

Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

January Stewardship

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

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

December 24 and 25
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$9,696.00
Youth:\$1.00
Total:\$9,697.00
EFT:\$150.00
Total: \$9,847.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$186,800.00
Actual YTD \$178,773.97

December 31 and January 1
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$9,970.00
Youth:\$1.10
Total:\$9,971.10
EFT\$65.00
Total:\$10,036.10

Sunday Contributions YTD \$194,000.00
Actual YTD \$188,770.07

Stewardship: Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

This Week's Events

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

Tuesday, January 10

Parish offices close at noon

Wednesday, January 11

9:30 am Adult Choir
6:45 pm Worship Commission meet

Thursday, January 12

4:30 pm Prayer meeting in Henry Eickholt room

Saturday, January 14

8:00 am Rosary

Sunday, January 15

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



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.

Faith Formation

Classes resume this Sunday, January 8th, beginning at 6 pm with family prayer in the church. See you there! Doris

Youth Ministry

We will be starting a series on Respect Life in both Youth Groups. This series will include discussion on right to life from womb to tomb and how it affects us as Catholic Christians and our society as well. Don't miss out on this great opportunity or the fun games and prizes too! Both Youth Groups will meet on Sunday, January 8th, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group is 4-5:30 pm. All youth in grade 9-12 and their friends are invited. Junior High Youth Group is 6-7:30 pm and youth in grades 6-8 and their friends are welcome. Hope to see you there! Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, January 8

Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 am Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, January 12

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 14

4:30 pm Mass

Lectors:

Mike Maxa and Laura Moliterno

Eucharist Ministers:

Laura Moliterno, Gayle Tufts, Lisa Coon, Mike Maxa, Pat Walser and Dana Bates

Altar Servers:

Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer

Sunday, January 15

8:30 am Mass

Lectors:

Glenn Robinette and Shirley Schnell

Eucharist Ministers:

Shirley Schnell, Gloria Sutter, Karen Hoover, Ken Schnell, Ron Sutter and Penny Apsey

Altar Servers:

Ken Schnell and volunteer

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:13-16/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Sponsor of the Week

ANIMAL HEALTH CARE OF CHESANING

Tim Weisenberger, D.V.M. Small
Cindy Weisenberger, D.V.M. &
Large
Animals
989-845-6492
726 E Broad St, Chesaning

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ: Words cannot express my thankfulness to all of you for your prayers, your kind words of support and encouragement, and your generous gifts over these past months. It is truly a miracle how my health has improved considering what the neurosurgeon said after I had that fall in church. Prayers and good medical care certainly go hand in hand. I have been truly blessed with two fantastic parishes that have truly helped me grow as a priest. We've been together going on three years, and look where the Lord has brought us. The time ahead is exciting.

Also, I want to express for Fr. Ron his appreciation for your prayers and cards regarding his heart issues. He is doing extremely well. Both of us are so happy to be "back in the saddle" and doing what we love, serving the Lord by serving the People of God. Know that all of you are in the prayers of both Fr. Ron and I.



My Parish App: Have you downloaded our parish app yet? Download it for free today both Android and IOS. The app is full of information and a great way to keep up

to date with parish happenings.

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.



THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, 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, Abby Aldrich, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Geri Sholtz, Terry

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

Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Tim Apsey, Laurie Tufts, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Wolfgang 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 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, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Tom & Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Bob & Jacob Albers, Madeline Klopp, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.

Dear Parishioners of St. Peter and St. Cyril: I, Fr. Bill, have been asked by Fr. Ron Essman to express his heartfelt thanks for your prayers and cards as he underwent his heart ablation. He is coming along very well and is gradually working himself into day to day ministry. With your prayers and expert medical intervention he is well on the way to recovery. He also wants you to know that you are in his daily prayers. Fr. Ron Essman, St. Paul of Tarsus Parish, Clinton Twp, Pastor.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: Starting in January 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.

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.

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.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2017: Who is this newborn Child for whom the magi are searching, being led by a star? He is "the newborn king of the Jews." But in reality the One they seek is more: he is ruler, shepherd—the Christ. Do we ever ask, as did the magi, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" How diligently do we search? What star leads us? Whom do we find? How do we fit into this astounding story? How do we encounter the Light of the world?

The Light is a welcoming, peaceful warmth to which we surrender and are overjoyed. The Light entering the darkness makes the contrast between goodness and evil that much more magnified. Those who choose to recognize the Light are drawn to give homage and open the gifts of their hearts. Those who choose darkness enter a path of trouble and destruction. What does this Light reveal in our hearts? What part of the story do we embrace?



This feast of Epiphany celebrates the Light being manifested to all nations. This feast invites each of us to be among the seekers of the Light who do Christ homage. Our joy is found in the real surprise of the gospel message: we are "members of the same body" who are now the light that shines in the darkness. The story of the "newborn king of the Jews" being manifested to all nations is our own personal story. Our own shining forth hastens God's reign. With such grace given us, no wonder all we can do is set our hearts rightly, offer homage and gifts, and follow the Light wherever it leads.

Each fresh look at the Christmas story reminds us that all Christian living is paschal mystery living; that is, the rising (the Light) happens only when dying to self (darkness) is embraced. It ought not to surprise us, then, how much darkness accompanies these beautiful Christmas season gospels; nor should it surprise us that there is a cost in our own lives for living the gospel. We continue to choose self-giving, nevertheless, because God's star always guides us and fills us with joy as we surrender to God's will and follow the Light that has come into our midst.