

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

December Stewardship

*Underground Railroad
and
Holy Cross Children's Service*

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

December 10 and 11
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$7,791.00
Youth:\$1.00
Total:\$7,792.00
EFT:\$150.00
Total: \$7,942.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$172,400.00
Actual YTD \$161,535.97

Thank You

Stewardship: When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!



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.

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 18

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

Tuesday, December 20

7:00 pm Individual Reconciliation (Chesaning)

Wednesday, December 21

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

Thursday, December 22

4:30 pm Prayer meeting in Henry Eickholt room

Saturday, December 24

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, December 25

8:00 am Rosary



Faith Formation

We will not meet again until Sunday, January 8th. Have a Merry Christmas with your family. Doris

Youth Ministry

Don't forget Holiday Kid's Day on Sunday, December 18th at noon in the Youth Center. We need your help! Thanks. Katie

Advent Giving Tree: Gifts should be wrapped. Please return the gifts by Sunday, December 18th. Thank you to everyone who took a tag to help our local families in need.

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, 2017. For more information visit: www.womensfellowship.org

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, December 22

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve
8:00 pm Mass

Lectors:

TBA and Richard Muirhead

Eucharist Ministers:

Gayle Tufts, Nanette Scott-Muirhead, Fr. Bill, Michelle Neumann, Lindy Beckman, Dana Bates, Katie Eichler, Jason Eichler

Altar Servers:

Volunteers needed

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day
8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Glenn Robinette and Richard Muirhead

Eucharist Ministers:

Fr. Bill, Nanette Scott-Muirhead, Bernard Coonrod, Karen Hoover, JoAnn Ostipow, TBA

Altar Servers:

Paula Rench and volunteer

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-15

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Is 62:1-5/Mt 1:1-25

Sunday: Is 52:7-10/Jn 1:1-18

Sponsor of the Week

Chesaning Chiropractic Center

CATHERINE A. TIERNEY, D.C.
989-845-3223
Parishioner

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Homilies

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

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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. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary at 845-1794.

Christmas and New Year Masses: There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area for Lectors, Eucharist Ministers and Altar Servers for the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year Eve and New Year Day Masses. Please sign up if you are available. Thank you. Angie Meder

Christmas Eve Music Prelude: There will be prelude music at the Christmas Eve Mass starting at 7:30 pm. Come and sing a joyful song unto the Lord!

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Leo Henige, Jr., 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 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 & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.



Holiday Kid's Day: 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 at stpeteyth@gmail.com or 845-1797.

This is a FREE event sponsored by St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry.



Decorating the Church: We will be decorating the church for Christmas after Sunday's Mass on December 18th. Please join us if you are able. The more the merrier! If you have any questions, please call Linda at 845-2363.

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

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses:

- Dec. 24-5:00 pm** at St. Cyril Church, Bannister
- 5:00 pm at St. Michael Church, Maple Grove
- 7:00 pm at Mary of the Immaculate Conception, St. Charles
- 8:00 pm at St. Peter Parish
- Dec. 25-8:30 am** at St. Peter Parish
- 8:30 am at St. Michael Church, Maple Grove
- 10:30 am at St. Cyril Church, Bannister
- 10:30 am at St. Mary, Albee

Box Tops for Education: We collect Box Tops for Education for our Catholic schools. There is a container in the gathering area of church for your convenience.

An Reflection of the Gospel from Living

Liturgy 2017: This gospel describes events that led to "the birth of Jesus Christ" at the time of a whole new in-breaking of God into human history. This clearly would be no ordinary son of Joseph. This Child would be different from all others. This Child, from the moment of his conception, effected immediate and dramatic change. The Virgin Mary conceived by "the Holy Spirit" and the reassured Joseph "took his wife into his home." Mary and Joseph say yes to God—and Emmanuel, "God is with us." But the immediate and dramatic change effected by the birth of Emmanuel has to do with others besides Mary and Joseph.

From the beginning, this Child was not theirs, but was of God and belonged to the whole world. Mary and Joseph typify how we ourselves give "birth" to Jesus in our own time. By opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit and cooperating with God's plan for our life, we, like Mary and Joseph, usher in a whole new in-breaking of God into human history. Truly, Emmanuel, "God is with us."

This story, which begins with the yes of Joseph and Mary, continues through history with our yes to opening ourselves to God's dwelling among us. "This is how the birth of Jesus Christ comes about": we say yes to God, even when we don't understand what God is asking of us. We give birth to Emmanuel in our homes, cities, nations. We are to be the risen Presence of Christ in our world, we are to make his Gospel known, and we are to do all that God commands us, too. This is how "God is with us." We are to give birth to Emmanuel, "God is with us."

