Adults, David Wayne Hawes III, from St. Peter Parish and Allane Suzanne Wieber from St. Cyril Church, Bannister. At this year's Easter Vigil along with Baptism they also were Confirmed and received First Eucharist. Congratulations to their sponsors and family members: Janet Vondrasek, Ray Wieber and Margaret Horak. We promise you our prayer as you continue on this journey of faith.

**Save the Date: Monday, April 20:** There will be an Usher/Hospitality Minister (Greeter) Training Session on Monday, April 20th, at 7 pm at the church led by Fr. Jim Bessert from the Office of Liturgy. He will be training **new and current** ministers in both ministries on the latest guidelines. Please fill out the sign-up sheet in the back of church or contact Shelly Kenney at 845-1794 extension 104.

**Malo! Malo!** To all the liturgical ministers who participated during the Triduum, thank you! Your talents are crucial to making our liturgies, prayerful and uplifting. Whether you were a lector, cantor, instrumentalist, vocalist, usher, greeter, cross bearer, art and environment specialist, or catechist, your gifts are needed for the greater good! Fabulous prayer. Shelly Kenney

**A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015**

**Living Liturgy:** Thomas is a convenient stand-in for all of us as we strive to deepen our belief in the risen Lord. Unlike Thomas, however, we do not literally "see" the risen Lord. Whether we see clearly like the gathered disciples, or only through doubting like Thomas, the risen Jesus is, nevertheless, always present in our midst removing all obstacles to belief. This is also how the risen Lord comes among us: in those in need, in those who reach out in self-giving to help those in need. Going from disbelief to belief is not a mental exercise. It is encountering the risen Lord in the people and circumstance around us. Believing is living faithfully the risen Life Jesus gives us.

Belief always goes beyond what we can prove, and often means we must go out on a limb. This means, at times, that we ourselves might have "nail marks" from being wounded. Dying to self always runs a risk of being vulnerable. So it was with Jesus. Out of his vulnerability, love and self-giving came risen Life! So it will be with us.

The challenge of this gospel is that we put aside our own fears and embrace belief, with all its consequences. Just as the risen Jesus was relentless in bringing the disciples from disbelief to belief, so is he with us. He is also just as relentless with us as he was with the disciples in bringing them to the cross. Even after his resurrection, Jesus always challenges us to both dying and rising. Having passed over from our Lenten discipline to Easter rejoicing doesn't mean that we can forget about the dying required for living the paschal mystery. Now, however, our "seeing" is heightened: we have experienced once again Easter joy, a glimpse and promise of the fullness of Life to come.