

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

August Stewardship

**Sister Parish in Haiti
and
Mustard Seed Shelter**

**Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,500.00**

August 8 and 9	
Stewardship Back to the Lord	
Envelopes:	\$6,316.00
<u>Youth:</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total:	\$6,321.00
<u>EFT</u>	<u>\$70.00</u>
Total:	\$6,391.00
Budgeted YTD	\$45,000.00
Actual YTD	\$40,171.00

Thank You

Stewardship: In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

Individual Reconciliation: Please email Fr. Bill at frwjgruden@gmail.com if you would like to set up an appointment for individual reconciliation.

Bible Study with Fr. Adam Maher: There is a Bible Study on Thursday nights at 7 pm with Fr. Adam Maher. He brings Scripture to life in an entertaining way and makes you think! This Bible Study is for all youth in middle school through young adult. Don't miss out! Go to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/797760221> each time.

This Week's Events

Tuesday, August 18
10:00 am Prayer Group

The Diocese of Saginaw website is:
www.saginaw.org

Faith Formation

We hope you are enjoying the warm temps and sunny weather. Be on the lookout for mailings throughout the summer with fun activities for the kids! Doris

Youth Ministry

We hope that you are safe, healthy and enjoying the beautiful summer weather! As the COVID-19 crisis continues and schools are beginning to unveil their safe back to school plans, we want our families to know that (Faith Formation) and Youth Ministry Program(s) are beginning to work on a plan to engage and educate those who are in our programs. We are working with our catechists, parents, staff, diocese and looking at the local school districts plans as we develop a program that will not only help our young people grow in their faith but also to do it safely. We will continue to develop a program throughout these coming weeks and thank you for your patience as we navigate through this ever changing time. Katie



CAER Food Pantry: Food items being collected for the month of August are: pancake mix & syrup and peanut butter & jelly. There is a basket for your donations in the gathering area of church. Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Email Updates: If you haven't signed up for our parish email updates go to our website www.stpeterchesaning.org to sign up. Information in the email includes parish updates, resources and upcoming events. This is a valuable and important way for our parish to communicate to our parishioners.

Newspaper Trailer: Is currently closed. If possible keep saving your papers for when we open it back up.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, August 16
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, August 19
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, August 20
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Saturday, August 22
4:30 pm Mass

Lector:
Laura Moliterno
Eucharist Ministers:
Laura Moliterno and Lisa Coon

Altar Servers:
Sunday, August 23
8:30 am Mass
Lector:
Greg Mahoney

Eucharist Ministers:
Gloria & Ron Sutter
Altar Servers:

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Mt 16:13-20

Sponsor of the Week

	Beth Tomac, CPhT Owner
	Greg Jenkinson, Pharm. D Pharmacist
1115 W. Broad St., Chesaning 845-WELL (9355)	Tamara Mason, Pharm. D Pharmacist

St. Peter Prayer Group: Sharing and praying under the shade of God's beautiful trees. Such a Blessing to share our Faith. Come join us Tuesdays at 10 am. Even if the time is not convenient, you are welcome to join us on our Facebook page, St. Peter prayer group, and make your prayer requests. We are always praying for the needs of the parish and the community.

Part-time Maintenance Position: St. Peter Parish is looking for a part-time maintenance assistant. This position is to assist the Maintenance Supervisor and is approximately 8-10 hours a week. Grass cutting and snow removal are included as well as some weekend hours. If interested, send your resume to: Fr. Bill Gruden, PO Box 454, Chesaning, MI 48616. If you have any questions please call the office at 845-1794 and ask for Jean. Deadline is Monday, August 31st.



Produce-a-Plenty: Do you have more zucchinis than you have friends? Have your tomatoes taken over your garden? Bring your abundant produce to church to share. We will have a table for Produce-a-Plenty outside the church. Plastic bags will be available. Anything remaining after Sunday's mass will be donated to CAER. Give us a call if you have any questions at 845-1794.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Bernie Coonrod, Michelle Smith, The Borseniks, Gail Robinette, Peggy Zietz, Kaiya Misiuk, LaRita Ball, Marla Hungerford, Thomas A. Tithof, Bernard Henige, Darren Jacks, Trisha Ruddy, Mary Lou Borton, Jim Yeager, Mel Austin, Leo & Lucas Schulte, Thomas Beldyga, David Austin, Kimberly (Meder) Craven, Marlene Hart, Jerry Adams, Betty Franke, Frank Klasek, Tom Cassidy, Bill Young, Bill Kress, Ted Lipovsky, Bonnie Kemppainen, William J. Amman, Jane Toma, Jack Kulhanek, Greg Flory, Joan Richardson, Ron Kulhanek, Betty Naessens, Willburt Schneider, Thelma Schneider, Annie (Ebenhoeh) Dugalech, Madonna Bueche, Matt Barancik, Florence Markiewicz, Alison Andres, Geri Sholtz, Jim Pitt, Benny Sims, Carol Moore, Robert Tufts, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Rose Bonkowski, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, Bessie McSwain, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Gary J. Tanner, Nichole Horn, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry & Mary Ellen Hoover, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, and Jacob Albers

*Tyler Hodges,
Christopher Lickman,
Garrett Mishler, and Bill
Lickman Jr. (serving in the
Armed Services)*

Church Re-Opening: Here are some changes that are in place. Everyone two years and older **MUST WEAR A MASK DURING CHURCH.** Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and leaving the church. Communion will be after the final blessing. After receiving Communion, the faithful may immediately depart on their own in silence. Bishop Gruss has granted dispensation to the faithful from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass through August 30, 2020. Anyone who is older than 65 years of age with a compromised health condition and/or caring for the sick in any way should stay home. If you are feeling sick in anyway please stay home. There is more information on our website stpeterchesaning.org and St. Peter Parish Chesaning Facebook page.

Reflect, Refresh & Renew Virtual Evening

Prayer: For all Befrienders, Grief facilitators, Pastoral Visitors, Compassionate Companions and ALL who visit the sick and homebound. Please join us for a very special evening to reflect on your ministry during Covid-19 and to pray for refreshment and renewal as we move forward in these challenging times. Through the amazing technology of Virtual Meetings, we have the opportunity to gather, reflect, pray and support each other while following restrictions and safety precautions. The date and time is Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 6:30 pm. There is no fee to attend, however, registration is required to receive the link to the online meeting, handouts and materials prior to the event. Contact Lori Becker at 797-6652 or lbecker@dioceseofsaginaw.org Registration deadline is Monday, September 7th.

Live Stream of Daily and Sunday Masses:

The Diocese of Saginaw has a live stream from the Cathedral of the Assumption of Mary in Saginaw at 8 am Monday-Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 am. Go to: www.saginaw.org to view the Masses. Check this site for the latest information and to listen to Bishop Gruss's reflections.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2020: In today's gospel, a Canaanite woman comes up to Jesus and asks for his mercy, not for her but for her daughter. Now Canaanites were people displaced a millennium before the time of Jesus, when the Israelites took possession of the land. It was "easy" to look down on a Canaanite, as they were not considered part of God's chosen people. Jesus' behavior, like that of the disciples, can see a bit shocking. Jesus initially refuses to acknowledge the woman, and the disciples seek to have her dismissed. Jesus finally does speak, only to say that he was "sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Even so, the woman persists. She does not back away. Finally, Jesus relents, and with a word the woman's daughter is healed.

The resurrection gives power and new life. After the resurrection, Jesus tells his disciples to go to all nations, teaching and baptizing. The scene from today's gospel lets us know that the earthly ministry of Jesus was not characterized in that way, at least not as Matthew presents it. But now that Christ has been raised from the dead, all are welcome, and all may be disciples. No longer is God's chosen people limited to one group. Instead, by what God has done in Christ, all are chosen and called to be children of God. Let us be guided by a resurrection way of life that seeks to welcome rather than create divisions. In so doing, we will be living the paschal mystery.