

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

March Stewardship

Special Olympics of MI
and
CAER

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

February 24 and 25
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$5,974.00
Youth:\$1.00
Total:\$5,975.00
EFT\$125.00
Total:\$6,095.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$248,900.00
Actual YTD\$241,985.77

Thank You

Stewardship: "You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is a gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

Rosary: The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod. The Luminous Mysteries of the rosary, as proclaimed by St. John Paul II, are part of Jesus' life on earth. For the next two months we will be praying the Luminous Mysteries before Sunday Mass at 8:00 am.

Time Change: Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour next weekend!

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 4
8:00 am Rosary
9:40 am Adult Choir
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
2:00 pm Passion Play practice
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group
6:15 pm Lenten Enrichment
Tuesday, March 6
10:00 am Prayer Group
Wednesday, March 7
9:30 am Adult Choir
11:00 am Lenten Enrichment
Friday, March 9
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 10
8:00 am Rosary
5:45 pm Lenten Enrichment
Sunday, March 11
8:00 am Rosary
9:40 am Adult Choir
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
2:00 pm Passion Play practice
4:00 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Faith Formation
6:15 pm Lenten Enrichment

Faith Formation

We will have class on Sunday, March 4th, beginning at 6 pm with family prayer in the church. We will all receive our own prayer group at family prayer. Don't miss out! The first class for Confirmation/First Eucharist will be Sunday night. Please come prepared with your parent and finished folder! See you there! Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, March 4th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group 6-7:30 pm. Passion Play practice will be held on Sunday, March 4th from 2-4 pm in the church. All youth in grades 6-12th are invited and encouraged to participate. No experience necessary! Hope to see you there! Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, March 4
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, March 7
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, March 8
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Saturday, March 10
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Pat Walser and Laura Moliterno
Eucharist Ministers:
Gayle Tufts and Lindy Beckman
Altar Servers:
Helena Czeiszperger and Daniel Hodges
Sunday, March 11
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Evonne Tithof and Anne Stasa
Eucharist Ministers:
Karen Hoover and Dan Stasa
Altar Servers:
Karen Hoover

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Jn 3:14-21


Sponsor of the Week



Thank You: "We at Saginaw County Right to Life extend our sincere thanks for your participation in our recent Lifesaver Drive. \$107.20 was collected. We would be unable to continue our work in the community to promote the preservation of the precious gift of life were it not for your generosity and support." With deepest appreciation, Leeta Theiss, Office Manager.

"Journey to the Castle of the Soul": A contemplative musical prayer experience written by Tony Alonso and Liam Lawton based on the writings of Teresa of Avila: The Interior Castle. Sunday, March 4th at 5 pm at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 6400 McCarty Rd., Saginaw presented by St. John Vianney Choir & Musicians. This event is FREE and open to all!

Sisters of St. Clare Thank You: Your support of \$348.00 helps us to keep our candle burning at prayer as we remember the many needs in our world. Because of who you are in our lives, we continue to thrive in our calling as "Companions in Prayer" with you. With grateful prayers, Sr. Dianne, Sr. Laura and Sr. Laurene

 **Save the Date!** The St. Cyril Church fish fry is Friday, March 16th from 4:30-7:00 pm. More information in upcoming bulletins.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Greg Flory, Mel Austin, Joan Richardson, Patrick Borsenik, Ron Kulhanek, Tim Apsey, Debbie Meder, Bill Kress, Betty Naessens, Ron Aldrich, Willburt Schneider, Clayton Meder, 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)



CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of March are: personal items such as tooth paste & brushes, deodorant, diapers. There is a basket in the gathering area of church for your donations. Blankets are also needed. Thank you for your continued support.

Big Raffle: Don't miss out on your chance to win a free car, airplane tickets and other great prizes! We still have Big Raffle tickets available before and after Mass as well as Faith Formation. Half of EVERY ticket sold comes back directly to our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs. Please help us support the youth of our church.

League of Catholic Women: All ladies are welcome to the League of Catholic Women Luncheon at the Center for Ministry (5800 Weiss, Saginaw). Mass in the chapel starts at 11 am and our lunch will follow at noon. Our speaker will be Mona from Heart of Saginaw. You may bring a non-perishable food item to help feed the after school children of Heart of Saginaw. Mail your \$10 check **before Monday, March 12th (deadline)** for the luncheon to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw MI 48608. We are currently doing our League Membership drive. Yearly dues are \$10. Call the League with any questions at 752-5053 or Mary at 790-3358.



K of C Bake Sale: The Knights of Columbus will have a bake sale at the Good Friday Fish Fry from 4-8 pm. If you care to donate baked goods please contact Mary Rombach 845-2643, Gloria Sutter 845-6855 or Kay Gross 798-2271. Proceeds go to the Permanent Deacon Program of Saginaw Diocese.



Box Tops for Education: Please continue to clip box tops off qualifying items. They help our Catholic schools. There is a container in the gathering area for the box tops.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: The gospel tells us something today that we often overlook. The temple is not only a physical place in Jerusalem, but metaphorically it is Jesus' very self. By extension, the human body is a place of God's presence. To be holy is not merely to go to the physical temple to purchase a "pre-certified and quality assured" sacrifice. If the human being is a dwelling place of God, then true worship becomes how we treat ourselves, and how we treat the other. But treating another kindly, patiently, and with love is much more difficult to commodify. It seems easier to say, "buy this" and all will be well with you and God. But God's grace is not dependent on somebody else, what they sell us, in deed or in word. Rather, our relationship with God is dependent upon how we treat the other, who is a dwelling place of God in our midst. It can be difficult to die to our Pre-conceived notions of God, to let go of the idea of an accountant God who takes stock of each and every sacrifice, ensuring it is without blemish. Instead, Jesus invites us to a relationship with God based on Jesus himself, the incarnation of God. If Jesus is the incarnation of God, if humanity is a dwelling place for the divinity, then proper worship becomes how we treat our neighbor.