



This week we begin our 2008 Catholic Services Appeal. We benefit from the services and ministries provided by our Diocese. CSA is our way of supporting those services and ministries that educate our future priests and lay ministers, passing on our faith through faith formation, youth ministry and Catholic schools.

Our parish goal is \$250,005. This week you will receive a packet in the mail containing some information on CSA, as well as a letter from me. Please take some time to look over these materials and be ready to welcome your CSA worker. Our parish CSA workers will begin making their calls next Sunday afternoon. Your participation will help us not only meet, but exceed our goal. Remember, any amount raised above our goal is returned to the parish. Thank you for being a part of this effort.

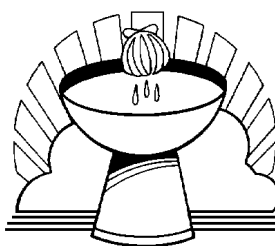
*Fr. Pete*

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.....** The Serra Club is a worldwide organization of men and women dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Serra Club of Saginaw has asked the parishes of Vicariate 11, the Midland area, to pray for vocations during the month of April. We all have a vocation—priesthood, religious life, marriage or the generous single life. Let us ask God to call forth workers for the church. May our actions encourage many to be open to that call.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

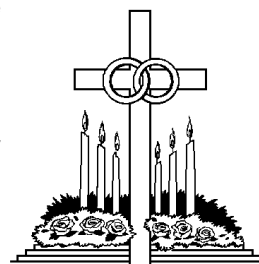
**Offerings received last week:  
\$57,209.13**

*To be good stewards, we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives to those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."  
(See John 10:12)*



**SACRAMENTS THIS PAST WEEK....**

Last Sunday, April 6, we welcomed Ashlee Lynn Bailey, daughter of Travis and Jacqueline Bailey, as the newest member of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Community. Please keep her and her parents in your prayers. Also, congratulations to Megan Charles and Brandon Manning who were married last Saturday, April 5.



Please pray for all who have died and their families. Remember especially Barb Bartos. May God welcome her to the eternal kingdom of light and peace.

**NURSING HOME MASS...**

Please join us for Mass at Brittany Manor this Wednesday, April 16 at 10:00 am. The residents and staff appreciate your gift of prayer and song.

**Readings for Apr. 13-20**

Today:  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1Pt. 2:20b-25; Jn. 10:1-10  
Monday:  
Acts 11:1-18; Jn. 10:11-18  
Tuesday:  
Acts 11:19-26; Jn. 10:22-30  
Wednesday  
Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn. 12:44-50  
Thursday:  
Acts 13:13-25; Jn. 13:16-20  
Friday:  
Acts 13:26-33; Jn. 14:1-6  
Saturday:  
Acts 13:44-52; Jn. 14:7-14  
Next Sunday:  
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt. 2:4-9; Jn. 14:1-12



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We invite you to join us in worship**

NOTE: If there is a funeral, weekday Mass is canceled.

	ASSUMPTION	BLESSED SACRAMENT	SAINT BRIGID
<b>MON, Apr. 14</b>	8:00a Scripture & Communion		6:45a Scripture & Communion
<b>TUE, Apr. 15</b>	8:00a Mass	8:30a Mass 6:30p Our Mother of Perpetual Help	6:45a Scripture & Communion 5:30p Mass
<b>WED, Apr. 16</b>	8:00a Mass	10:00a Mass at Brittany Manor 7:00p Evening Prayer	6:45a Scripture & Communion 8:30a Mass w/school 6:30p Evening Prayer
<b>THU, Apr. 17</b>	8:00a Mass	8:30p Mass w/school	6:45a Scripture & Communion 12:05p Mass
<b>FRI, Apr. 18</b>	8:00a Mass		6:45a Scripture & Communion 8:30a Mass
<b>SAT, Apr. 19</b>	4:30p Mass	8:30a Rosary 12:00p Individual Confession 5:00p Mass	9:00a Confessions
<b>SUN, Apr. 20</b>	9:30a Mass	8:30a Mass 11:00a Mass	9:00a Mass 11:30a Mass 5:30p Mass

**CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP**

**WHAT I GAVE TO GOD THIS WEEK.**

- I helped at the pool while vacationing in Florida.
- I prayed.
- I cleaned my room.
- I played with my cousins.
- My talent is hockey.
- My talent is baseball.
- I helped mama make pancakes.
- I made breakfast for the family.



**ASSUMPTION BLOOD DRIVE.....**

On April 21, the Knights of Columbus, Council 2141 will be hosting a blood drive in memory of Jim Maier. The drive will be held at the Assumption Parish Social Hall and will run from 2:00—7:00 pm. Soup, chili, juice and cookies will be served. Please call Paul J. Card at 513-3851 to make an appointment to donate.

**INVITATION FROM THE WOMEN OF ASSUMPTION.....**

The Assumption Women's group is planning a bus trip to the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village on May 1. Friends and neighbors are welcome. For more information, call Anne at 835-8716. The ladies also remind you to mark your calendar for their May 7th Tea from 11:00 am—2:00 pm.

**TIME TO FIRE UP YOUR FAITH.....**

That's right! We are looking ahead to June and the annual "Fire Up your Faith", week! This is a chance for adults of all ages to learn more about their faith in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. The dates are June 23—26, each day from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. You are able to pick one session to attend each evening. The night's events end with a social from 8:30—9:00 pm. We hope you'll come! Registration will start in mid-May. Here are the classes being offered this year:



June 23

"Divorce and Annulment in the Catholic Church" (Led by Norb Bufka) **OR**  
 "Jesus the Christ" (Led by Joan Brausch)

June 24

"The Bible: An Introduction" (Led by Fr. Jose Cabrera) **OR**  
 "The Middle Ages" (Led by Joan Brausch)

June 25

"Eucharist" (Led by Fr. Pete Gaspeny) **OR**  
 "The Global Church and Its Structure" (Led by Joan Brausch)

June 26

"The Seven Sacraments" (Led by Rich Meyette) **OR**  
 "The Middle Ages" (Led by Joan Brausch)

**GEARING UP FOR REGISTRATION.....**

Faith Formation Registration is May 3 & 4 this year after all the masses. Please join us.... Activities and balloons will be available for the kids. Coffee and donuts will be available too. This event is set for new and returning families with students age 4 through grade 12. Sign up for "Fire Up Your Faith" and for Vacation Bible School.

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**KNIGHTLY NEWS**

The next business meeting is Monday, April 14 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. All members are encouraged to attend. Agenda items will include nominations for next year's officers, calendar planning for the next few months, and other items as needed.

**MIGRANT MINISTRY ASSISTANCE.....**

Bishop Carlson writes reminding us that the migrant season is fast approaching as people will soon be arriving with their families to help gather crops and live among us. As is the tradition, the Diocese helps to organize the food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Some of the items they need are listed, as well as monetary donations which can be directed to the office of Hispanic Ministry at the Diocese. Items needed include:

FOOD:	OTHER:	CLOTHING
Pinto Beans	Rice	Baby Clothes
Spaghetti	Corn	Diapers
Green Beans	Syrup	Men's/Women's Shirts
Pancake Mix	Salt	Men's/Women's Pants
White Flour	Pepper	Men's/Women's Shoes
Shortening		Men's/Women's Socks
Cooking Oil		Women's Dresses
Baking Powder		Children's Clothing All sizes

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS**

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Midland MI, a Vatican II parish of 1800 households, invites applicants for the position of Associate Director of Faith Formation for Adults. Responsibilities include: Adult Formation programming, the Rite of Initiation for adults and children and parish library. Understanding of Vatican II and commitment to a collaborative approach to ministry is necessary. MA in Religious Education or Theology preferred. At least five years of parish experience required. Send inquires to Blessed Sacrament Parish, 3109 Swede Rd., Midland, MI 48640 Attention: Janet Martyn or e-mail janetm@blessed-midland.org by April 15.

**ECHOES OF FAITH CERTIFICATION.....**

In February, we have five Catechists that finished "Prayer and Spirituality". They will be receiving a certificate from the Diocese. They found the class delightful, educational and fun. We will be starting up another group to do, "I Believe, We Believe", in April. The group will begin April 15, 8:00—9:30 am. If you wish to join this group, call the Faith Formation office and register or email Janet Martyn at janetm@blessed-midland.org.

**ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA.....**

Father Bernie Owens, SJ will offer this workshop at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw on April 22 from 9:30am to 3:00 pm. Cost is \$50 which includes lunch. Call the Center for Ministry to register, 797-6607.

**MEN'S THEOLOGY EVENING: APRIL 16**

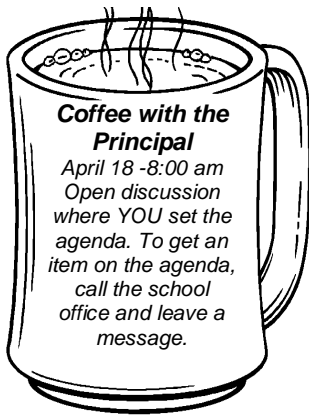
The Catholic Men's Fellowship will sponsor "Theology for Rivetheads" with Dr. Ed Hogan, Diocesan theologian and director of deacon formation. The evening's event begins at 6:30 pm at the Center for Ministry, Saginaw. The event includes Mass and a short seminar. For more information, log onto [www.thecatholicmen.net](http://www.thecatholicmen.net) or call 989-797-2255.

**DISCERNMENT OF THE SPIRITS WORKSHOP....**

Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, will offer this workshop at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. The dates are April 18 from 7:00-9:00 pm, and April 19 and 20 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cost is \$75 which includes lunch. Call the Center for Ministry to register, 797-6607.

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**SCHOOL NEWS**



**Coffee with the Principal**

April 18 -8:00 am  
Open discussion where YOU set the agenda. To get an item on the agenda, call the school office and leave a message.

**BUSSES.....** Blessed Sacrament will be in session on April 16 and 28, when MPS is not attending school. We will not have busses running on these two days.



**CHALLENGE TO READ.....** During the month of March, our children read 30—45 minutes per day. Their goal was nearly 100,000 minutes. The children went beyond their goal by thousands of minutes. Congratulations for being such great readers.

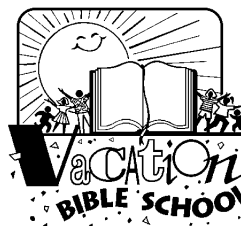
**RETIRING....** After nearly 20 years of service to Blessed Sacrament, Carol LaChapelle is retiring. Carol's contributions to Blessed Sacrament are greatly appreciated and will truly be missed. We wish her the best as she plans to spend time spoiling her grandson.



**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION**

**OPEN POSITION....** Blessed Sacrament is seeking a teacher for the 4th grade. If you are interested, please send a resume and letter of application to Michael Knoff in the school office.

**THANK YOU.....** A special thank you is extended to Ann Quinn for organizing the health fair. Thank you, as well, to all of the volunteers who helped make the day a success.



The dates for this year's Catholic Vacation Bible School is June 16-20. All three Midland Catholic parishes are joining together to make this a great adventure for children ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade. The event will be held at St. Brigid's and helpers are needed from adults to

youth. Even if you can't make those days, we can use help in preparation. For more information contact Julie Davis at 835-6777X232 or [julied@blessed-midland.org](mailto:julied@blessed-midland.org).

**JESUS EXPERIENCE DAY** for  
Confirmation / First Eucharist  
Saturday, April 19 (9:00 am—12:00 noon)  
*If you would like to help with JED, please call Julie.*

Saturday, April 26: Practice 10:00 am  
Sunday, April 27: Confirmation / First Eucharist 2:00 pm

**SCRAPBOOK CROP.....** Here is an opportunity to spend a day with others, be creative, share ideas, learn new techniques and have some great conversations. Plan on attending the Scrapbook CROP Day, sponsored by the Youth Outreach Team, on Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 am—6:00 pm. Meals and snacks are included. There will be professionals to assist you. Reserve your space now. The cost is \$25.00 before April 18 (\$5.00 more after). For more details, please call Sue Rausch at 832-9594.

**SAY Y.E.S....** Youth Encounter Service will take place June 15-20 for high school students. You can do something important this summer. Join other area Catholic high school youth to learn about and fight poverty and reach out to the poor of Saginaw. There will be time to help repair homes and become involved in direct outreach through various organizations. Evening get-togethers will offer fun, learning and new friends. Y.E.S. is sponsored by the Diocese of Saginaw. For more information call Mary Clarke 835-6777 ext. 234.

**YOUTH OUTREACH MEETING.....** There will be a Youth Outreach Team Meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Please make every effort to attend these last few meetings before our trip. We need you!

**UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY**  
April 26-27 Youth to Youth Retreat (gr. 9-12)  
May 3-4 Faith Formation Registration Weekend  
June 8 Graduation Liturgy at the 8:30 am Mass  
June 12 Cedar Point Grades 6-12  
June 15-20 Youth Encounter Service Week, Saginaw  
June 22-28 Youth Outreach Mission to Hammond, IN

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**Y2Y YOUTH RETREAT  
APRIL 26-27**

For the past seven months, the Y2Y Retreat Team has been preparing for you (9th—12th grades) to attend this weekend. It will take place at Camp Rotary.

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| 1. Witness Talks by Teens | 6. Games        |
| 2. Reconciliation         | 7. Tons of Food |
| 3. Mass                   | 8. New Friends  |
| 4. Social Time            | 9. Awesome MC's |
| 5. God Time               | 10. Free Time   |

Bring a friend! For more information, please call Mary Clarke at 835-6777 X 234

**TODAY IS THE DAY.....** All current 5th graders are invited to attend our annual "Welcome to Youth Ministry" Party at the Ice Arena. We will gather at the Midland Civic Arena from 1:30-4:00 pm. The cost is \$8.00 for skate rental, pizza and pop. Please consider joining us even if you don't skate.

**CEDAR POINT TRIP, JUNE 12.....** Attention all 6-12 graders: Permission forms have been mailed for this event and forms for your friends are available on the parish website or the Faith Formation Office. Friends of Blessed Sacrament Parish members are welcome and will also need a permission form. **Hurry: the deadline is May 12.** If you have any questions, please call Theresa Palmieri at 837-3615 or Mary Clarke at 835-6777 X 234.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**RUMMAGE SALE.....** Assumption will host a rummage sale from April 15-April 17. Proceeds go to local charities and missions.

**MUSIC MINISTER NEEDED.....** St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bay City is looking for a part time music minister. The candidate needs to be able to play both organ and piano and lead singing. Send resume to Gail Addis, IHM, 1005 Third, Bay City, MI 48708 or call 989-895-5783.

**SAVE THE DATE.....** The tenth Annual Nouvel Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, June 27 at Swan Valley Golf Club. Watch the bulletin and the Nouvel Web Site ([www.nouvel.org](http://www.nouvel.org)) for registration information. We look forward to seeing you then!

**NEW LIFE PRAYER GROUP.....** A charismatic Mass is planned on April 15 at 7:00 pm at St. Agnes' Parish, Sanford. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jim Hast. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the Mass. Please join us in worshipping the Lord!

**TIME OF REFLECTION AND JOY.....** St. Anne Church, Edenville invites you to a presentation by Sr. Sue Tracy, April 26-27. The event is FREE and begins each day at 10:30 am. Each presentation is complete unto itself, so you are welcome to attend one or both presentations.



Today:

9:40a Faith Formation

Monday:

4:15p Faith Formation

6:30p Confirmation Only

7:00p Christ Renews

7:00p Knights of Columbus

7:00p PSA Meeting

7:00p Hospitality Minister Training

8:00p Men's Basketball

Tuesday:

7:00p Bible Study

7:00p CSA Workers

Tuesday cont'd

7:00p YM Outreach

7:00p School Committee

Wednesday:

9:30a Scripture Study

9:30a Christian Parents' Group

7:00p Ensemble

8:00p Men's Basketball

Thursday:

4:00p Children's Choir

6:30p Faith & Fellowship

7:00p Library Work Night

7:00p Choir

Friday:

8:00a Coffee with the Principal

Saturday:

9:00a Jesus Experience Day

6:00p Y2Y Retreat Team

Next Sunday: CSA Sunday

9:30a Coffee and donuts

9:40a Faith Formation