

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

April Stewardship

Food Bank of Eastern MI
and
Saginaw Habitat for Humanity

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

March 31 and April 1
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$9,407.00
Youth: \$1.00
Total:\$9,408.00
EFT \$35.00
Total: \$9,443.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$284,400.00
Actual YTD \$280,356.87

Thank You

Debt Reduction
March \$220.00
Total for the fiscal year \$12,979.00

Stewardship: The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

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

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

Easter Flowers: Julia Mahoney in Memory of Thomas Mahoney.

This Week's Events

Sunday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 10

10:00 am Prayer Group

Wednesday, April 11

9:30 am Adult Choir
6:45 pm Worship Commission meet
6:45 pm Christian Service meet

Thursday, April 12

7:00 pm Practice for Confirmation

Saturday, April 14

8:00 am Rosary
10:00 am Confirmation
4:30 pm First Eucharist

Sunday, April 15

8:00 am Rosary

Faith Formation

Confirmation practice will be held on Thursday, April 12th, beginning at 7:00 pm in the church. All candidates and their sponsors are required to attend. Faith Formation is in need of catechists for the 2018-19 school year. No experience is needed just a willingness to help our young children to learn and grow in their faith. Please contact Doris at 845-1797 if interested.

Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Group is in full swing! Youth Group is open to all youth in grades 5-12 and their friends. Help is needed with Spring Fling Bingo Concessions on Sunday, April 15th, from 2-8 pm (any help is great!). Cardboard City will be held on Saturday, April 21st-Sunday April 22nd. Forms are available in the Gathering Area of church. The next Youth Group will be Sunday, April 29th, from 4-5:30 pm in the Youth Room. Join us for food and games! Youth Encounter Service (Y.E.S.) is for all 9th-12th graders who want to be part of a mission trip right here in Saginaw. Forms are available in the Gathering Area of the church. Keep up to date with the latest info by following the St. Peter Youth Ministry Facebook page and Instagram account or contact Katie in the Faith Formation office.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, April 8

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, April 11

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, April 12

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Friday, April 13

10:30 am Mass (Comfort Care in Chesaning)

Saturday, April 14

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Laura Moliterno

Eucharist Ministers:

Gayle Tufts, Laura Moliterno, Lindy Beckman,
Pat Walser and Lisa Coon

Altar Servers:

Helena Czeizperger

Sunday, April 15

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Greg Mahoney and Helen Gengler

Eucharist Ministers:

JoAnn Ostipow, Bernard Coonrod, Dan Stasa,
Kathy Thompson and Michelle Vrable

Altar Servers:

Keegan Kalisek

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21


Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Lk 24:35-48

Sponsor of the Week

Chesaning Family Dental, P.C.
 Dr. Jerry J. Skaryd, D.D.S.,
Parishioner
1109 W. Broad St. • (989) 845-7242

2018-19 Catholic Service Appeal (CSA): The new year of CSA has begun. We are at 48% toward our goal. Pledges already contributed are \$34,690.00. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute. If you are unable to contribute, please return your pledge card marked "zero". This counts as contributing.



Spring 5K Run/Walk: St. Peter Parish is sponsoring a 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, April 22nd starting at 10:00 am. There is no registration fee; please bring a non-perishable item for the CAER Center. For more information please text Lisa Lewis at 445-0261.

February 2018 Diaper Drive Thank You: To everyone who donated to our Diaper Drive. We received 216 adult diapers, 1 carton of gloves, 30 waterproof mats, 5 pkgs of baby wipes, 554 infant through toddler diapers and 170 sanitary pads. Monetary donations were \$140.00.



Tootsie Roll Drive Thank You: The Knights of Columbus would like to thank Fr. Bill and all the parishioners for their support at the Tootsie Roll drive.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Amy Beldyga, Dick Diffin, Mike Gross, Jim Yeager, Jane Toma, Jack Kulhanek, Greg Flory, Mel Austin, Joan Richardson, Patrick Borsenik, Ron Kulhanek, Debbie Meder, Betty Naessens, Ron Aldrich, Willburt Schneider, 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 Czeizperger, 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, 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, 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, and Jacob Albers

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



Spring Fling Bingo: The date for St. Peter's Spring Fling Bingo is Sunday, April 15th, 6-8 pm in the parish hall located at 803 Church St. Doors open at 5:30 pm. There are 20 games played with money prizes. All proceeds to the CAER Center. See you there!

League of Catholic Women: All Ladies are welcome to attend the League of Catholic Women Luncheon on Tuesday, April 17th, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 5376 State St., Saginaw. Mass will start at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow catered by Sullivan's Black Forest. Fr. Jose Maria Cabrera will speak about *Easter Through the Eyes of the Holy Land*. Please mail your check for \$10 to LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw MI 48608. Deadline for registration is April 12th. Call with any questions to LCW 752-5053 or Mary at 790-3358.

St. Michael Church Oakley: "St. Peter Parish has come forward and is seeking your input for possibly placing for sale the St. Michael Church site. The Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils considered this matter and have indicated their support to pursue sale opportunities. The Parish is in the process of obtaining an independent appraisal of the properties in question. By virtue of this announcement, we wish to inform you, the parishioners, of the potential opportunity to place, for sale, the property at St. Michael Church site in Oakley. If you have any comment or questions, you are asked to present them, in writing and signed, to Fr. Bill Gruden, the Parish Pastoral Council or the Parish Finance Council."

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: Have you ever heard news that seemed too good to be true? Perhaps the news was so good or unexpected, we needed "to see it to believe it." This is precisely Thomas's reaction on hearing the news about Jesus' resurrection. Though the disciples had been witness to the risen Lord on Easter Sunday evening, Thomas was absent, and so he functions as a disciple for all us. In a sense, we stand in the person of Thomas. We were not present that Easter Sunday evening. And perhaps, like Thomas, we reply "seeing is believing." The beatitude that Jesus speaks to Thomas is meant for each of us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The gift Jesus gives his disciples is "peace." It is not a peace that the world gives, that is, merely an absence of war. But the peace Jesus gives is a serenity in the face of life. The gift is a sense of calm knowing that Jesus is "my Lord and my God," and that there is nothing in this life that can separate him from me. The reader of this gospel recalls Jesus' prayer to the Father in the garden, about not losing a single one who has been given to Jesus. In this gospel, Jesus calls us friends. And it is a friendship that can never be broken; its hallmark is "peace."

But today we learn that God wants to surprise us with joy. He wants us to live in the life of the resurrection. Rather than be skeptics, he wants us to be joyful in the knowledge that his love is greater than even death.