

First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017

March Stewardship

Migrant Ministry,
Special Olympics of MI,
and
CAER Center

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

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| February 25 and 26 | |
| Stewardship Back to the Lord | |
| Envelopes: | \$4,711.00 |
| Youth: | \$1.00 |
| Total: | \$4,712.00 |
| EFT | \$65.00 |
| Total: | \$4,777.00 |

Sunday Contributions YTD \$251,600.00
Actual YTD \$239,586.10

Thank You

Stewardship: What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

Faith Formation

There is class on Sunday, March 5th, beginning with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. We would love to see all of our families there to share in Lenten prayer. Our catechists work hard to help shape our children's faith and knowledge of the Catholic Church. There are only six classes left until the end of the year and each class is important. See you there! Doris

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 5

- 8:00 am Rosary
- 11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
- 2:00 pm Passion Play practice
- 5:00 pm Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Faith Formation
- 6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group
- 6:00 pm Lenten Prayer Service

Wednesday, March 8

- 9:30 am Adult Choir
- 6:45 pm Worship Commission meet

Friday, March 10

- 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11

- 8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, March 12

- 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
- 6:00 pm Lenten Prayer Service

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, March 5th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group will be having a Finals Study Nights from 4-5:30 pm in the Youth Room. Bring what you need to study for your finals, bring a friend and spend time studying or watching a movie. A taco dinner will also be served! Junior High Youth Group will be meeting from 6-7:30 pm beginning in the church. Did you miss last week's Youth Group? No worries. . . it's not too late to decide what you want your Lenten plan to be and we can help! Passion Play practice will be this Sunday from 2-4 pm in the church. If you would like to participate we would love to have you be a part of this beautiful prayer we share with the parish community. See you there! Katie



CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of March are: personal items such as: tooth paste & brushes, deodorant, diapers. There is a basket in the gathering area of church for your donations. Donations of any kind are always welcome!

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, March 5

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, March 8

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, March 9

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, March 11

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Laura Moliterno and Pat Walser

Eucharist Ministers:

Lindsay Beckman, Laura Moliterno, Pat Walser, Lisa Coon and Helena Czeiszperger

Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed

Sunday, March 12

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Kathy Stewart and Anne Stasa

Eucharist Ministers:

Kathy Stewart, Dan Stasa, Mary Baese, Dawn Boucher and Bernard Coonrod

Altar Servers:

Paula Rench and volunteer

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 12:1-4a/Mt 17:1-9

Sponsor of the Week



Douglas B. Forsyth M.D.
1600 W. Brady, Chesaning
845-1800



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



Rice Bowls: During Lent we use the rice bowls as a way of alms giving. *What I give up I give to others.* There are rice bowls at the entrances of church. The rice bowls should be returned to church during Holy Week.

Thank You: *To everyone who helped and came to the Mardi Gras Chicken Dinner last Saturday. This event would not have been possible without the generosity of our parish community! All of the money raised will be used in the Youth Ministry Program for various opportunities our youth have throughout the year to deepen and share their faith. Thank you again.*

In Memorandum: For those who may not know, Sister Peter Schneider, who was a principal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help High School from 1960-67 passed away February 25, 2017. She embarked on twenty-seven year ministry in education with fifteen of those years as a principal.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Bernie Coonrod, 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

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

Fondren, Tim Apsey, 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 (Willits) 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.

Big Raffle: The Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs will be selling raffle tickets once again this year after both Masses. The cost of each ticket is \$5 and half of each ticket comes back to our programs. Prizes include a car, home improvement, airline tickets and electronics. A detailed list is in the gathering area of the church. Tickets are also available in the parish office Monday through Wednesday. Please help support our parish programs!



Youth Encounter Service (Y.E.S.): Is an annual service project for high school youth help in Saginaw. During this week of service youth help rehabilitate homes, spend time in small groups and meet other Catholic teens from throughout the Diocese of Saginaw. The date of this year's Y.E.S. in June 18th-23rd and space is limited. If you would like paperwork to sign up or more information please contact Katie in the Faith Formation Office at 845-1797.



Lenten Prayer Service: We are offering a parish wide Lenten prayer service on Sundays during Lent which will featured a different prayer each week. This Sunday, March 5th at 6 pm in church will be the Stations of the Cross. Please join us if you are able. The next prayer for Sunday, March 12th, is Evening Prayer.

The League of Catholic Women: Will have their Day of Reflection Luncheon on Tuesday, March 21st at St. Dominic Parish, St. Stephen site (2711 Mackinaw St.) with Mass starting at 11:00 am. Please mail your \$10 check for the luncheon to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw MI 48608. Please RSVP by **Friday, March 10th.** We are currently doing our Membership Drive. The LCW dues are \$10 per year. Your \$10 allows us to make donations. Please call the office at 752-5053 or Mary at 790-3358 with any questions.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2017: The Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil to exercise self-serving power, to preserve his well-being, to seek worldly wealth. That same Spirit leads us into the desert of ourselves to encounter the demons within us, to encounter the Father's mercy and forgiveness, to encounter Jesus calling us to align our lives more closely with his. We are first grafted onto Christ at our baptism. We are plunged into the cleansing waters to be raised up to new Life. We commit ourselves to goodness and profess our relationship to God. The strength of our baptismal commitment to God must be honed in the desert of ourselves where, stripped of all that distracts us, we stand naked and hungry before Truth. Only then can we be transformed. Only then are we transformed by God into beloved daughters and sons, sisters and brothers in Christ.

Lent is not a time for us to withstand temptation alone. Rather, it is a wonderful time to get involved with others spiritually, and help each other to grow in goodness and the ability to resist temptation and come to a deeper realization of what our baptism entails. We are baptized into a community—the Body of Christ. With our common identity in Christ, helping another resist temptation is, in effect, helping ourselves grow, helping ourselves to be transformed into more perfect members of Christ's Body.