

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## May 2, 2021

### May Stewardship

CAER Center  
and  
East Side Soup Kitchen

Budget amount  
needed for each week:  
**\$7,250.00**

April 24 and 25	
Stewardship Back to the Lord	
Envelopes: . . . . .	\$6,244.00
Youth: . . . . .	\$ .00
Total: . . . . .	\$6,244.00
EFT . . . . .	\$242.00
Total: . . . . .	\$6,486.00

Budgeted YTD	\$304,500.00
Actual YTD	\$292,336.96

### Thank You

**Stewardship:** The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

**CAER Food Pantry:** Items being collected for the month of May are: paper products such as: toilet paper, Kleenex and paper towels. Thank you for your continued support.

**Rosary:** The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod. Beginning Sunday, May 2nd the rosary will be prayed at 8:00 am before Sunday Mass.



### This Week's Events

**Sunday, May 2**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)

**Tuesday, May 4**  
10:00 am Prayer Group

**Saturday, May 8**  
5:30 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)

**Sunday, May 9**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)

### Faith Formation

Thank you to all of our families who took part in our program this year. Please keep our children preparing to receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1st in your prayers. May God bless them as they continue their journey of faith. Doris

### Youth Ministry

There will be no Youth Group this week! The next Youth Group will be announced soon! Katie

### High School Seniors and College Graduates:

Senior Mass will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, at the 4:30 pm Mass. Letters to high school seniors have been sent out and should arrive in mailboxes shortly. If you are recent college graduate and would like to be part of Senior Mass please email Katie at [stpeteyth@gmail.com](mailto:stpeteyth@gmail.com). RSVP's for both high school seniors and college graduates are due by Monday, May 18th. Katie

### Christ's Mission Appeal

**2020-21:** Our assessment for 2020-21 is \$82,159.31. As of April 26th, \$49,975.00 has been pledged bringing our balance to \$32,184.31 Your pledge cards may be mailed directly to the diocese and your check should be payable to Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. There is still time to make a pledge.

### LifeClinic Baby Bottle Campaign:

The Baby Bottle Campaign fundraiser benefits the life-affirming work of LifeClinic Community Resources. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

### Liturgy this Week

**Sunday, May 2**  
8:30 am Mass

**Wednesday, May 5**  
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

**Thursday, May 6**  
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

**Friday, May 7**  
8:00 am First Friday Mass (Bannister)

**Saturday, May 8**  
4:30 pm Mass (Chesaning)

**Lector:**  
*Laura Moliterno*

**Eucharist Ministers:**  
*Doris Mahoney and Laura Moliterno*

**Altar Server**  
*Mike Maxa*

**Sunday, May 9**  
8:30 am Mass (Chesaning)

**Lector:**  
*Anne Stasa*

**Eucharist Ministers:**  
*Dawn Boucher and Dan Stasa*

**Altar Server**  
*Paula Rench*

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26/Jn 15:9-17

### Sponsor of the Week

**AMMAN'S GARAGE**  
Complete One Stop Service  
423 E. Broad St  
(989) 845-3987

**Church Boiler:** The boiler system in the church has been reaching the end of life for some time now. It stopped working again last Friday. It has been repaired numerous times in recent years. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been working with Mechanical Engineers and the replacement project was put out for bid this past Monday. The work is scheduled to be completed by October. Due to the generosity of the late Kathleen Spodney, this project was made possible.



**Masks in Church:** Please continue to wear your mask when you are in the church and after Mass. Even if you have received a Covid-19 vaccine. Also, please continue to follow the 6ft social distancing space in the pews. Fr. Bill



**Save the Date!** For the St. Peter Parish 5K walk/run on Sunday, May 2nd at 10:00 am. We will meet in the church parking lot. Please bring a non-perishable item for the CAER Food Pantry.

**First Friday Mass Time Change:** First Friday Mass on Friday, May 7th at St. Cyril Parish will be at **8:00 am**. This time change is for the month of May only.

### THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

*Scott Weisenberger, Mildred Tithof, Rhonda Barron, Tony Amman, Dr. Richard Skowronski, Fr. Bill Gruden, Rita Morgan, Barb Bila, Jim Yeager, Marguerite McIntyre, Michelle Smith, Gail Robinette, Peggy Zietz, Kaiya Misiuk, LaRita Ball, Thomas A. & Paula Tithof, Bernard Henige, Trisha Ruddy, Mary Lou Borton, Leo & Lucas Schulte, David Austin, Kimberly (Meder) Craven, Marlene Hart, Jerry Adams, Betty Franke, Tom Cassidy, Bill Young, Bill Kress, Ted Lipovsky, Jane Toma, Jack Kulhanek, Greg Flory, Ron Kulhanek, Betty Naessens, Wilbur Schneider, Thelma Schneider, Madonna Bueche, Matt Barancik, Florence Markiewicz, Alison Andres, Geri Sholtz, Benny Sims, Carol Moore, Robert & Gayle Tufts, 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, Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, Bessie McSwayn, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Gary J. Tanner, Nichole Horn, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, 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)*

**Homebound Communion Visits:** Fr. Bill has given us permission to resume taking Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners. If someone in your family or neighborhood is Sick and Shut In, please contact Rosemary at 989-845-1794 to schedule a Communion visit.



**Let the Little Children Come to Me:** If you have been putting off the baptism of your children through this year of Pandemic, we would like to invite you to call in at 845-1794 and make arrangements to have your little ones baptized. (Grandparents: pass on the word). To avoid the crowds, we are currently scheduling Baptisms on Saturday evenings after the 4:30 pm Mass. While we are still concerned for social distancing and protection of our families, we must take care that our spiritual welfare not get lost amidst our fears and anxieties about our physical welfare.

**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](http://www.saginaw.org) to view the Masses. Check this site for the latest information and to listen to Bishop Gruss's reflections.

**Keep in Touch:** Are you looking for ways to stay in touch with St. Peter Parish? We have a lot of options to keep you up to date about what is happening in the parish. Besides our bulletin we have a St. Peter Parish Facebook Page; a website [www.stpeterchesaning.org](http://www.stpeterchesaning.org); MyParish App or you can sign up for a weekly email update on our website. Stay connected to your home parish anywhere in the world!

### A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

**2021:** Last week we pondered the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who tenderly cares for his sheep. This week we are given a new image in order to explore our relationship with the Lord, that of a vine and branches. Unlike a shepherd and his sheep, a vine and its branches cleave to each other in such a way that it is impossible to say where one ends and the other begins. This is the closeness Jesus desires to have with each of us—that his life giving Spirit might flow from him to us as effortlessly as the sap of a healthy vine plant flows through the veins of the branch, allowing it to produce fruit.

To remain healthy and productive the vine must be pruned by our vine grower God. Those in whom the baptismal sap rises have already been pruned by the words Jesus speaks, but we must continue to accept not only the short, sharp pain of God's snipping from our lives the small and withering infidelities, but also be willing to endure the longer agony of more drastic pruning that is sometimes necessary.

Sometimes what needs to be pruned in our lives is the parasite runner of individualism that wants to go its own way, or the sucker that feed on self-interest; both draw life away from the vine. At other times, our vine-dressing God recognizes our potential for greater fruit-bearing, and with this need for heavy pruning. After such a pruning, a vine may bear no fruit for several years, but it remains rooted and waiting, confident in the tending of the Vine Grower, until both are rewarded with a tremendous, bursting yield. When we yield such a harvest of good works, says Jesus, we give glory to the Father and are confirmed in our discipleship.