

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

January 1, 2017

January Stewardship


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

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,200.00



O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Stewardship: Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

 **Rosary:** The tradition of the Church and the teaching of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church.



This Week's Events

Sunday, January 1
8:00 am Rosary
Wednesday, January 4
9:30 am Adult Choir
Thursday, January 5
4:30 pm Prayer meeting in Henry Eickholt room
Saturday, January 7
8:00 am Rosary
Sunday, January 8
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
5:00 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group



Parish Office Closed: The parish offices will close at noon on Tuesday, January 10th for the staff Christmas party.

Faith Formation

We will not meet again until Sunday, January 8th, beginning with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. Have a Merry Christmas with your family. Doris

Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet on Sunday, January 8th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group is from 4-5:30 pm and all youth in grades 9-12 and friends are invited. Junior High Youth Group is from 6-7:30 pm and all youth in grades 6-8 and friends are welcome. See you there! Katie

CAER Center: Items being collected for the month of January are: tuna & noodles, canned soup or meats. Donations of any kind are always welcome. There is a basket for your donations in the gathering area of church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, January 4
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, January 5
8:00 am Mass
Friday, January 6
9:00 am First Friday Mass (Bannister)
Saturday, January 7
8:00 pm Mass
Lectors:
Diana Gewirtz and Ellen Martz
Eucharist Ministers:
Lisa Coon, Tim Martz, Ellen Martz, Paulette Fuoss, Doris Mahoney and Sarah Mahoney
Altar Servers:
Helena Czeiszperger and Daniel Hodges
Sunday, January 8
Epiphany
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Rosemary Newcomb and Richard Muirhead
Eucharist Ministers:
Mary Memmer, Michelle Neumann, Dan Stasa, JoAnn Ostipow, Kathy Thompson and Michelle Vrable
Altar Servers:
Keegan Kalisek and Paula Rench

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 2:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Mt 2:1-12

Sponsor of the Week





- Video of daily Mass
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to date with parish happenings.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: Starting Friday, January 6th, and every Friday from 5-8 pm there will be a fish fry at the K of C Hall located at 9171 Deitering Rd., Chesaning. You may dine in or take out. Ash Wednesday will be take out only.

Mardi Gras Chicken Dinner: Mark your calendars for a delicious chicken dinner! This year's dinner is Saturday, February 25th. This dinner will be made by the St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry Program with all proceeds going to their Student Activities account to help offset the cost of youth opportunities throughout the year.



Christmas Thank You: *We would like to thank everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It looks wonderful! We couldn't do it without you. Linda Caladrino and Co.*

Newspaper Trailer: Newspapers piling up? Bring them to the trailer located at 802 Lockwood St. (west side of school) during business hours. By collecting the newspapers they are kept out of landfills. Thank you!



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Leo Henige, Jr., Shirley Potter, Tim McLeod, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Tina Carpenter & grandchild,

Dave Fogarty, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Mel Austin, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Dennis Kettle, Jim Smith, Jim Pitt, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Benny Sims, Janet Scheffler, Carol Moore, Tiffany Dankert, Abby Aldrich, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang

Joshua Mesh, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr. (serving in the Armed Services)

Franke, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joseph Klasek, Rose Bonkowski, Roger Nietling, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Joey Kligar, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, David and Marianne Sutter, 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, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.



Thank You: *A huge thanks to all of you who participated in our Christmas Giving Project this year! Thank you especially to Consuelo Escamilla and her wonderful crew, who gave so much of their time organizing the project and distributing the gifts. Thank you to the area churches and businesses who also contributed to the project, as well as the American Legion who brought so many wonderful toys. You all have helped make a brighter and more cheerful Christmas for the children of 75 families from this community. May God reward you all for your loving generosity. The Christian Service Commission*

Holy Hour: The next Holy Hour with Bishop Joseph Cistone is Thursday, January 19th at St. Stephen Church, 1310 Malzahn St., Saginaw at 7 pm.

Box Tops for Education: We collect Box Tops for Education for our Catholic schools. There is a container in the gathering area of church for your convenience.

School Closings: When Chesaning Union schools are closed due to bad weather, the parish offices will also be closed that day. As in the past, all evening activities that day will also be canceled. This policy was put into effect this year.

An Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017:

We never quite lose our need for affirmation. This can be a destructive need or a healthy need. Both the shepherds and Mary show a need for affirmation in this gospel. A healthy need, to be sure. A need that shows their encounter with the “infant lying in the manger” makes them who they are and calls them to hear and see beyond their expectations to embracing the newness of Life.

The shepherds came to the manger, encountered the newborn infant, left the stable to make “known the message,” then “returned, glorifying and praising God.” The passage is unclear about to where they “returned.” Probably, they returned to their flocks and fields, the same shepherds yet different for all they had “heard and seen.” The shepherds show us how to be affirmed in our own encounters with Jesus the Christ and how we are to reflect on this mystery of Jesus’ birth and life. Before we can make “know the message,” we must encounter Jesus. To affirm that it is *his* message we make known, we must keep coming back to him to encounter him anew.



Mary’s need for healthy affirmation is evidenced by her taking the events surrounding the birth of her firstborn Son into her heart and reflecting on them. This mother evidences contemplative love flowing from her heart. Mary was present to her Son and present when the shepherds encountered him. Likewise, Mary is present when we encounter her Son, reflect on the Good News in our hearts, and make known the message of Life to all we meet. Mary is not only the Mother of God. She is the mother of the shepherds. She also is our mother who mothers us into contemplative love, who mothers us into the affirmation that we too can make “know the message” that the Savior of the world has come.