

Ascension

May 8, 2016

May Parish Stewardship

CAER Center
and
Heifer International

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

April 30 and May 1

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:	\$6,655.85
Youth:	\$1.00
Total:	\$6,656.85
EFT:	\$600.00
Total:	\$7,256.85

Sunday Contributions YTD	\$321,200.00
Actual YTD	\$309,626.11

Thank You

Stewardship: Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth—to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

Rosary Devotions: from 8-9 am every morning.

Summer Opportunities for Youth: Diocese of Saginaw has several opportunities for youth throughout the summer. **Youth Encounter Service (Y.E.S.)** is for those entering 9th grade through graduating seniors. It is a week of service in the city of Saginaw. Youth will also spend time in small groups and fun activities. Y.E.S. is June 19-24th.

Faith Formation This Week's Events

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

Nomination Weekend

8:00 am Rosary

11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)

Tuesday, May 10

7:00 pm Ensemble/Choir

Wednesday, May 11

9:00 am BeFriender

9:30 am Adult Choir

6:45 pm Worship Commission meet

Saturday, May 14

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, May 15

8:00 am Rosary

11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)

4:00 pm Youth Group

Youth Ministry

The next Youth Group will be Sunday, May 15th from 4-5:30 pm. All 5th-12th graders and their friends are welcome to come for some food and fun in Summer Youth Ministry. Forms for Discipleship Camp, Teen Leadership Challenge and Y.E.S. will be available. See you there!

Congratulations: To Rosie Calandrino and Heather Mahoney for receiving the Serra Club Award. This award is given to youth who exhibit leadership and embrace their faith. The Serra Club promotes vocations within the Diocese of Saginaw.

Summer Opportunities Youth:

Discipleship Camp is for middle schoolers. Spend a week learning more about your faith and how we are called to be Disciples of Christ. **Teen Leadership Challenge** is for high schoolers. During this long camp youth spend time learning ways to become a Christian leader in today's world. Both the Discipleship Camp and Teen Leadership Challenge also includes fund activities such as zip lining, canoeing, rope courses and many more! These camps are held at Camp Timbers in West Branch from July 10-15th. For more information on any of these camps contact Katie in the Faith Formation Office.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, May 8

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, May 11

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, May 12

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, May 14

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Mike Maxa and Ellen Martz

Eucharist Ministers:

Mike Maxa, Tim Martz, Ellen Martz, Helena Czeizperger and Nanette Scott-Muirhead

Altar Servers:

Helena Czeizperger and Nanette Scott-Muirhead

Sunday, May 15

Pentecost

10:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Richard Muirhead and Mary Memmer

Eucharist Ministers:

Shirley Schnell, Ken Schnell, Mary Memmer, Karen Hoover and Angie Meder

Altar Servers:

Keegan Kalisek and Ken Schnell

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 1:15-27, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



Sponsor of the Week

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Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):

We have received \$43,570.00 toward our CSA goal of \$70,812 which is 62%. Envelopes are available in the gathering area of church.

Big Raffle Winners: The winners are: Mike Terwilliger, Mt. Pleasant (Chevy Spark); Betty Kochalka, Vassar (\$5,000 Home Improvement); John Martz, Chesaning & member of St. Peter (trip to Florida); Louanne Palmer, Tuscon, AZ (Apple I-Pad); Noreen Leroux, Bay City (Laptop). Thank you to everyone who bought & sold tickets. We sold 202 tickets; the profit returned to Faith Formation/Youth Ministry is \$505!!



CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of May are: paper products such as toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels. You may drop off your donation in the basket in the gathering area of church. Thank you for your continued support of the CAER Center.

Catechist Needed: Have you ever wanted to share your faith with our young people? Faith Formation has an opportunity for a first grade catechist. Responsibilities include sharing your faith with our young people, planning a weekly lesson (all materials provided and we will help you along the way) and a commitment to be present at weekly Faith Formation classes September through April. If interested, please contact Doris in the Faith Formation Office at 845-1797.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Reynaldo Rodriguez, Benny Sims, Janet Scheffler, Carol

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

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

Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Eugene Sutter, Terry

Kennelly, Joann Richardson, 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, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay

Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, LuAnn Greenfelder, Joey

Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr.

Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, 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.



Senior Mass: All graduating high school and college seniors are invited to celebrate your great accomplishment at the Senior Mass on Saturday, May 21st at the 4:30 pm Mass. A mailing was sent out to all high school seniors with more information. Please RSVP by calling the Faith Formation office at 845-1797 and send in your wallet sized picture.



Knights of Columbus News: We will be having a cleaning bee on Wednesday, May 11th at 9:00 am. Lets take pride in our facility and give it a good cleaning. Fish fries are over for the season so it is a good time to tidy up the building. Please bring rags and pails if possible. We hope to see you there. Thank you.

Lost & Found: We have numerous jackets, gloves etc. that have been left in church in the ushers room. Please stop before or after church to see if anything belongs to you. After Sunday, May 22nd any items left will be given to the CAER Center.



Newspaper Trailer: We still have a newspaper trailer available for your newspapers. The trailer is located at 802 Lockwood St. You may drop off your papers during normal office hours. Thank you!

A Reflection on the Gospel from 2016 Living Liturgy:

In this gospel Jesus speaks to his disciples about being “clothed with power from on high.” We can reject Jesus’ offer of a unique clothing, not pay attention to it, not use it rightly. Or we can wear this clothing with dignity and gratitude. The clothing Jesus offers us is not something made from plant fibers or animal skins. This clothing is a power that is the Holy Spirit who takes up divine abode within us.

Jesus’ ascension is inseparable from Pentecost. The disciples continue Jesus’ ministry of preaching the Good News of death leading to risen Life only after they have been “clothed with power from on high.” This is a “clothing” worn on the inside, a personal Presence—the Holy Spirit who empowers them to be a new Presence of Christ in the world after his ascension. Jesus’ blessing before we was “taken up to heaven” was his last action-word in their midst. His blessing was his affirmation of the action-word they were to become on Pentecost. We disciples become for our world, through the power of the Holy Spirit, who Jesus was for his world: the visible promise of salvation unfolding through action-words that pack the power of the Holy Spirit. Our being clothed in the power of the Holy Spirit is neither merely utilitarian nor simply aesthetic. This clothing changes us into those who become members of the very Body of Christ. This clothing becomes a habit of Life.

Jesus’ ascension, for us, is a gift and commissioning. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We preach and teach in his name. We don’t do this on our own, as Jesus promised. We can’t set out to take up Jesus’ mission to preach the Good News until we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit’s Presence with and among us. This ensure us that our work isn’t ours but Christ’s. Ultimately our mission is to preach not simply events but a Person—Jesus Christ, the risen One. Even more: with the Spirit, we *are* the Presence of the risen Lord. This clothing is unequalled.