

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

February Stewardship

Saginaw County Jail Ministry

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


February 18 and 19
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$6,264.00
Youth:\$1.00
Total:\$6,265.00
EFT\$130.00
Total:\$6,395.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$244,400.00
Actual YTD\$234,809.10

Thank You

Stewardship: Stewards of the mysteries of God—that's what St. Paul says we are in today's second reading. And the first requirement, he says, is that we be trustworthy. Entrusted with the gift of faith, do I share it as gratefully and as generously as I do my time, my talent, and my treasure?

CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of February are: pancake mix & syrup and peanut butter & jelly. There is a basket in the gathering area of church for your donations. Donations of any kind are always welcome!

 **Rosary:** The tradition of the Church and the teaching of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church lead by Bernie Coonrod.

This Week's Events

Sunday, February 26
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
Bannister)
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
Friday, March 3
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 4
8:00 am Rosary
Sunday, March 5
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 resume on Sunday, February 26th, beginning with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. Classes will meet every Sunday from now until Palm Sunday. Please bring your children and spend this Lent praying as a family and nurturing your child's faith formation. Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, February 26th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. We will be kicking off Lent with a Lent Bootcamp! Passion Play practice will begin on Sunday, March 5th, from 2-4 pm. No experience necessary! Join us as we prepare the Passion Play for the parish community! It is fun and a great service project. Forms for the Middle School Retreat on March 11th, will be available as well. Don't forget to get a calendar of upcoming events in the back of church or the Youth Room. Katie

Thank You: We want to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts and prayers during Mel's recent illness. They really helped him during treatment and recovery. God Bless you all, Mel & Connie Austin.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, February 26
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, March 1
Ash Wednesday
9:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
7:00 pm Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, March 2
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Friday, March 3
9:00 am First Friday Mass (Bannister)
Saturday, March 4
4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Mike Maxa and Ellen Martz

Eucharist Ministers:

Mike Maxa, Tim Martz, Ellen Martz, Doris Mahoney, and Sarah Mahoney

Altar Servers:

Helena Czeiszperger and Daniel Hodges

Sunday, March 5

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Rosemary Newcomb and Shirley Schnell

Eucharist Ministers:

Shirley Schnell, Ken Schnell, Kathy Thompson, Michelle Vrable and Penny Apsay

Altar Servers:

Keegan Kalisek and Ken Schnell

Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: J1 2:12-18/Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Mt 4:1-11

Sponsor of the Week

Line Street

Family Dentistry

Jeanne Hopfensperger, D.D.S.

Carrie Ehinger, D.D.S.

Office Hours By 989-845-7655
Appointment 371 S. Line St., Ches



Diaper Drive: Our diaper drive has begun and will end the weekend of March 17-18. We will be collecting diapers for children and adults.

There is a playpen in the gathering area for your donations. If you prefer to make a monetary donation there are envelopes available and you may put it in the collection basket. The Christian Service Commission

CSA 2016-17: The new year of CSA is fast approaching. If you haven't contributed or still have an outstanding pledge, there is still time to make one. There are envelopes on the table in the gathering area for your convenience. The parish is responsible for any balances owed. If you have any questions, please call Jean at the parish office at 845-1794.



Rice Bowls: During Lent we use the rice bowls as a way of alms giving. *What I give up I give to others.* We have attached the rice bowls to this week's bulletin for your convenience. The rice bowls should be returned to church during Holy Week.

Thank You from Saginaw County Right to Life:
We at Saginaw County Right to Life extend our sincere "Thanks" for your participation in our recent "Lifesaver Drive". We collected \$193.07. We would be unable to continue our work in the community to promote the preservation of the precious gift of life were it not for your generosity and support. Again, on behalf of all the members and above all else, the mothers, fathers and their babies for which you have helped "Thank you". With deepest appreciation, Leeta Theiss, Office Manager



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Leo Henige Jr., Shirley Potter, Tim McLeod, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Tina Carpenter & grandchild, Dave Fogarty, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Mel Austin, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Dennis Kettle, Jim Smith, Jim Pitt, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Benny Sims, Janet Scheffler, Carol Moore, Abby Aldrich, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsay, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joseph Klasek, 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, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.

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

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Women: Will offer a **Lenten Retreat Day** for all women of the diocese in the Center for Ministry at the Diocese of Saginaw on Saturday, March 18th. The day's activities start at 9 am (registration begins at 8:30 am) and will end at approximately 3:30 pm. The retreat leader will be Fr. Andy Booms and the theme will be: *The Holy Triduum*. The cost for the day is \$22 (in advance) and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, confession, Mass, rosary and Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP to Rita Maher at (989)635-7072 or Rita Genigeski (989) 793-3377 by **March 12th**.

David Hass and Lori True Concert: Is on Friday, March 17th at 7 pm at Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Parish, the St. Helen Campus located at 2445 N. Charles St., Saginaw. The cost for the concert is \$15.00. For more information contact Lucia Kusowski at 989-793-0618 or ctgssaginaw@sbcglobal.net.



Lenten Prayer Service: We are offering a parish wide Lenten prayer service on Sundays during Lent which will featured a different prayer each week. On Sunday, March 5th at 6 pm in church will be the Stations of the Cross. Please join us if you are able. Check the bulletin board in the back of church for the next prayer being presented.

Bulletin Advertising: If you would like to advertise your business on our bulletin; please contact Kris in the parish office at 845-1794. I am in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017: Everyday living requires that we both engage with providing ourselves with what we need as well as turning ourselves to God who provides all. It's all about perspective and Jesus tells us what is a proper perspective: we are to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." In all we do, we must keep God and right relationship before us as our guiding perspective. The issue of the gospel is not our time and concerns; the issue is who or what master controls our decisions and their outcomes. Beginning with the conviction that God cares and provides for us, our only overriding worry ought to be how strong we seek God and divine righteousness.

It is natural to worry about immediate things that affect our daily living like food and shelter, job security and paying bills. We usually don't worry about ultimate things. Our own short-sightedness can leave us quite impoverished. Jesus challenges us to a longer view: "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

Jesus tells us that we cannot serve "two masters." Clearly, he is pitting exclusive concern ("worry") with ourselves, our wants, our needs against single-mindedly seeking "the kingdom of God and his righteousness." We are not to neglect our legitimate needs, but to keep them in proper perspective. We must "not worry" but look beyond today and even tomorrow. In everything we do, we must serve only one Master, the God who lavishly provides and cares for us today, tomorrow, and even unto fullness of Life forever.