

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

December Stewardship

Underground Railroad
and
Holy Cross Children's Service

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,100.00

December 2 and 3
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes: \$8,740.00
Youth: \$1.00
Total: \$8,741.00
EFT \$35.00
Total: \$8,776.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$163,700.00
Actual YTD \$159,641.22

Thank You

Stewardship: John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow. The grace to become good disciples and stewards."

Rosary: The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod.

CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of December are hand soaps, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. There is a basket in the gathering area for your donations. Thank you for your continued support to help those in our community.



This Week's Events

Sunday, December 10
Advent Giving Tree
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 12
10:00 am Prayer Group
7:00 pm Taize Prayer in church
Wednesday, December 13
9:30 am Adult Choir
6:45 pm Worship Commission meet
6:45 pm Christian Service meet
Saturday, December 16
Advent Giving Tree
Youth Ministry Bake Sale
8:00 am Rosary
6:00 pm Holiday Kid's Day
Sunday, December 17
Youth Ministry Bake Sale
Advent Giving Tree
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)

Faith Formation

Join us for class on Sunday, December 10th, beginning at 6 pm with family prayer in the church. We will be sharing the Christmas story and drawing pictures for the bulletin contest!

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, December 10th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. Join us as we continue celebrating Advent! There will be food, candy canes and lots of fun. Invite a friend and we will see you there.

Youth Ministry Bake Sale: We will be having a Bake Sale after each Mass on December 17th & 18th! Please stop by and buy some yummy goodies! All proceeds go towards youth activities such as March for Life, NCYC and other opportunities throughout the year.



Liturgy this Week

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, December 13
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, December 14
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Friday, December 15
10:30 am Union Court Mass (St. Charles)
Saturday, December 16
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Jeanne Gewirtz and Richard Muirhead
Eucharist Ministers:
Jason Eichler, Katie Eichler, Doris Mahoney, Sarah Mahoney and Helena Czeizspenger
Altar Servers:
Helena Czeizspenger
Sunday, December 17
Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Greg Mahoney and Evonne Tithof
Eucharist Ministers:
Gloria Sutter, Michelle Neumann, Bernard Coonrod, Karen Hoover and Bob Corrin
Altar Servers:
Karen Hoover and Nicole Neumann

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-50, 53-54

Sponsor of the Week

STRUCK
LAWN & LANDSCAPE
Lawn Care
Landscape Design
Mark Struck-Michigan
State University
Horticulture Grad.
865-6220

CSA Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):
We have reached 78% of our CSA goal with \$54,025.00 that has been pledged. Envelopes are available in the gathering area of church if you haven't pledge yet.

Craft Bazaar Thank You: We would like to give a big Thank You to everyone who helped with the holiday craft bazaar: taking care of the contracts, raffle, serving the food, donating pop/water, setting up the hall and clean up. This would not be possible without your help. Sandy Hemker & Kris Pullman

Decorating the Church for Christmas: We will be decorating the church immediately after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, December 23rd. We could use your help! Linda.

St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry Blood Drive: Is on **Wednesday**, December 27th from 12-6 pm in the parish hall. The Youth Group will be receiving a \$10 per registrant as long as we have the minimum of 20 donors. Please call 1-866-642-5663 or visit www.miblood.org to make an appointment. Please consider helping the Youth Group while saving a life.

Christmas Bulletin Cover Contest: Children Kdg through 5th grade are invited to draw a picture of what the Christmas story means to them. It should be on 8 x 11 white paper. You may turn them in to the office or at Faith Formation by Monday, December 11th.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Willburt Schneider, Clayton Meder, Mary Memmer, Thelma Schneider, Annie (Ebenhoeh) Dugalech, Jim Smith, Ray Meder, Alison Andres, Geri Sholtz, Madonna Bueche, Matt Barancik, Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeizspenger, Leo Henige, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Jim Pitt, Benny Sims, Carol Moore, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joseph Klasek, Rose Bonkowski, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, 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., Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Jacob Albers, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.

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



Advent Giving Tree: There are tags on the tree in the gathering space of church with suggestions for Christmas gifts for families in need. Please return your gifts with the tag attached. **Gifts should be wrapped.** Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 17th. Thank you!

Taize Prayer: Christ is the Light of our lives! Please join us for an Advent Evening of meditative singing and beautiful prayer in the setting of hundreds of candles. Prayer will be Tuesday, December 12th, at 7 pm in the church. Everyone is invited!

Nouvel Catholic High School: Is having a Parent Information Night on Thursday, December 14th, with the presentation beginning at 6 pm. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about Nouvel Catholic High School. RSVP to Theresa at 791-4330 or tsova@sacschools.org



Holiday Kids Night: Still need to buy those last minute Christmas gifts? Wrap gifts while the kids are away? Have a date night? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have the event for you! Bring your kids to Holiday Kids Night on Saturday, December 16th, from 6-9 pm in the St. Peter Faith Center. We will have dinner, games, Christmas movies and crafts. All kids ages 3 (potty trained)-10 are invited for this FREE event. To RSVP or for more information email Katie at stpeteyth@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus: If there are any men who are interested in becoming a Knight please call Doug Bishop at 845-4310 or the K of C Hall at 845-7449. The new member meeting is January 7, 2018 at noon.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2017: With John the Baptist's unkempt appearance and fiery, apocalyptic preaching, he gathered crowds of those acknowledging their sins and seeking forgiveness. In the first of perhaps many theological quandaries created by the presence of John the Baptist, he proclaimed a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." The problem is created when Jesus comes forward to be baptized. Of course, for modern Christians (and even some ancient Christians) the question naturally arises, why would Jesus need to be baptized as he is without sin? Such questions seem to be beyond the scope of Mark's quick narrative. They are left for others like Luke and Matthew to address, each in his own way.

But in the Gospel of Mark, the first canonical gospel written, the reader is carried forward swiftly. John the Baptist proclaims, "One mightier than I is coming after me." This person will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. In these short verses the stage is set for Jesus.

Perhaps it is appropriate that we read these opening verses on the Second Sunday of Advent with our busy lives, shopping lists, and details to which we must attend. The gospel and especially its opening, seems to lend itself to our frenetic pace. Still there is the proclamation that something, someone, is coming mightier than our lists of things to get done. He will be baptized with the Holy Spirit and our lives will never be the same.