

First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

February Parish Stewardship

Saginaw County Jail Ministry

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,300.00

February 6 and 7

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$5,885.00
Youth:\$2.00
Total:\$5,887.00
EFT:\$150.00
Total: \$6,037.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$233,600.00
Actual YTD \$225,767.33

Thank You

Stewardship: Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

Lent Rosary Devotions: from 8-9 am
The Angelus & Luminous Mystery
Prayers of Divine Mercy
Sorrowful Mystery with Stations of the Cross
Glorious Mystery

Benefit for Matt Coughlin: On Saturday, February 27th at the Back Forty Bar & Grill in Chesaning. Buffet style chicken dinner for \$12; seating from 3-5 pm and 5-7 pm. Live entertainment at 9 pm with \$5 cover charge. Please call 845-4744 or stop in to purchase tickets. His parents are Mike & Mary Coughlin.

This Week's Events

Sunday, February 14

St. Valentine's Day

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



Tuesday, February 16

7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation
(Chesaning)

Wednesday, February 17

9:00 am BeFriender
9:30 am Adult Choir
6:45 pm Christian Service & Finance
Council meet

Friday, February 19

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 20

8:00 am Rosary
9:00 am Conference for Moms in Faith
Center

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA
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

There will be no classes on February 14th. Enjoy your valentines! The next class will be Sunday, February 21st beginning at 6 pm with family prayer in church. See you there!

Youth Ministry

There will be NO Youth Ministry on February 14th. Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, February 21st at their normal times. The first Passion Play practice will be Sunday, February 21st from 2-4 pm in the church. There will be dinner afterwards in the Faith Center. Don't forget to turn in your permission slips for Saginaw Spirit Hockey Faith Night, Middle School Youth Rally and Middle School Retreat! Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, February 14

St. Valentine's Day
First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, February 17

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, February 18

10:00 am CNCC Mass

Saturday, February 20

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Ellen Martz and Mike Maxa

Eucharistic Ministers:

Gayle Tufis, Ellen Martz, Lindy Beckman, Mike Maxa and Tim Martz

Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer

Sunday, February 21

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Anne Stasa and Kathy Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers:

Kathy Stewart, Dan Stasa, Michelle Vrable, Angie Meder and Michelle Neuman

Altar Servers:

Keegan Kalisek and Paula Rench

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Lk 9:28b-36

Sponsor of the Week

David J. Tomac
General Contractor L.L.C.



Additions ~ Remodels
Garages ~ Windows ~ Decks
Doors ~ Siding ~ Porch
845-2368
Dave the Builder!



Diaper Drive: During the month of February, we will be holding our diaper drive. There is a play pen in the gathering area for your donations. We are in need of both children and adult diapers. There are also envelopes attached to the play pen for monetary donations. The envelopes may be put in the collection basket. Remember to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Thank You: *A big thank you to the kids of Faith Formation, Youth Group and catechists for the large card and beautiful figurine. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated during this difficult time. Love, Jim, Mary, Ashley and David Yeager.*

The League of Catholic Women: Will be having its annual Day of Reflection Tuesday, March 15th at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 5376 State St., Saginaw. We will begin with the Rosary in church at 10:30 am. Mass will begin at 11. Lunch will follow in the church basement; there is an elevator available. The cost of the lunch \$10. Please mail your check to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw MI 48608. Your check for your reservation needs to be in the office by Friday, March 4th. Let's have a large turnout to welcome Fr. Ron back.

St. Peter Parish Lenten Mission: This is an advance invitation for you to make plans to attend our Parish Mission scheduled from Sunday, March 13th ending Wednesday, March 16th. This program has been planned to reach out to all our parishioners; your participation will help deepen your own spiritual life and that our entire parish community. Fr. Jack Conley, CP from Chicago will be our speaker.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Carol Moore, Tiffany Dankert, Abby Aldrich, Joe Pine,

Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Tim Amman,

Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Eugene Sutter, Jim

Meder, Terry Kennelly, Joann Richardson, Mary Lou Kligar,

Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, Irene Nietling,

Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Mechelle Kuchar, Vickie Daniels,

Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry

Storch, Fran A. Gross, Joseph Klasek, Ray Tithof, Rose Bonkowski,

Roger Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady

Carroll, Fred Lane, Ernie Newcomb, Rita Amman, Jay

& Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Rich &

LuAnn Greenfelder, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Diane

DeVoe, Sue Adams, Roxann Timm, Gayle Shooltz, Judy

Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, John Sims,

Bessie McSwain, Judy (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian

Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech,

Edward List Sr., Virginia Lawton, Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross,

Nichole Horn, Franklin Bates, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al

Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Johannes Vogelaar, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia

Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and

Joseph Sedlar Sr.

Presentation of the Creed and The Lord's

Prayer: Join us for this two part presentation that will be held on Sunday, February 28th and March 13th at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Our guest speaker will be Katherine Paul. She has a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL, Master of Education from Marygrove College, Detroit, MI and served as Pastoral Administrator for St. Michael Church in Oakley for a number of years. This event is a great way to learn more about your faith. Everyone is welcome!

Lenten Small Groups: Our Lenten small bible groups might be just a great way to make a new friend or two. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church. Here are the days and times they meet: Sundays at 11 am in the Parish Hall conference room (Shirley Schnell); Thursdays at 9:30-10:30 am in the Henry Eickholt room (Barb Pine); Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm at the home of Marion & Betty Sutliff, 215 Leonard St., Chesaning (Linda Calandrino); Tuesdays 12:30-2 pm in the Faith Center (Nanette Mishler). Please call Colleen at 845-1794 or email at: contko@stpeterchesaing.org with any questions or to register.

Saginaw County Right to Life: In honor of Valentine's Day, we will be holding a "LOVE" offering before and after Masses on February 13th & 14th to benefit the Saginaw County Right to Life. Please support to help protect human life, especially the unborn.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2016

Living Liturgy: In this gospel, the encounter of Jesus with "the devil" parallels our own encounters with "the devil." None of us—not even the God-Man—is exempt from temptation. By resisting the devil's temptations to act as "the Son of God," Jesus fully embraces his human identity. Jesus facing temptation witnesses to how fully he identifies with who we are as human beings. By resisting the devil's temptations to act against who God created us to be, we fully embrace our own human identity: graced beings created in the image of God. Jesus chooses not to misuse his divine power, taking up the mission for which he was sent. He was not sent to lord it over us, but to use his divine power to lead us to saving wholeness and well-being. We choose not to act against the divine Life God has bestowed upon us, taking up the mission on which we have been sent. We continue Jesus' saving ministry, reaching out to others with the Good News that God is forgiving and merciful, ever calling us deeper relationship.

Just as God led Israel to a "land flowing with milk and honey", so will God lead us to salvation if each of us "calls on the name of the Lord". For us, though, our desert is the demands of everyday living and our salvation is found on the cross. Each day we take up our cross and lay down our life for the sake of others, we are building strength to resist temptation and come to greater well-being. Our simple acts of kindness are helping us resist temptation. Our doing well whatever the task at hand helps us resist temptation.

We don't have to out into a desert to find temptation! But we do need God's nearness to resist it. And that God has promised us.