

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

April Stewardship

Food Bank of Eastern MI,
Saginaw Habitat for Humanity,
and
Southern Poverty Law Center

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

April 1 and 2
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$5,979.00
Youth:\$3.00
Total:\$5,982.00
EFT:\$150.00
Total:\$6,132.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$287,850.00
Actual YTD\$271,711.10

Thank You

Stewardship: “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” shout the crowds in today’s Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!

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.

CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of April are: macaroni & cheese and spaghetti & sauces. There is a basket in the gathering area of church for your donations. Donations of any kind are always welcome!

This Week's Events

Sunday, April 9

8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
3:30 pm Passion Play Practice
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group
6:00 pm Passion Play Performance

Tuesday, April 11

Parish Office closed

Thursday, April 13

5:30 pm Holy Thursday Pot Luck supper at St. Cyril

Friday, April 14

1:30 pm Passion Play

Saturday, April 15

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, April 16

8:00 am Rosary
9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt

Faith Formation

The last Faith Formation Class is this Sunday, April 9th! We will be starting in the church at 6 pm with family prayer. This week’s prayer will be the Passion Play! We hope to see you there to help thank our catechists and support our Faith Formation Program. For those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation there is a **mandatory** practice at St. Michael Church, Maple Grove on Thursday, April 27th at 7 pm. The candidate, parent and sponsor must be there! Thank you for sharing your children with us this year. It has been an honor and privilege to be a part of their faith formation and we forward to seeing you all in the fall! Doris

Youth Ministry

There will be NO High School Youth Group this Sunday, April 9th, but Junior High Youth Group will meet from 6-7:30 pm. Summer Youth Ministry will begin in May! Passion Play practice will begin at 3:30 pm Sunday and end with the Passion Play performance. Please remember your black shirt and socks. Y.E.S. forms need to be turned in as soon as possible and those who want to go to NCYC in November need to let Katie know. Upcoming events include concessions at Spring Fling Bingo on Sunday, April 30th and Cardboard City May 12-13th. Check the bulletin, Facebook and Instagram for updates. Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, April 12

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Paschal Triduum Our Holiest Days

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper
Adoration to follow at St. Cyril Church

Good Friday, April 14

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at St. Peter Parish

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 15

9:00 pm Mass at St. Peter Parish

Lectors:

TBA

Eucharist Ministers:

TBA

Altar Servers:

TBA

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:30 am Mass

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TBA

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TBA

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 51:13—53:12/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2/Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Jn 20:1-9

Sponsor of the Week

CHESANING

COIN LAUNDRY

Open Daily 8:00 am-8:00 pm
210 W. Broad St.
Parishioner



Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):

The CSA letter/pledge cards have been mailed for 2017-18. Please prayerfully consider your contribution. If you are unable to contribute, please return your pledge card marked “zero”. This counts as participating. We are at 26% of our goal.



Spring Fling Bingo:

Save the date! The Spring Fling Bingo is Sunday, April 30th in the parish hall. All 20 games are cash prizes. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Concessions will be available. Everyone is welcome!



Help Decorating the Church:

We will be decorating the church after Good Friday Mass to decorate for Easter. We need your help to make the church beautiful for Easter! Please call Linda at 845-2363 with any questions.

Right to Life Pancake Breakfast:

Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in St. Charles is having a pancake breakfast fundraiser for Right to Life on Sunday, April 23rd from 11:30-12:30 pm. This is a free will offering.



Rice Bowls: Please turn in your rice bowls starting Sunday, April 9th. There will be a container for your bowls. Thank you!

2017 Bishop’s Ball:

The eleventh annual Bishop’s Ball will be held on Friday evening, April 28th at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw. We have enclosed a flyer with registration information.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda

Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Leo Henige, 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, 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 McSwayn, 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.

Big Raffle: The Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs are selling raffle tickets after both Masses. The cost of a ticket is \$5. The last day tickets are available is Monday, April 10th. Please help support our parish programs! Thank you and good luck to all who have purchased tickets!

The League of Catholic Women:

Will have our Tuesday, April 18th luncheon at St. John XXIII (former Sacred Heart, 445 S. Midland, Merrill). Mass begins at 11:00 am with our catered lunch by Sullivan’s to follow. The speaker will be Patty Reynolds, Director of the Partnership Center. Please mail your check for \$10 to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, MI 48608. Reservations need to be in by April 10th. Please call Mary at 790-3358 with any questions.

Easter Poster Contest:

Students from Kindergarten through 5th grade are asked to create a drawing of the Easter story. 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 10th, to Doris or the rectory office. Questions please call Doris at 845-1797.

Easter Egg Hunt:

We are in need of donated “filled” plastic Easter eggs. Suggestions for filling the eggs are small, wrapped candies. Please no candies with nuts. Please make sure the eggs are closed. There is a large, pink basket in the gathering area for your eggs. Eggs need to be dropped off by Sunday, April 9th.

Grief Recovery Series:

An information meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd from 6:30-7:30 pm in the parish hall. The facilitator is Mary Emmendorfer. This series is for any adult who has experienced a loss and is in need of healing and support. To register call Rosemary at 845-1794 or come to the first meeting.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2017: It is easy to hear only the negatives in the passion accounts: Jesus is denied, betrayed, unjustly judge. He is scourged, mocked, crucified. He suffers, dies, and is buried. Yet all through the passion accounts, there are signs of life, promise, and hope. The night before he was betrayed Jesus gave his disciples a continuing memorial of his self-giving, his very Body and Blood for our nourishment as the sacrament of Life. He promised that he could rebuild the temple in three days, speaking of course about the temple of his own Body. He gave us everlasting hope that by not saving himself, he saved us.

This day—Palm Sunday—when we sing our hosannas and bow our heads in sorrow as we hear the passion account for the first time this year, we begin the holiest week of our Christian year. It is no ordinary week, for we celebrate Jesus’ unreserved self-giving. Holy Week brings before us the demands of self-giving. All of our daily living throughout the year reminds us that, ultimately, like Jesus we must give ourselves over to God so that God might give us divine Life.

