

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2015

December Parish Stewardship

Underground Railroad
and
Holy Cross Children

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

December 19 and 20 Stewardship Back to the Lord	
Envelopes:	\$7,482.00
Youth:	\$1.00
Total:	\$7,483.00
EFT:	\$150.00
Total:	\$7,633.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$182,500.00
Actual YTD \$169,554.27

Stewardship: The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?



Save the Date! Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner:

Our wonderful Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner will be Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 5-7 pm in the St. Peter Parish Hall. This is an all you can eat dinner! The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 children ages 4-12 years; and children under three are free. See you there!

Holy Hour: The next Holy Hour with Bishop Joseph R. Cistone is Tuesday, January 19th at 7 pm at St. Dominic Parish, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 4735 W. Michigan Ave., Saginaw. During this Jubilee Year, the intention of each monthly Holy Hour will be a deeper understanding and participation in the Mercy of God.

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 27

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA

Monday, December 28

Parish Offices close at noon. Will be back in the office on Monday, January 4th.

Saturday, January 2

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, January 3

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



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

Parish Offices Closed: The parish office will close at noon on Monday, December 28th. We will be back in the office on Monday, January 4th.

Faith Formation

There will be no classes until Sunday, January 10th, beginning with family prayer at 6 pm in the church. Enjoy this time off with your family. Happy New Year! Doris

Youth Ministry

There will be no Junior or High School Youth Group until Sunday, January 10th. Have a wonderful time with your family and friends.

Box Tops for Education &

Campbell Soup UPC's: We collect box tops for education & Campbell Soup UPC's for our Catholic schools. There is a container in the gathering area of church for your convenience.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, December 27

Holy Family
8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 30

No Mass

Thursday, December 31

4:30 pm Mass (Bannister)

Friday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary
9:00 am Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, January 2

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Jeanne Gewirtz and Diana Gewirtz

Eucharistic Ministers:

Gayle Tufts, Jason Eichler, Katie Eichler, Pat Walser and Lindy Beckman

Altar Servers:

Helena Czeiszperger and Nanette Scott-Muirhead

Sunday, January 3

Epiphany
Rite of Welcoming
8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Glenn Robinette and Shirley Schnell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Shirley Schnell, Ken Schnell, Mary Memmer, Michelle Neuman and JoAnn Ostipow

Altar Servers:

Paula Rench and Ken Schnell

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40


Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Mt 2:1-12

Sponsor of the Week

Chesaning Family Dental, P.C.
 Dr. Jerry J. Skaryd, D.D.S.,
Parishioner
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Baptismal Catechesis for Parents of Infants and

Young Children: It our policy that at least one of the parents be a registered member of a parish and practicing their faith. Parents are to register for the Sacrament of Baptism with Colleen at the parish office. The next preparation session is Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 11:30 am in the parish conference room.

“Servant Ministry: Beginning with the Heart”:

With Tom Conklin and Terri Grierson on Sunday, January 30th from 9 am to 3 pm at the Diocesan Center for Ministry in Saginaw. How effective are you at making a positive impact on the people around you? Through prayer, structured activities and exercises, the day will focus on developing a greater understanding of servant ministry and what it means to a “servant heart”. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. To register call 797-6607. The deadline to register is Saturday, January 23rd.

Thank You: *Thank you to everyone that helped out with the Advent Giving Tree project this year. Also, a special thanks to Consuelo Escamilla for taking over the Advent Giving Tree project. Everyone’s efforts were greatly appreciated. Your time, work and commitment helped many families to have a much more happy and joyful Christmas season. God’s blessing to each of you for your great generosity, time and talent. Colleen Ontko*



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, 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, 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, Diane DeVoe, Sue Adams, Roxann Timm, Gayle Shooltz, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, John Sims, Bessie McSwain, 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.

Thank You to those who donated toward

Christmas Flowers: *Mary Lou Kligar in Memory of Frank Kligar, Jancice, Bill, and Doug Sears, Nick Wenzlick family and John Kligar family; Gary & Janet Beldyga in Memory of John Kulhanek & family; William & Rose Gasper; Gerald & Donna Maike in Memory of Fred A. Maike and Theresa Constine Maike; Terry Birdsley in Memory of Shirley Birdsley; Harold & Thelma Schneider; Ernest & Vera Richardson in Memory of “son” Joe Richardson; David & Ann James in Memory of Londyn Solheid. This a partial list.*

Accompanying and Praying with the Sick and

Dying: On Saturday, January 16, 2016 with Fr. James Bessert at the Center of Ministry, Saginaw from 9 am to 3 pm. The cost is \$35 which includes lunch. Many lay people generously seek to be the face of Jesus to those who are sick and dying. Some bring holy Communion to the elderly and to those suffering from illnesses; other make frequent visits to hospitals and assisted living facilities. Please join Fr. Bessert for a workshop especially designed to assist all of those involved in these beautiful ministries to the sick and dying. Deadline to register is Saturday, January 9th by calling 797-6607.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015

Living Liturgy: This feast and these readings remind us that being a “holy” family is a matter of valuing the memories, and traditions that make us who we are—a holy family, a holy people.

So much tradition shapes the events in the gospel: Passover in Jerusalem, significance of being twelve years old, traveling in caravan, being in the temple, obedience to parents. A surprising interruption of tradition also shapes this event: “the boy Jesus” astounded the teachers “at his understanding and his answers.” Each family—the Holy Family, our own families—must find a way to keep worthy traditions alive while at the same time remain open to something astoundingly new. Holiness consists in finding that way. We know whether to accept something new into our family tradition when that change in tradition deepens our holiness.

The Holy family provides us the model we need. They were faithful and obedient to the traditions that formed who they were. They were also open to God’s astoundingly new in-breaking and willing to undergo the change that divine in-breaking invited for their lives. They teach us what it means to be “in our Father’s house,” where we learn our religious traditions and form the memories that make us who we are as members of the larger family of God. They teach us that we really belong to God, and everything about our living must reflect that we are most at home “in our Father’s house.” the Holy Family also teaches us to be obedient to the unknown and un-understood things to which God might be calling us. They teach us that our lives are about always growing “in wisdom and age and favor.”

Holiness is finding the way to be who we are in God’s sight: people of a tradition and people open to God’s new in-breaking.

