

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

December Stewardship

*Underground Railroad
and
Holy Cross Children's Service*

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,200.00

November 26 and 27 Stewardship Back to the Lord	
Envelopes:	\$7,344.00
Youth:	\$1.00
Total:	\$7,345.00
EFT:	\$65.00
Total:	\$7,410.00

Sunday Contributions YTD	\$158,000.00
Actual YTD	\$146,597.97

Thank You

Debt Reduction:

September	\$296.00
Total for the fiscal year:	\$1,081.00

October	\$780.00
Total for the fiscal year:	\$1,861.00

November	\$675.00
Total for the fiscal year:	\$2,536.00

Stewardship: We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Thank You: I would like to thank you very much for your prayers and thoughts during my recovery period. Be assured of my prayers for you. Fr. Bill

This Week's Events

- Sunday, December 4**
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
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
- Tuesday, December 6**
9:30 am BeFriender
- Wednesday, December 7**
9:30 am Adult Choir
- Saturday, December 10**
8:00 am Rosary
- Sunday, December 11**
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Faith Formation

There will be class this Sunday, December 4th, beginning with family prayer at 6 pm in the church. We are still accepting clothes and food for the CAER Center. Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, December 4th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group meets 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets 6-7:30 pm. See you there! Katie



Youth Ministry Movie

Night: Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, December 11th, from 6-7:30 pm in the Youth Room for a movie night! Ask your friends, bring a snack and enjoy a movie!

Advent Giving Tree: There are tags on the tree in the gathering area of church with suggestions for Christmas gifts for families in need. Please return your gifts with the tag attached. **Gifts should be wrapped.** Please returned the gifts by Sunday, December 18th.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, December 4
Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 7
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, December 8
Immaculate Conception
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
7:00 pm Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, December 10
4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Laura Moliterno and Mike Maxa

Eucharist Ministers:

Mike Maxa, Sarah Mahoney, Laura Moliterno, Paulette Fuoss, Ellen Martz, and Tim Martz

Altar Servers:

Helena Czeizsperger and Daniel Hodges

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Alice Dowd and Ray Gengler

Eucharist Ministers:

Kathy Stewart, Gloria Sutter, Michelle Vrable, Ron Sutter, Kathy Thompson and Penny Apsey

Altar Servers:

Keegan Kalisek and Paula Rench

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Mt 11:2-11

Sponsor of the Week

The Malt Shop
845-6696
4 pc Broasted Chicken
Dinner get 2nd dinner half-off with coupon

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Parish Info

- Easily contact our parish
 - Helpful list of parish staff
 - Connect with staff at the touch-of-a-button
- Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com
*Available on Apple and Android Phones

New Parish App: Our new St. Peter Parish app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access

event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Peter Parish and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.



Christmas Poster Contest 2016: The contest is open to all students **Kindergarten through 5th grade**. Students are to draw and color a picture of their version of what happened on Christmas on white 8 1/2" by 11" paper. (Paper should be in portrait-style orientation). Entries are due on **Monday, December 5th**. Entries can be turned in to Doris during Faith Formation or Shelly at the Rectory Office. The winning entry will appear as the worship aid or bulletin cover for Christmas. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Doris or Shelly at 845-1794.

CAER Center: Items being collected for the month of December are: hand soaps, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies. Donations of any kind are always welcome. There is a basket for your donations in the gathering area of church. Your support is greatly appreciated; especially at this time of the year.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Clare Drexler, Tim McLeod, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz,

Tina Carpenter & grandchild, Dave Fogarty, Mary Ann

Devota, Ruth Toma, Mel Austin, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce

Tithof, Dennis Kettle, Jim Smith, Jim Pitt, Reynaldo Rodriguez,

Benny Sims, Janet Scheffler, Carol Moore, Tiffany Dankert, Abby

Aldrich, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret

Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Terry Kennelly, Bradley

Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, Laurie Tufts, Brenda

Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang Franke, Albert &

Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joseph Klasek, Rose

Bonkowski, Roger Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther

Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Rita Amman,

Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis,

Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann

Timm, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter,

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, Henry Huntoon, Will

Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia

Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and

Joseph Sedlar Sr.

Joshua Mesh,
 Christopher Lickman,
 Garrett Mishler,
 and Bill Lickman Jr.
 (serving in the Armed Services)



Holiday Kid's Day: Still need to buy those last minute Christmas gifts? Wrap gifts while the kids are away? Take a nap in peace and quiet? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have the event for you!

Bring your kids to Holiday Kid's Day on Sunday, December 18th, at noon. We will have lunch, games, Christmas movies and crafts. All kids ages 3-10 are invited! Young children must be potty trained. For more information please contact Katie Eichler (stpeteyth@gmail.com or 845-1797.

If your kids will be participating there is a form on the table in the gathering area of church. Please it to return the Parish Office or RSVP on the parish app no later than Wednesday, December 14th. This is a FREE event sponsored by St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry.



Knights of Columbus Bake Sale: During the Friday, December 16th, fish fry there will be a bake sale to support the youth groups at St. Michael, St. Peter, & Mary of the Immaculate Conception. The fish fry is 5-7 pm at the K of C hall at 9171 Deitering, Chesaning. To donate baked goods call Mary Rombach at 845-2643 or Kay Gross at 989-798-2271 or Gloria Sutter at 845-6855. Thank you.

Sisters of St. Clare Thank You: Dear Fr. Bill, Rosemary and St. Peter parishioners, through your generosity of \$265.30; Jesus has come to our house today and we thank you. We want you to know that you and your intentions for your people of St. Peter's Parish are held very carefully in our hearts and prayers. Gratefully in Christ, Srs. Laura, Bernie, Laurene and Dianne.

An Excerpt from the 2014 Living Liturgy: As we move closer to the incarnation we encounter the stark, stern and riveting figure of John the Baptist. Not until Advent's fourth week will we hear of angel and virgin. This week and next John holds the stage, and aptly so because he reminds us bluntly that this season is not about preparing for the babe in the manger but for the Christ who was born amid livestock, and who live among tax collectors. John's presence reminds us that we are preparing for the coming of Jesus' whole life and ministry, not just the incarnational moment in the humble stall.

John's entrance is sudden, his voice shooting forth in the darkness before our eyes can perceive him. The words are bold and uncompromising: "Repent. . . the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Immediately his ministry is identified with the prophecy of Isaiah a daring assertion especially for one so unconventional.

John speaks of the one who will come after him not only as "mightier" but as better able to separate true wheat from chaff. He will cleanse not with water, as John does, but with the fire of the Spirit and with his "winnowing fan" he will separate the good and the useless and cast the latter into "unquenchable fire." Embedded in John's words is a call to conversion and to embrace the Lord whose ministry John's merely anticipates. Don't compromise the strength of John's tone or his stark judgment. Without genuine repentance we will lack the gravitas of wheat and be blown away with the chaff.