

Epiphany

January 4, 2015

January Parish Stewardship

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

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,600.00

Christmas 24 and 25

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes: \$7,147.00

Youth: \$8.00

Total: \$7,155.00

December 27 and 28

Envelopes: \$11,451.50

Youth: \$7.00

Total: 11,458.50

Thank You

Needed Budget YTD . . . \$205,200.00

Actual YTD \$193,430.25

Stewardship: The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of January are: tuna & noodles, canned soup or meats. You may drop off your donations in the basket in the gathering area. Donations of any kind are always welcome. Thank you for your continued support.

Holy Hour: The next Holy Hour with Bishop Joseph Cistone is Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7 pm at St. Francis de Sales Parish, St. Christopher Church, 3945 Williamson Rd, Saginaw. All are welcome.

This Week's Events

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am Rosary

11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)

Tuesday, January 6

6:30 pm Baptism Preparation Class

Saturday, January 10

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am Rosary

9:40 am Adult Choir

4:00 pm High School Youth Group

6:00 pm Faith Formation

6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group



Rosary Devotions: Are said daily from 8-9 am.

Faith Formation

The next class will be Sunday, January 11, 2015. Enjoy the Christmas Season with your family and friends. Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, January 11th. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. Bring a friend and see how you can live your faith out loud. There are several ways to keep connected and find out what is happening within Youth Ministry. Our Facebook page is St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry. We can also be found on Instagram and Twitter under stpeteyth. To receive text updates text @stpeteyth to 81010. Katie

K of C Social Night: Will be Wednesday, January 21st from 5-7 pm at the K of C hall on Dietering Rd in Chesaning. There are a variety to tasty food such as hamburgers, brats, fries, onion rings etc. available. Everyone is welcome!



Liturgy this Week

Sunday, January 4

Epiphany

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, January 7

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, January 8

10:00 am CNCC Mass

Saturday, January 10

Baptism Weekend

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Lisa Greenfelder and Ellen Martz

Eucharistic Ministers:

Gayle Tufts, Tim Martz, Ellen Martz, Lisa Greenfelder and Meredith Adelman

Altar Servers:

Claire Greenfelder and volunteer needed

Sunday, January 11

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Nanette Mishler and Richard Muirhead

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ken Schnell, Shirley Schnell, Kathy Stewart, Kathy Thompson, Beth Tomac, Michelle Vrable, Penny Apsey and Mary Baese

Altar Servers:

Ken Schnell and Keegan Kalisek

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mk 1:7-11

Sponsor of the Week



Brunch Every Sunday

9 am-1 pm

Daily Specials ~ Pizza
Catering ~ 845-4744

15952 Oakley Rd, Chesaning

CAER Center: The CAER Center needs the following items: winter clothing including gently worn winter coats, pants, jeans and flannel long sleeved shirts. There is always a need for children's clothes, baby clothing, baby blankets and other baby items. Bring your donations to CAER on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 9:30-11:30 am. Thank you!

The Catholic Women Fellowship: Meets on the first Wednesday of each month through June from 6-8:30 pm at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St. in Saginaw. Included in each session are prayer, fellowship, adoration, confession and spiritual talk. For more information, email at saginawfellowship@gmail.com or visit their website: www.womensfellowship.org



Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner: Save the date! The Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner is **Saturday, January 17th from 5:00-7:00 pm** at St. Peter Parish Hall. This is an all you eat dinner. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 children ages 4-12 years; and children three and under are free. Proceeds from the dinner will go to World Youth Day.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Jane Selleck, Sarah (Chernow) Fischer, Mark Zvonek, Jane Schneider, Wolfgang Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joe Lane, Fran A. Gross, Deb Kalisek, Eric Gengler, Sue Bucholz, Evelyn Schaft, Agnes Basovsky, Joseph Klasek, Ray Tithof, Rose Bonkowski, Derrick Knieper, Annette O'Brien, Ashley Maxa, Bertha Hart, Dennis Kettle Jr., Roger Nietling, Peter Tithof, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Steve Szukhent, Tim Brady, Fred Lane, Ernie Newcomb, Helen Snyder, Rita Amman, Robert Coughlin, Lee Calandrino, Tammy Chrysler, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Vivian & David Cook, Richard Young Jr., Nancy Dennis, Rich Greenfelder, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Jeannette Zajdlík, Diane DeVoe, Sue Adams, Roxann Timm, Kathy Brown, Gayle Shooltz, Judy Wakeman, Jim Owens, David and MaryAnn Sutter, John Sims, Christina Sims, Bessie McSwayn, Steve Rehmann, Judy (Willitts) Balderrama, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Gloria Bates, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Lavern Walser, Virginia Lawton, Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Bill Krzicok, Franklin Bates, Henry Huntoon, Jolene Archibald, Will Lucio, Kathleen Spodney, Georgia Coon, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Johannes Vogelaar, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, Joseph Sr. and Pauline Sedlar, Constance and Edward Leneeman



Thank You to all who donated to purchase Christmas Flowers: *Jeanette Schulte in Memory of Thomas Schulte; Fred & Ellie in Memory of Louisa Solis, Mary Avila; Tricia Bitterman.*

Thank You, Musicians! *A super-sized thank you goes out to the angelic choir, youth musicians, and our accompanists—Mary Stoinski and Gerry Winkler—who provided the festive music for our Christmas celebrations! It sounded fantastic! Make sure to thank them if you see them in the market place. The musicians in the **Adult Choir** are: Sandy Adams, Mark Borsenik, Patty Dankert, Jim Gengler, Jean Gewirtz, Linda Kulhanek, Betty Lane, Nanette Muirhead, Ernie & Rosemary Newcomb, Preslee Slankard, and Evonne Tithof. The **Youth Musicians** are: Emma Adelman, George Adelman, Garrett Bishop, Jordyn Bishop, Julia Bishop, Brendan Greenfelder, Claire Greenfelder, Katilyn Kalisek, and Sidnee Struck. Great job! Shelly Kenney*

Thank You from Fr. Bill: *Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I want to thank you so very much for your generous Christmas gifts. It was so kind and thoughtful of you. Most appreciative were the words many of you wrote in your cards. I am truly blessed to be pastor of two great parishes. You have nourished me beyond words. May God continue to bless us and Mary keep us in her care as we continue to grow into the Body of Christ. Prayers assured, Fr. Bill*

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2014

Living Liturgy: This gospel uncovers a number of contrasts: the magi-Gentiles from the east vs. Herod and the Jews of all Jerusalem; the light of the star that guided the magi vs. the darkness of Herod's heart; the "newborn king of the Jews" thought to be found in Jerusalem, the home of Israel's king vs. this Child being found in the small village of Bethlehem; Herod breeding evil in his heart to keep his power and status vs. the magi who paid homage and offered gifts to the Child. Searching for and finding the Christ necessitates a choice in face of contrasts: to accept or reject this new in-breaking of God. Further, there can be no encounter with Christ without a change in us.

Like the magi we, too, will find Christ if we search diligently. God also gives us a light that guides us. What leads us and prompts us to seek the divine is more that simple light, though; it is always God's power to lead us to encounter the divine. The light is Christ, the Light of the world. This divine Light always presents us with a choice: to embrace the gift of salvation, or to remain stuck in our own ways, wallowing in our own self-made darkness, brooding over our own fears of losing what we think is so precious to us. When we choose darkness we are choosing narrowness of vision, limited expectations, confined insight, restricted dreams, checked possibilities. When we encounter the light, embrace it and offer the homage of ourselves, we are choosing broad horizons, fresh anticipation, new openness, worthy ideals, unbounded options. The light changes us because it opens up for us a divine world we cannot imagine but is so attractive that we let go of self in order to allow God to fashion us in this Light that never fades. The magi followed the light, encountered the Light, offered homage to the Light. So must we.