

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017

July Stewardship

Mustard Seed Shelter,
Emmaus House Inc.
and
Mother Teresa Endowment Fund

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

July 15 and 16
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes: \$6,995.00
Youth: \$3.01
Total: \$6,998.01
EFT \$755.00
Total: \$7,753.01

Sunday Contributions YTD \$21,600.00
Actual YTD \$23,560.16

Thank You

Stewardship: "Those who are just must be kind," says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.

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.

Attention Gardeners: Fresh-cut flowers are needed for our altar area. If you have extra blooms to share, please contact Linda Calandrino at 845-2363 or Shelly Kenney at the parish office 845-1794.

This Week's Events

Sunday, July 23
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
Saturday, July 29
8:00 am Rosary
Sunday, July 30
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)

Faith Formation

We hope you are enjoying you summer! Enjoy your summer mailer from us and we will see you in the Fall.

Youth Ministry

Have a safe and fun summer with your family.

CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of July are: tuna & noodles, canned soup or meats. There is a basket in the gathering area for your donations. The CAER Food Pantry accepts donations of any kind. Thank you for your continued support.

Virtus Training: There will be a Virtus training session on August 14th, at St. Cyril Church from 5:30-8:30 pm. This is for any adults that will be working with children. Please call Kris in the parish office to register at 845-1794.

Harvest Festival: The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, August 6th at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister. A traditional ethnic dinner will be served from 11:30 am through 2 pm. Tickets for adults are \$10, children under 12 are \$5 and preschoolers are free. The program will start at 2:30 pm with dancers of all ages performing. A dance will begin at 4 pm with music by the Bill Nemanis Band. Admission is FREE. There will be free drawings for children's bikes as well as drawings for teen and adult prizes. A good time is guaranteed for young and old alike. See you there!

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, July 23
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, July 26
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, July 27
9:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Saturday, July 29
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Laura Moliterno and Jeanne Gewirtz
Eucharist Ministers:
Lindy Beckman, Laura Moliterno, Pat Walser, Helena Czeiszperger, and Paulette Fuoss
Altar Servers:
Helena Czeiszperger and Daniel Hodges
Sunday, July 30
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Rosemary Newcomb and Glenn Robinette
Eucharist Ministers:
Gloria Sutter, Michelle Vrable, Angie Meder, JoAnn Ostipow, and Ron Sutter
Altar Servers:
Paula Rench and volunteer needed

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Jn 11:19-27
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Mt 13:44-52

Sponsor of the Week



207 W. Broad St.
845-2030 Parishioner

CSA Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):
We have reached 72% of our CSA goal with \$49,685.00 that has been pledged. Thank you for your generous contributions to CSA.

Parents, Godparents, and Grandparents: St. Peter Family Ministry will be providing a "Worship Aide for the Little Ones" preschool and younger. They depict images that help focus on the theme of the week's liturgy. Feel free to take one for your little one. It will be an opportunity to start a conversation about God in our lives. Also, check the Father Eickholt room after Mass. There will be a small treat for your little ones as a reward for their good behavior at Mass.

Spiritual Enrichment Study Group: Continues to meet in the parish hall meeting room on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. Topic-Intercessory Prayer. "We tell our closest friends everything. Do we go to Jesus with everything on behalf of our friends? Everyone is welcome!"



Diaper Drive: For the month of July we will be collecting diapers for children and adults. There will be a playpen in the gathering area of church for your donation. If you would like to make a monetary donation, envelopes are available for your convenience. We will be giving the diapers to CAER.

Prayer and Praise Group: Continues to meet in the Father Eickholt room on Thursdays at 4:00 pm. "We join our hearts and voices in prayer. Let us lift our hearts in joyful praise." Open to seekers.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Alison Andres, Jack Benac, Robert Meyer, Geri Sholtz, Madonna Bueche, Lewis Gerding, Matt Barancik, 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, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, 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., 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.

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

Senior Parishioners: We have a selection of books geared to the spiritual growth for the "second half of life". Check out the selections on the table in the back of church. They are available to order through the parish office. Call Rosemary if you have any questions at 845-1794.

BeFriender Thoughts: We all know how pleasant and rewarding it can be to sit with others and share thoughts and ideas, when done in a friendly, trusting setting. Ever heard the old saying, "He's got more excuses than a farmer who wants to go to town?" We need human contact. We need the stimulation; boredom isn't fun. We get too familiar with our own thinking, and crave to hear something new and different. But more than that, we long to be with other humans for the love and support they can give us.

Ever wonder why? Why can't we be fulfilled just being by ourselves? Scientists would probably just say, "We are social beings." But why? One idea, that seems to make as much sense as any, is this: God created us with a deep need to connect with Him. But, it takes years for most of us to feel this connection through prayer and meditation. In the meantime, the next best thing for us is to connect with other humans, and even pets. We'll never lose our appreciation of friends, but eventually, we find the deepest connection to life when we get in friendship with the Author of Life Himself.

Newspaper Trailer: Drop off your newspapers at the trailer located at 802 Lockwood St. (west side of school). The newspapers are used for blown insulation and it keeps them out of landfills.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017: Earthly kingdoms are marked by geographic boundaries, the will of the ruler, and birthright. This gospel speaks of the "kingdom of heaven," of God's kingdom. This divine kingdom's geographic boundaries are all that is. God's will rules this kingdom and the kingdom is visible whenever God's will is being done. The firstborn of this kingdom is the divine Son, but we are all heirs of this kingdom through our baptism.

"The kingdom of heaven is like . . ." Whatever parable Jesus uses to teach about the kingdom of heaven, always at issue is growth, abundance, increase. While "the enemy" may try to thwart the kingdom, in the end God will prevail and "the righteous will shine like the sun." So, "the kingdom of heaven is like" those of us who hear and live the Good News Jesus teaches. We ourselves are "the kingdom of heaven" when we live according to God's ways, accepting the gracious will of God as the rule of our lives. We ourselves become the spaciousness of God's kingdom, making visible the divine Presence and will to all those we touch with our own presence.

In the end it is less important to understand God's kingdom with our minds than it is to live according to the values of the kingdom. The first reading lists some of these values for us: the children of the kingdom are to live like the Master of the kingdom—showing the kind of care, leniency, clemency, justice and kindness that instill in others hope rather than despair, fertile rather than barrenness, the desire to do good rather than evil. As we grow in our discipleship, it is patience and hope in the final outcome that sustains us so that in the end we will be counted among the "righteous who shine like the sun."