

Epiphany

January 3, 2016

January Parish Stewardship

Bread for the World,
Pax Christi USA,
Network
and
CAER Center

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

December 24

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$6,936.00
Youth:.....\$7.85
Total:\$6,943.85
EFT:.....\$.00
Total:.....\$.6,943.85

Sunday Contributions YTD \$182,500.00
Actual YTD \$176,498.12

December 26 and 27

Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes:\$6,507.21
Youth:.....\$1.00
Total:\$6,508.21
EFT:.....\$150.00
Total \$6,658.21

Sunday Contributions YTD \$189,800.00
Actual YTD \$183,156.33

Thank You

Stewardship: The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

This Week's Events

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA

Thursday, January 7

Parish Offices close at 3:00 pm

Saturday, January 9

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, January 10

8:00 am Rosary
8:30 am RCIA
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

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 10th, beginning with family prayer at 6 pm in church. Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, January 10th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group is from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group is from 6-7:30 pm. Stop by for faith, food and fun! We will have lots of info on upcoming events and service opportunities! Katie



CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for January are: tuna & noodles, canned soup or meats. You may put your donations in the basket in the gathering area of church. Donations of any kind are always welcome.

Holy Hour: The next Holy Hour with Bishop Joseph R. Cistone is Tuesday, January 19th from 7-8 pm at St. Dominic Parish, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 4735 W. Michigan Ave., Saginaw.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, January 3

Epiphany
Rite of Welcoming

8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, January 6

9:00 am Mass

Thursday, January 7

10:00 am CNCC Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, January 9

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Ellen Martz and Laura Moliterno

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ellen Martz, Tim Martz, Laura Moliterno, Lisa Coon and Paulette Fuoss

Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer needed

Sunday, January 10

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Anne Stasa and Kathy Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers:

Kathy Stewart, Dan Stasa, Kathy Thompson, Michelle Vrable and Angie Meder

Altar Servers:

Isaac Tessman and Gavin Tessman

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/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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.



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!



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Bob Hedrich, 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,

Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr.

Thank You to those who donated toward

Christmas Flowers: *Ruth Harris in Memory of Gerald Harris; Gerald & Joyce Starland in Memory of Peter Young.*

To My Parish Families of Ss. Peter and Cyril:

I want to thank you ever so much for your Christmas gifts. I received many cards, monetary gifts, such wonderful breads and pastries, books, gift card, and most especially words of encouragement and support. I am truly blessed to be pastor of two great and holy parishes. You have no idea how you have been so influential in my continued formation as a priest. Know that you are in my daily prayers and a major intention when I pray my daily rosary. So looking forward to our years ahead. In Christ and Mary, Fr. Bill Gruden, Pastor.



Newspapers:

Please bring your newspapers to our paper trailer located on 802 Lockwood St. (west side of school). It is open during normal office hours. Thank you for keep the newspapers out of the landfills.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2016

Living Liturgy:

In the gospel, the “magi from the east” followed the light of a star. A light of heaven that guided them. A light of revelation that manifested “the newborn king of the Jews” to Gentile wise men. A light of warning that protected this Child from harm until his time had come. Like the magi, we must follow this light to *the* Light. Like the magi, we must offer “the child” homage—the gift of our very selves become the Light of his Presence. A Light that guides, reveals, warns.

The light of the glory of God’s Presence is all around us. Unlike the magi, we don’t have to undertake an arduous journey. We need only open our eyes to see through the darkness. We need only to allow God to guide us by word, sacrament, grace. We need only to heed the warning signs of those who choose not to give God the humble homage of which God is worthy. The real challenge of this gospel is that we do not seek the light outside of ourselves, as did the magi, but within ourselves. We do not need to look up to the heavens, to observe starlight, to go on a long journey. The light that guides, reveals, and warns us is right here among us. It is within us. We are the light that shines forth the Presence of God.

The mystery we celebrate this day is that this “newborn king of the Jews” is as present to us as he was present to the magi who came to do him homage and offer him gifts. Just as this “newborn king of the Jews” manifested himself to the “magi from the east,” symbolizing the Gentiles, so does he now manifests himself to all peoples and all nations at all times. He manifests himself to us, His Light, however, does not emanate from a distance star, but from within each of us who is open to his divine Presence, open to his saving love, open to his gift of Life.