

# Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016

## January Parish Stewardship

*Bread for the World,  
Pax Christi USA,  
Network  
and  
CAER Center*

Budget amount  
needed for each week:  
**\$7,300.00**

January 3  
Stewardship Back to the Lord  
Envelopes: .....\$11,854.00  
Youth:.....\$3.00  
Total: .....\$11,857.00  
EFT:.....\$175.00  
Total:.....\$12,032.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$197,100.00  
Actual YTD ..... \$195,188.33

## Thank You

**Stewardship:** Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

**Rosary Devotions:** Rosary devotions are prayed every morning from 8:00-9:00 am.

**World Youth Day Envelope Board:** We are still accepting monetary donations for the 2016 World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Poland held this summer. We are several thousand dollars short of our goal. Please prayerfully consider taking an envelope and donating to our pilgrims. Every dollar helps!

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, January 10

8:00 am Rosary  
8:30 am RCIA  
4:00 pm High School Youth Group  
5:00 pm Children's Choir  
6:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

### Wednesday, January 13

9:00 am BeFriender  
9:30 am Adult Choir  
6:45 pm Worship Commission meet

### Saturday, January 16

*Youth Group Bake Sale*  
8:00 am Rosary  
5:00 pm Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner

### Sunday, January 17

*Youth Group Bake Sale*  
8:00 am Rosary  
8:30 am RCIA  
4:00 pm High School Youth Group  
5:00 pm Children's Choir  
6:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

### Faith Formation

Classes start up on Sunday, January 10th, starting with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. The first Confirmation class for those receiving the sacrament and their parents (sponsors are welcome and encouraged to attend as well) will be on Sunday, January 17th beginning after family prayer. Please bring your completed packet with you. This is a very important for the preparation for Confirmation. Doris

### Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, January 10th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group is from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group is from 6-7:30 pm. There will be lots of information of upcoming events! There will be a March for Life meeting on Sunday, January 17th from 3-4 pm for all those attending and their parents. Important info for the trip will be given. Help is needed with the Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner on Saturday, January 16th, please contact Katie if you are available. There will also be a bake sale after Masses on January 16th & 17th. Please drop off baked goods in the church. If you have any questions or need more info regarding upcoming events please contact Katie.

## Liturgy this Week

### Sunday, January 10

*Baptism of the Lord*  
8:30 am Mass

### Wednesday, January 13

No Mass (Bannister)

### Thursday, January 14

No Mass

### Saturday, January 16

4:30 pm Mass

#### **Lectors:**

*Pat Walser and Diana Gewirtz*

#### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

*Gayle Tufis, Doris Mahoney, Helena Czeiszperger, Sarah Mahoney and Pat Walser*

#### **Altar Servers:**

*Helena Czeiszperger and volunteer needed*

### Sunday, January 17

8:30 am Mass

#### **Lectors:**

*Penny Apsey and Evonne Tithof*

#### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

*Bob Corrin, Judie Giesken, Penny Apsey, Shirley Schnell and Ken Schnell*

#### **Altar Servers:**

*Ken Schnell and Keegan Kalisek*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Jn 2:1-11

## **Sponsor of the Week**

### *Greenfelder & Greenfelder*

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**Church Christmas Decorations:** We will be removing the Christmas decorations after Mass on Sunday, January 10th. Once again your help is needed. Thank you in advance. Linda

**“Servant Ministry: Beginning with the Heart”:** With Tom Conklin and Terri Grierson on Sunday, January 30th from 9 am to 3 pm at the Diocesan Center for Ministry in Saginaw. How effective are you at making a positive impact on the people around you? Through prayer, structured activities and exercises, the day will focus on developing a greater understanding of servant ministry and what it means to a “servant heart”. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. To register call 797-6607. The deadline to register is Saturday, January 23rd.



**Save the Date! Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner:** Our wonderful Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner will be Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 5-7 pm in the St. Peter Parish Hall. This is an all you can eat dinner! The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 children ages 4-12 years; and children under three are free. See you there!

**CSA:** If you haven’t make a CSA contribution, it is still not too late. There are envelopes in the gathering area of church for your convenience.



**THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:**

*Bob Hedrich, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Tim Amman, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Eugene Sutter, Jim Meder, Val Perkins, Terry Kennelly, Joann Richardson, Mary Lou Kligar, Bradley Blakeselle, Petrina Workman, George Czeisperger, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, Irene Nietling, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Mechelle Kuchar, Vickie Daniels, Sarah (Chernow) Fischer, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joe Lane, Fran A. Gross, Joseph Klasek, Ray Tithof, Rose Bonkowski, Bertha Hart, Roger*

<i>Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr.</i>	<i>Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Ernie Newcomb, Rita Amman, Jay &amp; Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Rich &amp; LuAnn Greenfelder, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Sue Adams, Roxann Timm, Gayle Shooltz, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter,</i>
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*John Sims, Bessie McSwain, Judy (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Virginia Lawton, Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Franklin Bates, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Johannes Vogelaar, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.*

**Christmas Flowers:** *Mary Ann Devota in Memory of Joseph Devota & Mary Ann Devota family; Alphonse Bishop & family.*



**CAER Food Pantry:** Items being collected for January are: tuna & noodles, canned soup or meats. You may put your donations in the basket in the gathering area of church. Donations of any kind are always welcome.

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:** Starting Friday, January 8th from 5-8 the Knights will be having their fish fry every Friday. You may dine in or take out. The cost is \$11.00 The K of C hall is located at 9171 Deitering Rd., Chesaning.



**Newspapers:** Please bring your newspapers to our paper trailer located on 802 Lockwood St. (west side of school). It is open during normal office hours. Thank you for keep the newspapers out of the landfills.

**A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2016**

**Living Liturgy:** The people in the gospel looked to John the Baptist to be the long-awaited Messiah. It was precisely their expectation—misdirected though it was—that kept them looking for the Messiah. John redirected them from himself to the person of Jesus, the “beloved Son” of God. Our own baptism with “the Holy Spirit and fire” initiates us on a journey of discovery not only of who Jesus is, but also who we are in him. This gospel, then, teaches us something about John, Jesus, and ourselves.



Who was John the Baptist? He was set apart, prophetic, radical, clear about his message of repentance, sure about his identity as the herald of One who would be greater than he. Who is Jesus? He is the Messiah to whom John pointed, the “beloved Son” of God, the One who, because of his own prophetic, radical, and sure message, would be misunderstood, rejected, ridiculed, deserted, crucified. Who are we? We are those who, through our baptism “with the Holy Spirit and fire,” are conformed to Jesus and take up his saving mission. From his baptism by John to his crucifixion, the Messiah did not meet mere human expectations. Rather, he exceeded them with his Good News, his healing, his love. From our own baptism to our death, we also must not meet mere human expectations. Rather, we must achieve the full potential of our own graced identity as God’s own people expressed through a Gospel way of living.

We learn our mission from experiencing and encountering the Divine through others. Our Christian journey is about realizing that *we ourselves* are God’s Presence for another. We must constantly redirect our own expectations so that we keep focused on the One “mightier than I” who come to others, now, through us.