

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

November Parish Stewardship

CAER Center,
Rescue Mission of Saginaw, and
Eastside Soup Kitchen

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,300.00

November 21 and 22
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$5,394.00
Youth:.....\$3.00
Total:\$5,397.00
EFT:\$65.00
Total:..... \$5,462.00

Thank You

Sunday Contributions YTD \$153,300.00
Actual YTD \$140,431.21

Stewardship: “Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

The League of Catholic Women

Christmas Party: Is on Tuesday, December 15th at noon at Sullivan’s Food & Spirits, 5235 Gratiot, Saginaw. The cost of the luncheon will be \$18. The money for your reservation will be due in the office before **Thursday, December 10th**. Mail your check to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw MI 48608. This year we will be filling a Christmas basket to send to a needy family. Please bring your items to the luncheon. If you are unable to attend the luncheon but would like to contribute, please call Joyce at 799-3314.

This Week's Events

Sunday, November 29

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)

Tuesday, December 1

6:30 pm Advent Tea

Wednesday, December 2

9:30 am Adult Choir
Parish Offices closed at 3 pm

Thursday, December 3

2:30 pm RCIA

Saturday, December 5

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, December 6

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group

Rosary Devotions: Rosary devotions are prayed every morning from 8:00-9:00 am.

Faith Formation

There will be class on Sunday, December 6th beginning at 6 pm with family prayer in church.

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, December 6th. High School Youth Group meet at 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meet at 6-7:30 pm.

Christmas Poster Contest 2015: It’s that time of year to get your artistic juices flowing for the Christmas Bulletin and Worship Aid Cover. Students from Kindergarten through 5th grade are asked to create a drawing of the Christmas story. Faith Formation students will receive the details on Sunday, December 6th. All other students can receive the information in the gathering area. Entries need to be turned into the Parish Rectory by **Monday, December 14th**. In the past, the children of our parish have done a fantastic job, making it hard to choose just one! If you have any questions, please contact Doris or Shelly at 845-1794.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 2

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, December 3

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Friday, December 4

9:00 am First Friday Mass (Bannister)

Saturday, December 5

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Diana Gewirtz

Eucharistic Ministers:

Gayle Tufis, Doris Mahoney, Katie Eichler, Pat Walser and Sarah Mahoney

Altar Servers:

Helena Czeisperger and Nanette Scott-Muirhead

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Alice Dowd and Evonne Tithof

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bob Corrin, Ken Schnell, Shirley Schnell, Judie Giesken and Karen Hoover

Altar Servers:

Paula Rench and Ken Schnell

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Lk 3:1-6

Sponsor of the Week

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Save the Date! 4th Annual Advent

Tea: The date is Tuesday, December 1st from 6:30-8 pm. Spend an evening in reflection to start the Advent season in the right frame-of-mind. This evening is open to all ladies from St. Peter and St. Cyril. Macaroons and petit fours will be served with various flavored teas. Feel free to invite a friend. Please RSVP to Shelly Kenney at 989-845-4292 or skenney@stpeterchesaning.org.



Blood Drive: There will be a blood drive on Thursday, December 3rd & Friday, December 4th from 12-6 pm at the Chesaning-Brady Fire Department, 1632 Brady St., Chesaning.

Appointments preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Please call 1-866-642-5663 to schedule an appointment. Remember to eat and drink before donating & bring 2 pieces of ID.

CAER Center: This Advent Season we are going to do something a little different. There will not be tags on the Advent tree asking for monetary donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please put your gift in a white envelope and place in the collection basket marked "CAER Donation". We have been informed that the CAER Center is in need of monetary donations at this time.



Mark your Calendars! There will be a Youth Ministry Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 13 from 9-11 am in the parish hall. All money raised goes towards World Youth Day 2016 in Poland.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Tim Amman, Margaret Bolinger, Tyler Hodges, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Eugene Sutter, Jim Meder, Val Perkins, Terry Kennelly, Joann Richardson, Mary Lou Kligar, Bradley Blakeselle, Petrina Workman, George Czeisperger, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, Irene Nietling, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Mechelle Kuchar, Vickie Daniels, Sarah (Chernow) Fischer, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joe Lane, Fran A. Gross, Joseph Klasek, Ray Tithof, Rose Bonkowski, Derrick Knieper, Bertha Hart, Roger Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Ernie Newcomb, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Rich Greenfelder, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Jeannette Zajdlik, Diane DeVoe, Sue Adams, Roxann Timm, Gayle Shooltz, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, John Sims, 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, Franklin Bates, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Johannes Vogelaar, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.



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.** Please make note of the change. Gifts should be returned by Monday, December 14th. Thank you!

A Holiday Gathering for the Bereaved: On Monday, December 14th at 6:30 pm at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in St. Charles. An informal gathering of support for those who have lost loved ones and are struggling with the holiday season. Pizza, beverages and snacks will be served. Cost is \$5. Please register with Joy Tanner at 865-9460 or joystmarys@yahoo.com



Christmas Cookie Sale: St. Paul's Altar Society of Owosso will be holding it's Annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 5th from noon to 7 pm and on Sunday, December 6th from 9-12:30 pm in the church basement (Howell Street entrance). Cookies, candy and bars will be sold for \$4.00 per package. Specialty plates will be available and are ready to give as a gift to your family and friends.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015

Living Liturgy: At first glance the gospel for this Sunday does not seem to be about love—or about holiness. Yet, underneath Jesus' prediction of events at the end of time, he is telling us a special story—a love story.

At first reading, it seems as though the gospel is only about tribulations and calamities and fear. Yes, right now, today, tribulations, wars, national calamities are upon us. We can cringe in fear or "stand erect" in hope. Jesus tells us not to fear what calamities might do to us, but to be "vigilant" for his coming. He comes with redemption not only in glory at the end of time, but right now, today. And here is where the love story is endlessly told—in Jesus' abiding Presence to us. We are redeemed—renewed and made whole in our relationship with God—by God's altogether new act on behalf of humankind: our "redemption is at hand." We are vigilant for Christ's coming not because our "redemption is at hand." God's love story narrated to us through the divine Son Jesus Christ is not about the kind of love we might read in romance novels, but is a holy love emanating from God's very being. Holy love is the opposite of selfish love. Holy love is possible when there is a right relationship between God and us, measured by our right relationship with each other. Holy love is the caring exchange between Person and person whose regard for the other is at the very center of the relationship. We are redeemed by God's holy love. We are "blameless in holiness" when we love as God loves us.

One sign of the Son of Man's redeeming Presence is that we are growing in love. Despite appearances to the contrary (disaster and destruction generated both by natural forces and human choices), God's plan and purpose are directed toward redemption and life. We need to read the right signs—new life in the midst of seeming destruction, the glory of the Son of Man coming into the darkness, the love of Christ growing in our hearts. We need to be attentive to holy love. The vigilance to which Jesus calls is possible when we embrace his Presences with holy love.

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