

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

January Stewardship

Bread for the World,
Right to Life of Michigan,
Network,
and
CAER Center

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

January 6 and 7
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$7,040.00
Youth:\$1.00
Total:\$7,041.00
EFT\$35.00
Total:\$7,076.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$199,200.00
Actual YTD\$199,061.22

Thank You

Debt Reduction:
November\$805.00
Total for the fiscal year\$9,787.00
December\$1,765.00
Total for the fiscal year\$11,552.00

Stewardship: In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Rosary: The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod.

This Week's Events

Sunday, January 14
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
Tuesday, January 16
10:00 am Prayer Group
7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)
Wednesday, January 17
9:30 am Adult Choir
6:30 pm Finance Council meet
Saturday, January 20
8:00 am Rosary
10:00 am Lector Training
Sunday, January 21
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Youth Group Movie Night

Faith Formation

Join us for class on Sunday, January 14th, beginning with family prayer at 6 pm in the church. It's not too late to register your child! Our catechists work hard to help our children grow in their faith. Don't miss out on your child's faith formation! Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, January 14th, in the Youth Room. High School meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. Drop in and bring a friend for some food and fun while learning what makes us Catholic! There will be a March for Life Informational Meeting for all those attending this year's pilgrimage from 5:30-6 pm. See you there! Katie

CAER Center Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of January are: tuna & noodles, canned soup or meats. There is a basket in the gathering area of church for your donations. Donations of any kind are welcome.

Liturgy this Week

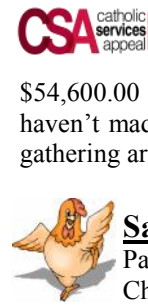
Sunday, January 14
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, January 17
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, January 18
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Friday, January 19
10:30 am Union Court Mass (St. Charles)
Saturday, January 20
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Laura Moliterno and Angie Meder
Eucharist Ministers:
Angie Meder and Laura Moliterno
Altar Servers:
Kassidy Bucholz
Sunday, January 21
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Glenn Robinette and Shirley Schnell
Eucharist Ministers:
Ken Schnell and Judie Giesken
Altar Servers:
Ken Schnell

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Mk 1:14-20

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Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):

We have reached 78% of our CSA goal with \$54,600.00 that has been pledged. There still is time if you haven't made a contribution. Envelopes are available in the gathering area of church for your convenience.



Save the Date! Chicken Dinner!

St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry will be having it's annual Chicken Dinner on Saturday, February 10th, from 5-6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. If you would like to help with the dinner please contact Katie in the Faith Formation Office at 845-1797. All money raised goes towards opportunities for our youth!

Pope Francis's Reflections on the Mass:

Pope Francis called the Mass "the very 'heart' of the Church and the source of her life." He pointed to the martyrs as testaments to the vitality of the Eucharist. "How many martyrs have died to defend the Eucharist! Their witness confirms our Lord's promise that by partaking of his body and blood we pass with him from death to life."

Pilgrimage to Mexico City 2019:

The Office of Hispanic Ministry will be sponsoring a pilgrimage to Mexico City and the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe from February 23-28, 2019. An informational meeting will be held Thursday, January 25th, at 6 pm at the Center for Ministry, Saginaw. Please contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 7797-6646 for more information.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Tim Apsey, Debbie Meder, Bill Kress, Betty Naessens, Ron Aldrich, Willburt Schneider, Clayton Meder, Mary Memmer, Thelma Schneider, Annie (Ebenhoeh) Dugalech, Jim Smith, Ray Meder, Alison Andres, 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, Benny Sims, 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 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, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Jacob Albers, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.

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

Lector Formation Gathering:

On Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 10:00 am until noon, we will have a Lector enrichment workshop at St. Peter Church. Joan Brausch from Blessed Sacrament Church in Midland will be our facilitator. She is very knowledgeable in the area of Liturgy and has obtained her degrees in Theology and Scripture from what was then St. John's Regional Seminary in Plymouth, Mich. She will talk us through the ministry of being a Lector and help us hone our skills in proclaiming the Word of God. I do expect all of us who proclaim the Word to the People of God to attend this workshop. Anyone who is interested in possibly being a lector is welcome to attend. Fr. Bill Gruden, Pastor



Fish Fry to Benefit Seminarians

Saginaw Diocese: On Friday, January 26th from noon until food is gone at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 360 S. River Rd., Bay City. Menu: Perch, cod, frog legs, baked potato, corn, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, bread and dessert. Adults-\$12.00, children 12 and under-\$6.00, under 5 are free. Take outs available.

Pastoral Council:

There will be **no** Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday, January 18th. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 15th at 7 pm.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: In today's story we have the calling of the first disciples, only one of whom is named. Andrew the brother of Simon Peter. The other disciple has traditionally been understood to be the "beloved disciple" or "the disciple whom Jesus loved," even though he is not named such here. Andrew and the unnamed disciple evangelize Simon, Andrew's brother, by saying they have found the Messiah. They bring Simon to Jesus. And before Simon can say a word, Jesus names him "Cephas", the Aramaic term for "Rock", translated into Greek as "Petros," from which we get the name Peter. This story of Jesus naming Simon "Peter" is much different than that in the Synoptics, where Jesus names him "Peter" only after Simon confesses Jesus as the Messiah.

The gospel story about Peter reminds us that Jesus takes the initiative with us, his disciples. He sees who we truly are and calls us by name, even to the point of giving us a new name! Once we are known by Jesus, there is no need to "perform" or "meet targets." We may rest in the knowledge that we are known by him. Like Simon Peter, we each have a destiny, a purpose, and meaning. Like Andrew, we also have a mission, and that is to proclaim Jesus to others. Only by Andrew's proclamation did Simon learn about Jesus. And Andrew learned about Jesus only by John the Baptist's testimony.

In our own lives we recognize that we learned about Jesus from someone else, whether a parent, grandparent, teacher, or friend. We too tell another about Jesus. In this way Christian faith is passed from one generation to the next. Evangelization is a hallmark of Christian identity from the beginning, as we see in today's gospel. May we have zeal for evangelization that comes from the surety that we are known personally by Jesus.