

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

December Stewardship

Underground Railroad
and
Holy Cross Children's Service

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

December 3 and 4
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$6,819.00
Youth:\$2.00
Total:\$6,821.00
EFT:\$175.00
Total:..... \$6,996.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$165,200.00
Actual YTD \$153,593.97

Thank You

Stewardship: Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?



Rosary: The tradition of the Church and the teaching of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church.

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.



Thank You: Music Ministry would like to thank Ray Gengler for the newest addition to our family of instruments. Ray has built a string bass for us! We are looking forward to mastering it for liturgies. You are such a master at your craft!

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
5:00 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Movie Night-Junior & High School Youth Groups

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

4:30 pm Prayer meeting in Henry Eickholt room

Saturday, December 17

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
12:00 pm Holiday Kid's Day
3:00 pm Posada in parish hall
5:00 pm Children's Choir

Faith Formation

Class will meet this Sunday, December 11th, beginning in the church at 6 pm with family prayer. Confirmation and First Eucharist dates will be given. Please remember to bring your Holiday Kid's Day form with you. Doris



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 return the gifts by Sunday, December 18th.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 14

No Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, December 15

10:00 am CNCC Mass

Saturday, December 17

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Cassidy Bucholz

Eucharist Ministers:

Katie Eichler, Gayle Tufts, Jason Eichler, Doris Mahoney, Pat Walser and Lindy Beckman

Altar Servers:

Cassidy Bucholz and volunteer

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Angie Meder and Mary Memmer

Eucharist Ministers:

Shirley Schnell, Mary Memmer, Karen Hoover, Ken Schnell, Judie Giesken and Angie Meder

Altar Servers:

Ken Schnell and volunteer

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Mt 1:18-24

Sponsor of the Week



Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Homilies

- Recent or past homilies
- Easy access at any time
- Provided by our parish or other Catholic sources

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.



St. Peter Posada: Please join us on Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 pm in the parish hall to experience the ancient tradition of Posada. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary at 845-1794.

Congratulations! To the following families who had their children baptized. They are: Quinn Thomas Kulhanek son of David & Stephanie Kulhanek, Godparents Michael Garikes and Leah Kulhanek; Zachary Steven Fulton, son of Christopher & Stacey Fulton, Godparents Bradley Maslowski and Megan Maslowski; Lawrence Marston Schulte son of Lance & Lindsey Schulte, Godparents Chad and Krysta Meyer. We promise you as your parish family all our prayer and support as you continue this journey of faith.

Cleaning Altar Linens: We need additional help with cleaning/pressing the altar linens. Please contact JoAnn Ostipow for details at 845-7198.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

- Shirley Potter, 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*

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

- Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, Bessie McSwayn, 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 &*



Holiday Kid's Day: Still need to buy those last minute Christmas gifts? Wrap gifts while the kids are away? 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 return it to 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.

Catholic Women's Fellowship: The monthly Catholic Women Fellowship meets January 4th, at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss Rd., Saginaw from 6:00-8:30 pm. The topic is: **Ongoing Journey and Conversation: Reflections on Sacred Scripture in Daily Life-Dr. Toby Long.** Meetings will continue on the first Wednesday of the month through May. For more information visit: www.womensfellowship.org

An Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017:

This gospel could well be the original "show-and-tell" time! When John the Baptist sends his disciples to inquire if Jesus is "the one who is to come," Jesus is very concrete about his response. He does not ask John and his disciples to believe only because he says so, but points to the concrete good works that he does. Jesus is a Messiah not according to their reckoning. He is not a Messiah who comes in power and glory, but one who comes with care and compassion, with mercy and forgiveness, with good news proclaimed to everyone. The Messiah's identity is revealed not as the people expected him to be, but according to God's plan for those who wish to be in "the kingdom of heaven."

Let us see John for who he really was—the humble messenger pointing to the Messiah. Let us see Jesus for who he really is—the Messiah-King whose power is in his being the self-giving, tender, merciful servant. Let us see ourselves for who we really are—God's beloved people who, when we minister as Jesus did, are even greater than John. Yes, seeing is believing—but only when we see and hear evidence of God's in-breaking. Only when our own way of living is concrete evidence that the Messiah comes, that "the kingdom of heaven" is upon us.

To be humble as was John the Baptist, we must always remember that it is not what we do, but what Christ accomplishes in and through us. We are to be Christ's messengers, pointing to his good works.