Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2015

April Parish Stewardship

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan
Saginaw Habitat for Humanity
and
Southern Poverty Law

Budget amount needed for each week:
$7,600.00

April 18 and 19
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes: ......................... $7,538.00
Youth: ............................ $4.00
Total: ................................ $7,542.00
EFT: ................................. $710.00
Total: ............................... $8,252.00

Thank You

Needed Budget YTD . . . $326,800.00
Actual YTD . . . . . . . . . $302,612.76

Stewardship: Moses told the people, “The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen.” God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

World Youth Day Thank You:
Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the World Youth Day Fund at the Pancake Breakfast. We have been able to make our next payment because of all your support and generosity! We still have the Envelope Fundraiser to help with the cost of this pilgrimage! Every dollar counts. Please continue to pray for those attending and fundraising for this pilgrimage to Poland in 2016. Only 3 payments left!

Rosary Devotions: Are prayed daily from 8-9 am.

Faith Formation
There will be Sacrament Review for First Eucharist/Confirmation candidates on Sunday, May 3rd at 6 pm in the church. Parents are required to attend with their child. Confirmation practice will be held on Thursday, May 7th at 7 pm at St. Cyril, Bannister. This mandatory practice is for all Confirmation candidates, sponsors and parents. If you have any questions contact Doris at 845-1797.

Youth Ministry
Summer Youth Ministry has begun! Summer Youth Group is for all youth currently in grades 5-12 and their friends. There is NO cost and no registration. It is a time to come together for fun, food and ending in prayer. The next Youth Group is Sunday, April 26th. Youth Group is 4-5:30 pm in the Youth Room. NCYC commitment and deposit are due no later than May 1st. This biannual event is for high school youth and will be held in November in Indianapolis. Contact Katie for more info. See you Sunday!

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, April 26
8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, April 29
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, April 30
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Friday, May 1
9:00 am First Friday Mass (Bannister)

Saturday, May 2
4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:
Mike Maxa and Laura Moliterno

Eucharistic Ministers:
Mike Maxa, Laura Moliterno, Lisa Coon, Paulette Fuoss and Doris Mahoney

Altar Servers:
Helena Czeisperger and volunteer needed

Sunday, May 3
8:30 am Mass

Lectors:
Nanette Mishler and Richard Muirhead

Eucharistic Ministers:
Ken Schnell, Shirley Schnell, Beth Tomac, Penny Apsey, Mary Baese, Bernard Coonrod, Bob Corrin and Denise Ebenhoeh

Altar Servers:
Paula Rench and Ken Schnell

Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Job Opening: St. Peter Parish is seeking a Pastoral Minister. If you are a practicing Catholic with experience in Pastoral Ministry and Pastoral Formation and are interested in a full-time position (32 hrs), send your resume and two letters of recommendation to: St. Peter Parish, Search Committee, PO Box 454, Chesaning MI 48616 by Thursday, April 30th.

CSA: We are currently at 49% parish participation. If you are unable to support CSA at this time, please return your pledge card marked with a zero. This counts as participating. A letter will be sent out next month to parishioners that we have not heard from in regards to CSA. You may mail your pledge card or drop it in the collection basket at church. Thank you for your support.

May 3, 2015 Tribute to Mary, all Mothers and Family Brunch: Next Sunday you are invited to enjoy a delicious brunch followed by an inspirational program of music, a Living Rosary and Crowning of Mary. You can purchase your tickets or reserve a table for your family today in the gathering space. All proceeds will go to CAER. We’ll see you there!

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Parish Mission at St. Michael Maple Grove: “Rise and Live with Passion!” is the theme of our upcoming parish mission led by inspirational and dynamic speaker Fr. Cedric Pisegna, C.P. on May 3rd, 4th and 5th. The mission will be held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the church. All the talks will be different! This special time of grace is open to all. Fr. Cedric’s ministry includes traveling the U.S. and Canada. Along with that, he has authored nineteen books and hosts a TV program, “Live with Passion!” that airs on The Trinity Broadcasting Network and The Church Channel. For more information about Fr. Cedric, please visit his website www.frcedric.org

Catholic Grief Recovery Series: This series is for any adult who is grieving a loss due to death. An information session will be held on Thursday, April 30th from 6-7 pm. This series continues on Thursdays from 6-8 pm May 7 through June 11. The series will help individuals better understand grief, learn coping skills and develop the ability to move forward. The meeting place is Corpus Christi Parish, St. Hedwig Church, 1504 S. Kiesel St., Bay City. To register contact Linda Milco at 797-6660.

Operation Inasmuch: We will become mobilized on Saturday, May 2nd, from 8:00 am-noon at the Trinity Methodist Church in Chesaning. This is a morning event and includes lunch and child care for volunteers, starting with a commissioning service at 8:00 am. Proposed projects: home repair projects, window washing for elderly, food drive for CAER among other projects for our community. For more information or to volunteer please call Pastor Tim at Trinity UMC at 845-3157 or Chris or Jim Mishler at 845-2203.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015 Living Liturgy: In the gospel for this Sunday, Jesus proclaims that “I am the good shepherd” and “I know mine and mine know me.” To know Jesus is to be one with him, the Good Shepherd. This means that we are not only sheep who hear our Good Shepherd’s voice and come to know him, but we also are to become good shepherds ourselves. Transformed from sheep to shepherd, we take up the life our Good Shepherd has laid down. The good shepherd is concerned about, cares for, and protects the sheep even to the point of laying down the shepherd’s life. Jesus requires of us the same discipline to lay down our lives.

Shepherding, then, is serious and dangerous business! It means that we cannot run away from danger like the hired man, but we must meet danger head-on for the sake of God’s beloved. Because of our baptism, we share in the new Life of Christ; our entry into this new Life is dying to ourselves. We are strengthened to lay down our own lives. We are strengthened to lay down our lives for others when Jesus’ voice is the guiding element in our daily living. By sorting through all the diverse voices we hear each day, and hearing in some of them the voice of Jesus, we know the fold to which we belong “we are God’s children now”. Hearing Jesus’ voice, we know that “there is no salvation through anyone else”. And we willing lay down for the sake of God’s beloved. Because of our baptism, we share in the new Life of Christ; our entry into this new Life is dying to ourselves—laying down our own lives. We are strengthened to lay down our lives for others when Jesus’ voice is the guiding element in our daily living. By sorting through all the diverse voices we hear each day, and hearing in some of them the voice of Jesus, we know the fold to which we belong “we are God’s children now”. Hearing Jesus’ voice, we know that “there is no salvation through anyone else”. And we willing lay down our own lives so that others can come to the same awesome truth: a share in Easter Life, the “love the Father has bestowed on us”.

Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr.
Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, John Sims, Christina Sims, Bessie McSwany, Judy (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiels, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Virginia Lawton, Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Bill Krzicok, Franklin Bates, Henry Hantoon, Jolene Archibald, Will Lucio, Kathleen Spodney, Georgia Coon, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Johannes Vogelaar, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, Joseph Sr. and Pauline Sedlar, Constance and Edward Leneeman