

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

December Parish Stewardship

*Underground Railroad
and
Holy Cross Children*

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

November 28 and 29

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$7,682.00
Youth:\$2.00
Total:\$7,684.00
EFT:\$260.00
Total:\$7,944.00


Thank You

Sunday Contributions YTD \$160,600.00
Actual YTD \$148,375.21

Stewardship: Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

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

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. Donations of any kind are always welcome. Thank you for your support.

 **Youth Ministry Bake Sale:** There will be a bake sale after both Masses on December 12th & 13th. All funds raised to directly towards youth activities. Thank you for supporting the youth of our parish!

This Week's Events

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

Wednesday, December 9

9:00 am BeFriender
9:30 am Adult Choir
6:45 pm Worship Committee meet

Thursday, December 10

2:30 pm RCIA Team

Saturday, December 12

Youth Ministry Bake Sale

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, December 13

*Youth Ministry Bake Sale
Retired Religious Collection*

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA
9:00 am Pancake Breakfast
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

Faith Formation

There will be class on Sunday, December 6th. We will be starting with Advent prayer in the church at 6 pm. See you there! Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, December 6th in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group meet from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meet from 6-7:30 pm Bring your friends and come enjoy some food, fun and faith! Don't forget to drop off your baked goods for the next bake sale to the church by 4:30 pm on Saturday, December 13th. If you have any questions, contact Katie.

New Extraordinary Ministers of

Holy Communion: Training with Fr. Bill and Mary Baese will be on **Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 pm at the church.** Once your training is completed, you will be on the January schedule. If you have any questions, please feel to contact Shelly Kenney at 845-1794.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, December 8

Immaculate Conception
9:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
7:00 pm Mass (Bannister)

Wednesday, December 9

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, December 10

8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, December 12

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Ellen Martz and Nanette Michler

Eucharistic Ministers:

*Ellen Martz, Tim Martz, Lindy Beckman,
Paulette Fuoss and Laura Moliterno*

Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Penny Apsey and Bernard Coonrod

Eucharistic Ministers:

*JoAnn Ostipow, Dan Stasa, Penny Apsey,
Bernard Coonrod and Kathy Stewart*

Altar Servers:

Isaac Tessman and Gavin Tessman

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/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: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 3:10-18


Sponsor of the Week



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.

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

 **Thank You:** *To everyone who helped out with the Turkey Bingo and attended. A great job was done. This fundraiser was able to bring in \$1,589.88 for the general parish fund. Many thanks again and great job everyone. See you next year! Christian Service Commission.*

Decorating the Church for Christmas: We will be decorating the church for Christmas after Mass on Sunday, December 20th. We could use your help! Please call Linda Calandrino at 845-2363 for more information



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Helen Gasser, Tim Amman, Margaret Bolinger, 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 Zajdlak, 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!

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.



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**. If you have any questions, please contact Doris or Shelly at 845-1794.

Craft Bazaar Thank You: *I would like to say Thank You to everyone who helped with this year's bazaar. From sending the contracts, setting up, serving food, working the raffle table & donations of pop & water; it couldn't be done without your help. Kris Pullman, Coordinator.*

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015

Living Liturgy: We hear the word "save" frequently in our everyday chatter, and know immediately what it means: to be rescued from a bad situation, from danger, from an unwanted outcome. This Sunday's gospel doesn't have the word "save," but instead "salvation." What does it mean to "see the salvation of God" that Isaiah the prophet foretold? In fact, what the gospel is about is not so much being saved *from* as being saved *by* and *for*.

John quite clearly tells us how we are saved: seek "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." We are to "make straight" our relationship with God and others. We sometimes don't understand nor are aware of the critical importance of repentance and forgiveness in our relationships with each other, and how critical they are for our salvation. We are saved *by* the actions of God *for* putting on "the splendor of glory from God forever."

The salvation of God is progressively revealed in repentance (our work) and forgiveness (God's work). To repent means to change one's mind, one's life; this is how we reach the fullness that is promised and our true home: by increasing our love for one another, discerning "what is of true value," and by being "filled with the fruit of righteousness". Our work of repentance is a matter of turning ourselves toward the God who embraces us in mercy and forgiveness and welcomes us home. Our work of repentance is our response to the word-invitation to "see the salvation of God." We are to hear the "word of God" and act on it. Do we? How well?