

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

## January Stewardship

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


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

January 14 and 15  
Stewardship Back to the Lord  
Envelopes: .....\$5,386.00  
Youth: .....\$1.00  
Total: .....\$5,387.00  
EFT .....\$665.00  
Total: ..... \$6,052.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$208,400.00  
Actual YTD ..... \$204,146.38

## Thank You

**Stewardship:** The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

 **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 22**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
4:00 pm High School Youth Group  
5:00 pm Children's Choir  
5:30 pm March for Life meeting  
6:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group  
**Wednesday, January 25**  
9:30 am Adult Choir  
**Thursday, January 26**  
4:30 pm Prayer meeting in Henry Eickholt room  
7:00 pm Pastoral Council meet  
**Saturday, January 28**  
8:00 am Rosary  
**Sunday, January 29**  
8:00 am Rosary  
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)  
5:00 pm Children's Choir  
6:00 pm Faith Formation  
6:00 pm Junior High & High School Youth Groups

### Faith Formation

Classes will be held this Sunday, January 22nd, beginning with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. Our catechists have been working hard to share their faith and teach our young children. Please bring your children to class every week to help form their faith and teach them to share it with others. Doris

### Youth Ministry

Both Youth Groups meet this Sunday, January 22nd, in the Youth Room. High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. We will be continuing our series on Respect Life! There will also be an informational meeting for those going to the March for Life on January 22nd from 5:30-6 pm in the Youth Room. There will be a combined Youth Group Movie Night on Sunday, January 29th, from 6-7:30 pm. All youth in grades 6-12 and their friends are welcome to enjoy a movie and popcorn! See you there! Katie

## Liturgy this Week

**Sunday, January 22**  
8:30 am Mass  
**Wednesday, January 25**  
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)  
**Thursday, January 26**  
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)  
**Saturday, January 28**  
4:30 pm Mass  
**Lectors:**  
*Ellen Martz and Cassidy Bucholz*  
**Eucharist Ministers:**  
*Gayle Tufts, Doris Mahoney, Tim Martz, Ellen Martz, Helena Czeiszperger and Sarah Mahoney*  
**Altar Servers:**  
*Kassidy Bucholz and volunteer*  
**Sunday, January 29**  
8:30 am Mass  
**Lectors:**  
*Evonne Tithof and Penny Apsey*  
**Eucharist Ministers:**  
*Ken Schnell, Judie Giesken, Karen Hoover, Penny Apsey, Michelle Neumann and Shirley Schnell*  
**Altar Servers:**  
*Paula Rench and Ken Schnell*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18  
**Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** Heb 4:35-41/Mk 4:35-41  
**Sunday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

## Sponsor of the Week

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**Catholic Service Appeal 2016-17 (CSA):** There is still time to make a pledge to the 2016-17 CSA. The balance owed is \$14,937.00. There are envelopes on the table in the gathering area of church for your convenience. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.



**My Parish App:** Have you downloaded our parish app yet? Download it for free today both Android and IOS. The app is a great way to stay in touch with the parish

community! There are numerous Catholic resources on the app that can be used to help you on your faith journey. Download it today!

**Mardi Gras Chicken Dinner:** Mark your calendars for a delicious chicken dinner! This year's dinner is Saturday, February 25th from 5-6:30 pm. 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.

**Feed the Fire:** Bishop's Cistone celebrates "Feed the Fire" Masses to bring together youth from around the diocese. These Masses are planned for youth and their families and include upbeat praise and worship music. The next "Feed the Fire" is Saturday, February 4th, at 5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael Church, Maple Grove. Dinner will be provided for everyone! Exposition and Adoration with the bishop after dinner.



**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 Apsley, 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.*

**Altar Linens:** We need additional help with cleaning/pressing the altar linens. If you are interested, please contact JoAnn Ostipow at 845-7198 for more information.

**Monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship:** The next meeting is Wednesday, February 1st from 6-8:15 pm at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. The topic is: *The New Evangelization* with Peg McEvoy. For more information please visit: [www.womensfellowship.org](http://www.womensfellowship.org) The cost is a free will offering.

**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.

**Nouvel Catholic Central Schools Open Houses:** The High School open house is Monday, January 30th, with registration beginning at 6:15 pm. Program starts at 6:30 pm. The Elementary Open House is Wednesday, February 8th for all early education parents, pre-school, young five Montessori, and kindergarten there will be a program beginning at 6 pm. This is an opportunity to meet staff, learn about curriculum and extracurricular opportunities available. For more information please contact Mrs. Ann Szymanowski at 989-399-2226 or [aszzymanowski@sacschools.org](mailto:aszzymanowski@sacschools.org)

**9 Days for Life 2017:** Is the U.S. bishops' annual period of *prayer and action* focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life beginning Saturday, January 21st. While the overarching intention of the centerpiece novena is the end to abortion, each day focuses on a different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity. For more information go to: [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

**A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017:** This gospel passage tells of a turning point in Jesus' life, a turning point that lasts far longer than one day. "From that time on . . . the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "From that time on" the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy that "light has arisen" to dispel darkness is coming to completion.

As Jesus begins his public ministry, Jesus calls followers by issuing the command to "Come after me." The gospel suggests that following Jesus is our way to walk in the light which reveals the kingdom of heaven at hand. The kingdom of heaven is neither earthly realm nor distant place. The kingdom of heaven is present in our response to Jesus. It is our willing obedience to hear him call us, to leave everything, to follow him without counting the cost. The "kingdom of heaven is at hand" when we turn from darkness and not only walk in the Light, but become that light ourselves. The "kingdom of heaven is at hand" when we are bearers of Jesus' call, proclaimers of his Good News, healers of ills, guardians of God's truth, builders of virtue, fishers of people, teachers of mercy and forgiveness, prophets of new life.

We must be able to see the Light who is our Savior before we can be light for others. To see and embrace the Light is already following Jesus. By changing the behaviors that bring darkness, we are able to focus on the Light that then shines brightly enough for us to follow—becoming the light ourselves.