

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

May Stewardship

CAER Center
and
Heifer International


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

May 13 and 14
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$5,865.00
Youth:\$1.00
Total:\$5,866.00
EFT\$740.00
Total:\$6,706.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$323,850.00
Actual YTD\$309,688.08

Thank You


Stewardship: Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

 **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

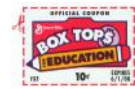
Sunday, May 21
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
Wednesday, May 24
9:30 am Adult Choir
Thursday, May 25
7:00 pm Pastoral Council meet
Saturday, May 27
8:00 am Rosary
Sunday, May 28
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)

 **Parish Offices Closed:** The parish offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Youth Ministry

Keep checking the St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry Facebook and Instagram accounts for some fun upcoming events! Next month there will be a study and movie nights as well as a Youth Ministry Family Kickball Night and potluck! Dates to be announced soon. Katie

Congratulations: To Isaac Tessman and Clayton Meder. Both received the Serra Club Award. This award is given to Catholic youth who show leadership in their faith. Isaac has served as an altar server for numerous years and Clayton as been active in the Youth Ministry Program. The Serra Club is an organization that promotes vocations within the Catholic Church. Congratulations on a well deserved award and may God continue to guide you in your life.

 **Box Tops for Education:** Keep on clipping those box tops over summer break. There is a container in the gathering area of church for your box tops. The box tops are collected for the Catholic schools in Saginaw.

Liturgy this Week


Sunday, May 21
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, May 24
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, May 25
8:00 am Mass
Saturday, May 27
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Pat Walser and Laura Molinterno
Eucharist Ministers:
Laura Molinterno, Helena Czeiszperger, Pat Walser, Doris Mahoney and Sarah Mahoney
Altar Servers:
Kassidy Bucholz
Sunday, May 28
Ascension Sunday
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Ray Gengler and Angie Meder
Eucharist Ministers:
Angie Meder, Karen Hoover, Judie Giesken, Bernard Coonrod and Bob Corrin
Altar Servers:
Isaac Tessman and Gavin Tessman

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Mt 28:16-20

Sponsor of the Week




 **Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):** Thank you to those who have donated to CSA 2017. \$40,605.00 has been generously pledged so far toward our target of \$69,342.00. We are 59% of the way there! Your CSA dollars have helped 140 people from our parish to attend the March for Life that takes place each January in Washington D.C. This is just one of the many ways our CSA donations touch the lives of our parishioners. If you haven't already pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so.

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: There is a pink sheet with the names and descriptions of the different commissions that help in parish leadership on the table in back of church. 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: The next session "Study of the Holy Spirit" will be on Wednesday, May 24th, at 2:00 pm in the parish hall.

 **Newspaper Trailer:** Cleaning out your garage? Bring your newspapers to the trailer located at 802 Lockwood St. (west side of school). Thank you!



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Madonna Bueche, 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 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.

Congratulations to Baptism Families: Isaiah Michael Escamilla son of Bene & Amanda Escamilla and Jeremy John Hafner, Jr son of Jeremy & Selina Hafner who were baptized last weekend. Thank you also to Godparents Nicholas Carter and Tanya Carrol and Juanito Escamilla and Angelita Escamila. We promise you all our prayer and support as you continue this journey.

Thank You: To Fr. Bill for the wonderful celebration of Ken's life. Please extend our thanks to Shelly and Rosemary for all their help and support, and to the wonderful people who provided the luncheon. Sincerely, Pat & Ralph Henige, Steve & Dianne Smalec and Phil & Ann Smalec.



Blood Drive: Is at the Chesaning-Brady Fire Dept. on Thursday, June 1st from noon-6 pm and Friday, June 2nd, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Blood donors make a lifesaving difference. More than 4.5 million patients need life-saving blood transfusions each year in the U.S. and Canada. Be a hero! Save a life!

10th Annual Dinner to Benefit Bishop Robert J. Carlson Seminarian Endowment Fund: Is on Tuesday, June 20th at Swan Valley Banquet Center, 9521 Highland Green, Saginaw. Social hour at 6 pm; dinner at 7 pm. Cost is \$55 per person/\$400 for a table of eight. There is a silent auction and raffle available. The Keynote speaker is Father Tony Russo from Our Lady of Consolation Parish of Rockford, MI and remarks from Bishop Joseph Cistone. For more information, please contact Mary Siers at email at mcsiers@sbcglobal.net or at 792-1334. Registration forms on the table in the gathering area of church.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2017: Self-will is form of self-assertion whereby we establish boundaries around ourselves, determine our own destiny, protect ourselves from doing what we don't want to do. In this gospel Jesus is telling his disciples to "keep my commandments." He is shaping our self-wills in a way well beyond choosing simple actions. He is drawing us out of ourselves and our self-will into him and his self-giving.

There is more to what Jesus is saying than meets the eye. When Jesus says to keep *his* commandments as a sign of our love form him, he is not only speaking about simple laws or commands. He is saying that *if* we love him, we will believe as he believed, *live as he lived*. Loving Jesus as he asks requires us to *believe* and *live* in such a way that others *know* the resurrection is real, that Jesus is really present, that Jesus still cares for us deeply.

For most of us we are already doing what we need to do to be good Christians; what more is needed is to recognize that these good actions are the way we keep *Jesus'* commandments and express our believing in him. In other words, his commandments are pretty simple to know: love as he loved, believe as he believed, be self-giving as he was, do the Father's will as he did. Most of all, keeping his commandments means opening ourselves to the Spirit who dwells within us and makes us like the risen One.

