

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

March Stewardship

Migrant Ministry,
Special Olympics of MI,
and
CAER Center

Budget amount
needed for each week:

\$7,200.00

March 18 and 19

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$6,539.00

Youth:\$1.00

Total:\$6,540.00

EFT\$750.00

Total:\$7,290.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$273,450.00

Actual YTD\$259,723.10

Thank You

Stewardship: The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?



Youth Encounter Service

(Y.E.S.): Is an annual service project for high school youth to 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. is June 18th-23rd and space is limited. Please call Katie at 845-1797 if you have any questions.

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 26

- 8:00 am Rosary
- 11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
- 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

Monday, March 27

- 7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)

Wednesday, March 29

- 9:30 am Adult Choir

Friday, March 31

- 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1

- 8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, April 2

- 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

Faith Formation

There is class on Sunday, March 26th, beginning with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. Please make sure your child is in class these last three classes. Our catechists work very hard planning lessons and we don't want our children to miss out! Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, March 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. Passion Play practice is from 2-4 pm in the church followed by a meal in the Youth Room. There is still time to be a part of the this great tradition! Youth Encounter Service (Y.E.S.) forms are available in the Youth Room and gathering area of the church. See you Sunday! Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, March 26

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, March 29

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, March 30

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, April 1

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Pat Walser and Mike Maxa

Eucharist Ministers:

Jason Eichler, Lisa Coon, Mike Maxa, Pat Walser and Katie Eichler

Altar Servers:

Helen Czeiszerperger and Daniel Hodges

Sunday, April 2

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Alice Dowd and Ray Gengler

Eucharist Ministers:

Shirley Schnell, Ken Schnell, JoAnn Ostipow, Dan Stasa and Kathy Stewart

Altar Servers:

Keegan Kalisek and Ken Schnell

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Jn 11:1-45



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.


Sponsor of the Week


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865-6220

Catholic Service Appeal (CSA): The CSA letter/pledge cards have been mailed for 2017-18. Please prayerfully consider your contribution.


K of C Easter Bake Sale: We will be having a bake sale during the Good Friday fish fry on April 14th from 4-8 pm. Proceeds go to 4th degree charities. If you would care to donate baked good please contact: Mary Rombach-845-2643, Kay Gross-798-2271, Gloria Sutter-845-6855 or K of C hall-845-7449. Thank you.

 **Blood Drive:** Chesaning-Brady Fire Dept., 1632 Brady St., Chesaning on Thursday, April 6th from noon-6 pm and Friday, April 7th, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Call 1-866-642-5663 or visit www.miblood.org for an appointment. Be a hero! Donate!

 **Spring Fling Bingo:** Save the date! The Spring Fling Bingo is Sunday, April 30th in the parish hall. All 20 games are cash prizes. More information in upcoming bulletins.

Cemeteries Clean-Up: Please remove any items that you would like to keep from the Mt. Calvary & Resurrection cemeteries by **Sunday, April 2nd**. After that date the remaining items will be removed. New decorations should not be placed before Friday, April 14th.

Diaper Drive Thank You: *We collected 962 children's diapers, 12 pkg of wipes and 1 box of bottle liners. Monetary donations were \$111.00. Thank you everyone who donated; the diapers will be given to the CAER Center.*

 **THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:**
Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Leo Henige, Tim McLeod, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Tina Carpenter & grandchild, Dave Fogarty, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, 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,

Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr. (serving in the Armed Services)	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, 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.
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Big Raffle: The Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs will be selling raffle tickets once again this year after both Masses. 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!

Thank You: *Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say many thanks to family members, friends and neighbors for all acts of kindness and sympathy: food, flowers, donations, cards, visits and kind words spoken to our family regarding the recent passing of a wonderful husband, father and brother-Harold Mallory. We want to express appreciation to Fr. Bill and Katherine Paul for their many words of comfort and assistance of the memorial service. Thank you to all who helped put on a beautiful luncheon and music for Mass. Nelson House-Martin Chapel Funeral Home for going above and beyond in their professional arrangements and caring service. God bless you all, the Harold Mallory family*

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 26th at 6 pm in church will be The Rosary. The next prayer for Sunday, April 2nd, will be the Taize Prayer.

Easter Poster Contest: Students from Kindergarten through 5th grade are asked to create a drawing of the Easter story. Faith Formation students will receive details on Sunday, March 26th. Please draw your picture on a 8 x 11 size paper portrait style. There will be paper on the table in the gathering area. All drawings should be turned in by Monday, April 9th, to Doris or the rectory office. Questions please call Doris at 845-1797.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017: God was the first to have the pleasure of taking dust and water, mixing it and smoothing it, and then drawing it into a divine image into which God breathed God's very own life. This Sunday's gospel tells of another divine potter—Jesus, the Son of God—who uses his own saliva to mix with the dust of the earth, make clay, and use it to bring new seeing and believing out of a blind beggar. All the man needed to do was to obey Jesus' command to "Go wash." He did so, and was recreated to see with the new eyes of faith.

Through baptism we come to a new seeing and we are recreated into being more perfect members of the Body of Christ, more truth-filled images of God. Our own believing responding to Jesus continually recreates us with new spiritual insight, with deeper believing, with more sure understanding of who Jesus is for us and who we are to be for others.

The miracle recorded in this gospel is less about a blind man receiving his sight that it is about the openness of the blind man to having an encounter with Jesus, his willingness to enter into conversation with him, and his readiness to believe and respond in worship. This gospel challenges those who are preparing for the Easter sacraments to deepen their faith in Jesus' power to recreate them as members of his Body. It challenges all of us to deepen our faith so that we, too, are recreated with ever new Life. Then, like the blind man whom Jesus helps to see, we can exclaim "I do believe" and worship with raised hearts and voices.