

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

March Stewardship

Special Olympics of MI
and
CAER

Budget amount
needed for each week:

\$7,100.00

March 10 and 11

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$5,301.50

Youth:\$1.90

Total:\$5,303.40

EFT\$35.00

Total:\$5,338.40

Sunday Contributions YTD \$263,100.00

Actual YTD\$254,796.52

Thank You

Stewardship: "If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

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.

The church is open until 3 pm daily for anyone who would like to pray.

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 18

8:00 am Rosary
9:40 am Adult Choir
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
4:00 pm Passion Play practice
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group
6:00 pm Passion Play performance
6:30 pm Lenten Enrichment

Tuesday, March 20

10:00 am Prayer Group

Wednesday, March 21

9:30 am Adult Choir
11:00 am Lenten Enrichment
6:30 pm Finance Council meet

Friday, March 23

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24

8:00 am Rosary
5:45 pm Lenten Enrichment

Sunday, March 25

8:00 am Rosary
9:40 am Adult Choir
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)



Faith Formation

Join us for our last class of the year this Sunday, March 18th! We will begin with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. The Youth Group will be presenting the Passion Play. Please come to participate and receive your textbooks. See you there! Doris

Youth Ministry

There will be NO High School Youth Group on Sunday, March 18th. Passion Play practice will be 4-6 pm. Please remember to wear plain black t-shirts, jeans and black socks. Junior High Youth Group will meet from 6-7:30 pm in the church. Check the St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry Facebook page and Instagram account for upcoming Youth Ministry events. Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, March 18

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, March 21

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, March 22

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, March 24

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Cassidy Bucholz

Eucharist Ministers:

Gayle Tufts and Jason Eichler

Altar Servers:

Cassidy Bucholz

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Alice Dowd and Mary Baese

Eucharist Ministers:

Dan Stasa and Ken Schnell

Altar Servers:

Paula Rench

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Mt 1:16,18-21

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Is 50:4-7/Mk 14:1-15:47

Sponsor of the Week



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Manager

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Passion Play: Don't miss this year's Passion Play on Sunday, March 18th, beginning at 6 pm in the church. The youth have been working hard to share this presentation of the last week of Jesus' life with our parish community. This is the only performance. All are welcome!

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Holy

Eucharist: Beginning at the Easter Vigil, March 31st, we will be resuming our full schedule of ministers. Please follow your schedule as planned.



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.

Cemeteries Clean-Up: Please remove any items that you would like to keep from the Mt. Calvary and Resurrection cemeteries by **Sunday, March 25th**, weather permitting. After that date the remaining items will be removed. New decorations may be placed after Sunday, April 1st.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Jack Kulhanek, Greg Flory, Mel Austin, Joan Richardson, Patrick Borsenik, Ron Kulhanek, Tim Apsey, Debbie Meder, 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 (Willits) 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.

Spring Fling Bingo: Save the date for St. Peter's Spring Fling Bingo on Sunday, April 15th, 6-8 pm in the parish hall. More information in upcoming bulletins.

New Musical Experience "Cross & Light":

Don't miss the international, critically-acclaimed musical and video surround experience of Christ's Passion, Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. At Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Pleasant. Dates of the performances are: Friday, April 6th at 7 pm; Saturday, April 7th at 1:00 pm; Sunday, April 8th at 2 & 7 pm; Monday, April 9th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available now. For more information please call (989) 264-5029 or CrossAndLight.org/SacredHeart.html



Easter Bulletin Contest: Students Kindergarten through 5th grade are asked to create a drawing of the Easter story. Faith formation students will be given details on Sunday, March 18th. Please draw your picture on an 8 x 11 size paper portrait style. All drawings should be turned in by Monday, March 19th, to Doris or the rectory office.

Catholic Women's Fellowship: "The Dignity and Vocation of Woman", presented by Sr. Prudence Allen, RSM on Thursday, April 5th at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw from 6-8:15 pm. Freewill offering. All women from the diocese are welcome.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: In this Lenten Sunday preceding Palm Sunday we share a sense of impending doom. But we are also reminded of the necessity of death for something to bear fruit. If the seed stays on the countertop, it will never bear fruit. But once "dead" and planted in the ground, the seed produces. The paschal mystery is presented for us in a simple, agrarian, even if scientifically outdated, image.

Do we allow ourselves to die to our own desires, wants, and agenda? From today's gospel reading, it seems Jesus was not quite ready for this moment. But the arrival of the Greeks was a clarion signal that the end was near. Even for Jesus there was no fighting this eternal purpose. This was the reason he came into the world. His example of letting go serves as a model for us. We are not the masters of our own fate. We are not in ultimate control of our own destiny. The illusion that we are somehow planning our own destiny is simply that, an illusion. There are greater forces at work. We are called to discern those forces so we can recognize them when they face us. For Jesus it was the request from two Greeks. What are the signs that encourage us to let go of our own desires and submit to something greater? When we die to ourselves we will see fruit that bears eternal life.