

# Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 18, 2016

### September Parish Stewardship

CAER Center  
and  
American Legion

Budget amount  
needed for each week:  
**\$7,200.00**

September 10 and 11  
Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes: .....\$6,207.00  
Youth: .....\$3.00  
Total: .....\$6,210.00  
EFT: .....\$140.00  
Total:..... \$6,350.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$78,800.00  
Actual YTD . . . . . \$74,280.96

*Thank You*

**Stewardship:** The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

**Rosary Devotions:** Are prayed every morning at 8:00 am.



### New Parishioners

**Welcome!** If you would like to join the St. Peter Parish family, please call Kris in the office at 845-1794 or there are registration forms on the table in the gathering area of church. You may mail it to the parish office or put in an envelope with parish office on it in the collection basket.

### This Week's Events

#### Sunday, September 18

8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
4:00 pm High School Youth Group  
6:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

#### Tuesday, September 20

7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)

#### Wednesday, September 21

9:30 am Adult Choir  
6:45 pm Commissions meet

#### Thursday, September 22

7:00 pm Pastoral Council meet

#### Saturday, September 24

8:00 am Rosary

#### Sunday, September 25

8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
4:00 pm High School Youth Group  
5:30 pm March for Life/NCYC meeting  
6:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

### Faith Formation

Classes start on this Sunday, September 18th, at 6 pm with family prayer in the church. Please bring your registration forms with you if you have not done so already. All students need to be registered. Don't forget sacramental preparation is two years. It's never too late to register and we will see you Sunday. Doris

### Youth Ministry

Youth Group starts Sunday, September 18th! High School Youth Group will meet from 4-5:30 pm in the Youth Room. Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm starting in the church. There will be an informational meeting for March for Life and the National Catholic Youth Conference on Sunday, September 25th, at 5:30 pm in the Youth Room. This is for all youth in grades 8-12 and their parents. The pilgrimage and trip will be discussed along with costs and fundraising. Join us for a great year of faith, food and fun! Katie

### Liturgy this Week

#### Sunday, September 18

8:30 am Mass

#### Wednesday, September 21

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

#### Thursday, September 22

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

#### Saturday, September 24

4:30 pm Mass

#### Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Mike Maxa

#### Eucharist Ministers:

Gayle Tufts, Laura Moliterno, Mike Maxa, Doris Mahoney and Sarah Mahoney

#### Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed

#### Sunday, September 25

8:30 am Mass

#### Lectors:

Evonne Tithof and Shirley Schnell

#### Eucharist Ministers:

Shirley Schnell, Ken Schnell, Helena Czeiszperger, JoAnn Ostipow and Kathy Stewart

#### Altar Servers:

Ken Schnell and Helena Czeiszperger

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Lk 16:19-31

### Sponsor of the Week

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## **Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):**

We have received \$55,830.00 toward our CSA goal of \$70,812 which is 79%. Please return your pledge card by mail or drop in the collection basket. There are envelopes on the table in back of church. It is still not too late to contribute. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

**Dinner & Discussion:** Enjoy dinner while learning about the benefits of planning your funeral the safe way, followed by informal questions and answers. This will be held at the Junction Restaurant, 4136 Peet Rd., Chesaning on Tuesday, October 11th at 5:30 pm. Please call (989) 385-3584 or (989) 845-3096 to reserve dinner and a seat. This is sponsored by Misiuk Funeral Home.



**Dresser Project:** Have you picked up your tag yet? For the month of September we will have a dresser in the Gathering Space of church and a tree with suggested baby items to assist a young mother who has chosen life for her baby. These gifts will be distributed through *Abortions Alternative of Saginaw*. **Gifts should not be wrapped.** Monetary donations are also welcomed. Sponsored by your Christian Service Commission.

**Respect Life Mass:** Will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at St. John Paul II Parish, Saginaw, St. Josaphat site. All are welcome to attend this Mass which celebrates LIFE from the moment of conception to natural death. Bishop Cistone will celebrate Mass.



### **THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:**

*Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Tina Carpenter & grandchild, Dave Fogarty, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma,*

*Mel Austin, Ernie Richardson, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof,*

*Dennis Kettle, Jim Smith, Jim Pitt, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Benny*

*Sims, Janet Scheffler, Carol Moore, Tiffany Dankert, Abby Aldrich,*

*Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger,*

*Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle,*

*Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, 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, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe,*

*Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne*

*Sutter, 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, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al*

*Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie*

*Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.*

Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr. (serving in the Armed Services)

**Deb Martin Benefit:** Deb Martin was admitted to the hospital in late August with a severe case of pneumonia. There will be a benefit to help with medical costs on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 5-11 pm at Riverfront Bar and Grille in Chesaning. Cost is \$10 per person; pasta dinner (5-8 pm), live entertainment and silent auction. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information please call Lisa Lewis (989) 445-0261 or Chellie Fulton (989) 277-5040. If you would like to donate a silent auction item, please drop it off at Waddell and Reed at 115 W. Broad St., Chesaning.

**Thank You:** *We would like to extend most sincere appreciation to all who participated in any way at the time of our Tim's passing. We are so fortunate to be in such a caring community. Thank you very much for your support. The family of Tim Amman.*

**Evensong A Journey of Sacred Scripture, Song and the Arts:** On Friday, September 23rd, at 7 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1035 N. River Rd., Saginaw. This performance features our priests from the Diocese of Saginaw. All are welcome!

**Crop Walk Collection:** Will be the weekend of September 24/25th. A portion of the donations will go our CAER Center in Chesaning.

**A Reflection on the Gospel from 2016 Living Liturgy:** This gospel puts to us a familiar and basic question: Whom do we serve? We have heard all our lives that we “cannot serve both God and mammon.” We interpret the “mammon” as money, wealth, possessions. The basic question nudges us to think of serving “mammon” in another way, in terms of serving self. We are our own greatest wealth, our greatest possession. But even we ourselves can get in the way of Gospel living. The challenge is to pay attention to how we are living and sincerely ask the basic question, Whom do we serve? Our answer might surprise us at times.

The wily steward is clearly self-serving and decisive in doing what he thinks necessary for his own immediate well-being. But by acting in this way, he risks squandering his eternal well-being (“eternal dwellings”). To secure this, he needed to choose to serve God rather than self. Serving self keeps us mired in our immediate concerns, wants, needs. Serving God frees us to be decisive in doing what is necessary to secure the best for both this life and the next. The irony is that had the wily steward chosen to serve God and God alone, he would have, in fact, chose to serve himself in the best way possible. By serving God and God alone he would have secured the only future worth having—eternal Life. So, the question for us remains, Whom do we serve? It is a critical and ongoing question for us.

Only by serving God alone can we ever secure our ourselves a sure future: being “welcomed into eternal dwellings.” We must handle the things of this world and our daily actions in relation to what is eternal and with prudent decisiveness. To put it simply, prudent decisiveness about our future means that God is truly at the center of our lives. Truly, we serve God and God alone.