

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

May Stewardship

CAER Center
and
Heifer International


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

May 6 and 7
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$7,426.00
Youth:\$1.00
Total:\$7,427.00
EFT\$55.00
Total:\$7,482.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$316,650.00
Actual YTD\$302,982.00

Thank You

Stewardship: "Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells His disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

 **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 May are: paper products such as toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels. There is a basket in the gathering area of church of your donations. Donations of any kind are always welcome!

This Week's Events

Sunday, May 14
Mother's Day
Nomination Weekend
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
Tuesday, May 16
7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)
Wednesday, May 17
9:30 am Adult Choir
6:30 pm Finance Council meet
6:45 pm Christian Service meet
Saturday, May 20
8:00 am Rosary
2:30 pm Baptism Family Reunion
Sunday, May 21
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)

Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Ministry has begun! Keep up with upcoming events and contests through our Facebook page and Instagram account. We will be having a Kickball game (parents vs. youth) and potluck in June.

 **Senior Mass:** St. Peter Parish will be celebrating our graduating high school seniors and college graduates on Saturday, May 20th, at the 4:30 pm Mass. If you have not dropped off a picture to the Faith Formation Office you can still drop it off next week. High School seniors will be processing in and sitting together. Please wear your cap and gown if you have it and arrive by 4:15 pm. College graduates will sit with your family. All graduates will be acknowledge during Mass. If you have any questions please call or email. Katie

Thank You! Thank you to everyone that participated in the Rice Bowl during Lent. Our parish raised \$891.14 for Catholic Relief Services. The money raised will help those in need. Thank you again for your generosity.

Liturgy this Week


Sunday, May 14
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, May 17
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, May 18
10:00 am CNCC Mass
Saturday, May 20
Senior Mass
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Mike Maxa and Jeanne Gewirtz
Eucharist Ministers:
Dana Bates, Lindy Beckman, Mike Maxa, Lisa Coon and Paulette Fuoss
Altar Servers:
Helena Czeiszperger and Daniel Hodges
Sunday, May 21
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Mary Baese and Bernard Coonrod
Eucharist Ministers:
Mary Baese, Ken Schnell, Bernard Coonrod, Shirley Schnell and Michelle Vrable
Altar Servers:
Ken Schnell and Keegan Kalisek

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Jn 14:15-21


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 **Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):**
We are at 56% of our goal. Your gift to the Catholic Service Appeal is used for educational, vocational, and Christian Service outreach. Thousands of people depend on your generosity.

CAER Volunteers: The CAER Center is looking for volunteers to help with food boxes. They need a team of 5-6 people to box food for 2 hours six times a year. They also need help to load boxes at 2:00 pm on Tuesdays twice a month. Please contact Rosemary Newcomb at 845-1794 if you are interested or need more information.

Nominations for Commissions: We have enclosed a sheet with the names and descriptions of the different commissions that help in parish leadership. Each one indicates how many new members they need. We would like the nomination form with the names nominated returned by Father's Day. Please prayerfully consider if you are asked to be on a commission or committee.

 **Spiritual Enrichment Offering:** Pentecost is fast approaching. It is the feast in which Christ gives us, his Church, the Holy Spirit. Do you know who the Holy Spirit is? What was Jesus purpose when He gave us His Holy Spirit? How does He work in our lives? How does the power of the Holy Spirit work in our lives? What are the gifts He gives us? Dianne Koviack will be sharing a CD by Joyce Meyer to explore the answers to these questions. We will have this session on Wed., May 17th, at 1:00 pm in the parish hall. If someone is interested in this session but cannot make it at this time, please let us know by Mon. May 15th by calling Rosemary at 845-1794.

 **THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:**
Lewis Gerding, Matt Barancik, Jim Smith, Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Leo Henige, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, 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, 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 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.

BeFriender Ministry Thoughts: When folks go through difficult times, their faith tends to be shaken somewhat. In listening to their stories, we realize that everyone's faith looks a little different; no two human beings are quite the same. We are marvelously complex creations.

So, our comprehension of the Power behind creation will vary. We need to respect that, even celebrate it.


One thing that seems to be almost a given, though, is that we all yearn for clear-cut answers to the deep mysteries of life. Fr. Ron Rolheiser said once that we all wish God would show Himself more directly and more powerfully, so as to make our faith easier. But, he went on to say, we need to understand how God manifests Himself to us. While most of the world clamors for our attention, God rarely tries to overwhelm us. He respects our freedom. For that reason, He lies quietly everywhere around us, almost unfelt, largely unnoticed, easily ignored. . . a gentle nudge. . . but, if drawn upon, **the ultimate stream of love and energy.**

I think we can take that literally. All of life is drawing off that stream; faith enables us to tap into it. Dallas Birchmeier

 **Operation Inasmuch:** Is on Saturday, May 20th, at Showboat Park from 9 am until 4 pm. This event will be focused on doing work at the Showboat Amphitheater. To be done: cleaning, painting, some rebuilding and various other projects to get the amphitheater ready for shows in July and Sept. Steve Johnson, a member of Trinity Methodist Church, is in charge of this event. We are in need of many volunteers to help achieve this project. If you are unable to help, monetary donations or donation of supplies are also welcome. Food and water will be provided. To volunteer or get more information contact: Trinity United Methodist Church at 845-3157.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2017: No GPS or road map can show us the way to the Father, the truth of all that is, the Life that is offered. When asked "how can we know the way?" to the Father's house, Jesus does not provide us a road map. Instead Jesus' answer is a surprisingly personal one: "I am the way, and the truth and the life." Here Jesus himself is equated with risen Life. Believing in Jesus and doing his works is the way to the Father. We today must encounter and come to know Jesus in

 our daily living and by so identifying with him become for others "the way and the truth and the life."

With the first disciples we, too, struggle to understand these claims and the implications they have for changing the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the only way to eternal Life is through belief in him. It seems like such simple, clear directions. Yet we spend our whole lives coming to the kind of believing that truthfully shows us the way.

The good news and truth is that we follow Jesus' way in less dramatic, everyday ways. Our simple acts of reaching out to others, alleviating their suffering or eliminating their need (whatever it might be) is how we follow Jesus' way. But more: this is how we ourselves become the way! As we do Jesus' works, we become more like him—we take on his care, his love, his passion for others. As we do his works, we ourselves become the way to the Father for others. No greater work can we do!