

# Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 3, 2017

### September Stewardship

CAER Center,  
Special Olympics of MI  
and  
American Legion (Chesaning)

Budget amount  
needed for each week:  
**\$7,100.00**

August 26 and 27  
Stewardship Back to the Lord  
Envelopes: .....\$7,119.00  
Youth: .....\$1.25  
Total: .....\$7,120.25  
EFT: .....\$55.00  
Total: .....\$7,175.25

Sunday Contributions YTD \$64,300.00  
Actual YTD ..... \$62,086.21

### Thank You

**Stewardship:** In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

**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 September are: personal items such as: tooth paste & brushes, deodorant & diapers. You may drop off your donations in the basket in the gathering area of church. Donations of any kind are always welcome.

### This Week's Events

**Sunday, September 3**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
**Monday, September 4**  
Parish Offices closed  
**Wednesday, September 6**  
9:30 am Adult Choir  
**Saturday, September 9**  
8:00 am Rosary  
5:30 pm Church picnic  
**Sunday, September 10**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
4:00 pm High School Youth Group  
6:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

### Faith Formation

Classes will be starting on Sunday, September 10th, with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. It's not too late to register! Bring it with you to the first class. See you September 10th! Doris

### Youth Ministry

We are starting up on Sunday, September 10th! High School Youth Group is from 4-5:30 pm in the Youth Room. Junior High Youth Group is from 6-7:30 pm starting in the church. Bring a friend or two for a fun night full of food and faith! An information meeting for those interested in March for Life (in grades 8-12) will be held on Sunday September 24th, at 5:30 pm in the Youth Room. Check the St. Peter Youth Ministry Facebook page and Instagram account for updates and fun contests this year! Katie

**Join Us!** For a Chicken and Ham dinner at St. Cyril on Sunday, September 10th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the parish hall. Adults are \$10; 12 & under are \$5 and preschool age are free. See you there!

**Prayer and Praise Group:** Join us as we seek the Lord in the Father Eickholt room on Thursdays at 4:00 pm.

### Liturgy this Week

**Sunday, September 3**  
8:30 am Mass  
**Wednesday, September 6**  
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)  
**Thursday, September 7**  
8:00 am Mass  
**Saturday, September 9**  
4:30 pm Mass  
**Lectors:**  
Jeanne Gewirtz and Kassidy Bucholz  
**Eucharist Ministers:**  
Gayle Tufts, Sarah Mahoney, Pat Walser, Dana Bates and Lindy Beckman  
**Altar Servers:**  
Kassidy Bucholz  
**Sunday, September 10**  
8:30 am Mass  
**Lectors:**  
Rosemary Newcomb and Glenn Robinette  
**Eucharist Ministers:**  
Kathy Thompson, Karen Hoover, Bob Corrin, Judie Giesken and Dawn Boucher  
**Altar Servers:**  
Paula Rench and Tommy McNaughton

### Readings for the Week

**Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30**  
**Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37**  
**Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44**  
**Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11**  
**Friday: Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:16, 18-23**  
**Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5**  
**Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Mt 18:15-20**

### Sponsor of the Week

Line Street  
Family Dentistry  
Jeanne Hopfensperger, D.D.S.  
Carrie Ehinger, D.D.S.  
Office Hours By Appointment 989-845-7655  
371 S. Line St., Chesaning

**CSA Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):**  
We have reached 77% of our CSA goal with \$53,505.00 that has been pledged. Envelopes are available in the gathering area of church if you haven't pledge yet.

**Parish Picnic:** St. Peter Parish Picnic is Saturday, September 9th after the 4:30 pm Mass. Come and join us for an evening of fun! There will be a cake walk, candy bingo, and kid's activities including face painting. The picnic meal will be provided by the parish. Gluten free buns will be available. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP by September 5th by returning the yellow sheet in the collection basket or emailing Shelly at: skenneypeter@gmail.com

**The League of Catholic Women:** Is open to all ladies. We will have our luncheon on Tuesday, September 19th, at St. Peter Parish. Mass is at 11 am and lunch catered by Sullivan's to follow. Our speaker is Dawn Goodrow, Director of the East Side Soup Kitchen. You may bring an item for the East Side Soup Kitchen to the meeting. Please have your \$10 check mailed to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, MI 48608 by **Tuesday, September 12th**. Please call the League with any questions at 752-5053 or Mary at 790-3358. Thank you!

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina also known as Padre Pio:** The relics of Padre Pio will be available for veneration on Friday, September 29th from 8:00 am (beginning with a procession) until 8:30 pm at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw. There will be a Mass at noon. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please call 752-8119 for more information.

### THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Thelma Schneider, Annie (Ebenhoeh) Dugalech, Jim Smith, Ray Meder, Alison Andres, Jack Benac, Robert Meyer, Geri Sholtz, Madonna Bueche, 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, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joseph Klasek, Rose Bonkowski, 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., 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)

**Bible Study this Fall: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** from September 17-November 12th. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture. It is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You'll see how the Bible reveals God's loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice. The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. Sessions will be held September 17 through the week of November 12th. A choice of sessions each week: Sundays 10:30 am or 6:00 pm, Tuesdays 7:00 pm, Thursdays 11:00 am. The cost is \$20. You can sign up for the study in the gathering area of church, by calling Rosemary at 845-1794 or email ranewcombstpeter@gmail.com

**Thank You:** Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I wish to thank you every so much for the many cards and gifts you gave to me on the occasion of my 38th anniversary of Ordination. It is a blessing to serve you as pastor and for all that you have taught me to be a better priest. Be assured of my continued prayers for you. In Christ and Mary, Fr. Bill Gruden, Pastor.

**Knights of Columbus Hamburg Night:** Is every third Wednesday at the K of C Hall at 9171 Deitering, Chesaning from 5-7 pm. Come and enjoy hamburgers, brats, fries and other tasty food. Everyone is welcome!

**A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017:** Sometimes we are asked, "Do you want the good news first, or the bad?" How we answer probably depends on the gravity of the situation, our own mood and temperament, and whether we want to get the bad news out of the way so we can enjoy the good or hear the good first so that it softens the bad. In this gospel Jesus definitely gives the bad news first: he will suffer and die, his followers must carry their cross and lose their life for the sake of others. We not only have to hear the bad news before hearing the good news, we also must live the bad news before we receive the best news possible: that we will share in Jesus' risen Life.

In God's saving plan, we must lose our life for Jesus' sake only in this way can we share in Jesus' risen Life. No human instinctively understands or naively embraces this. God's love alone reveals this mystery and strengthens us as we surrender ourselves to it. If we only focus on the cost of discipleship—dying to self; losing one's life for the sake of another—we'll become as disillusioned and discouraged as Jeremiah in the first reading. We always need to hear Jesus' whole message about the paschal mystery: we must lose our life in order to find it. The suffering and death *always* lead to new Life. We know this because Jesus has already shown us the way. His prophecy about his passion and death *includes* his announcement of being raised to new Life. The good news-bad news question really is a non-question for Jesus' disciples. Whatever suffering and death we embrace, we know includes a share in Jesus' risen Life.

Ultimately, though, we find that only living Gospel values brings us lasting happiness, even though we must die to self in the process. All who wish to be faithful to Jesus' call to Gospel living must be prepared to suffer—and also be prepared to receive new Life. The Life Jesus offers is worth any price!