

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

January Stewardship

Bread for the World,
Right to Life of Michigan,
Network,
and
CAER Center

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,100.00

December 30 and 31
Stewardship Back to the Lord
Envelopes:\$7,647.00
Youth:\$2.00
Total:\$7,649.00
EFT\$35.00
Total:\$7,684.00

Sunday Contributions YTD \$192,100.00
Actual YTD\$191,985.22

Thank You

Stewardship: The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

Rosary: The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod.

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



Christmas Flowers Donation:
Al & Vera Hundt in Memory of
Charlotte & Charlie Markell and
Louie & Ethel Hundt.

This Week's Events

Sunday, January 7
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group
Tuesday, January 9
10:00 am Prayer Group
Wednesday, January 10
9:30 am Adult Choir
6:45 pm Christian Service & Worship
Commission meet
Saturday, January 13
8:00 am Rosary
Sunday, January 14
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation
(Bannister)
4:00 pm High School Youth Group
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Junior High Youth Group



Faith Formation

Classes resume this Sunday, January 7th, beginning with family prayer in the church at 6 pm. Come celebrate the 12 days of Christmas with us! Doris

Youth Ministry

Youth Group resumes on Sunday, January 7th! High School Youth Group meets from 4-5:30 pm and Junior High Youth Group meets from 6-7:30 pm. Start your new year off looking back, looking forward and looking for Jesus! Bring a friend or two. There will also be a March for Life Informational Meeting for all those going on the march this year (and their parents) on Sunday, January 14th, from 5:30-6 pm in the Youth Room. See you there! Katie

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, January 7
The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, January 10
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, January 11
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Saturday, January 13
4:30 pm Mass
Lectors:
Jean Gewirtz and Mike Maxa
Eucharist Ministers:
Gayle Tufts and Lisa Coon
Altar Servers:
Mike Maxa
Sunday, January 14
8:30 am Mass
Lectors:
Rosemary Newcomb and Greg Mahoney
Eucharist Ministers:
Gloria Sutter and Dawn Boucher
Altar Servers:
Ron Sutter

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Jn 1:35-42

Knights of Columbus: If there are any men who are interested in becoming a Knight please call Doug Bishop at 845-4310 or the K of C Hall at 845-7449. The new member meeting is January 7, 2018 at noon.

Sponsor of the Week

**ANIMAL HEALTH CARE
OF CHESANING**
Tim Weisenberger, D.V.M.
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Small
&
Large
Animals

Advent Giving Tree: St. Peter Parish and Trinity Methodist Church helped 60 families with our Advent Giving Tree. Thank you to everyone who took a tag and Conseuelo Escamilla and the Christian Service members for your commitment to this project.

Thank You: The family of Carl Birchmeier Sr. would like to thank Father Bill, Shelly and the musicians who made the funeral Mass for our father so meaningful and comforting to our family. We appreciated the hard work of Anna Wells and the funeral workers who organized and worked at the luncheon, and everyone in the parish who donated food. The memories of the thoughtfulness and kindness of St. Peter Parish family will always remain with us. The Birchmeier family.

Pastoral Care 101 Workshop: This workshop is offered by the Diocesan Office of Christian Service for those who visit the sick and homebound or those who would like to learn more. The course includes basic skills and training in the following areas: elements of the visit/prayer, Rite of Distribution of Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, communication skills, healthy boundaries, spiritual care and faith and suffering. The class is Wednesday, January 31st from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Christ the Good Shepard Parish (St. Helen Church, Saginaw). Registration fee is \$15 which includes lunch and materials. To register please contact Maria Cross at 797-6646 or mcross@dioceseofsaginaw.org. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, January 24th.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Bill Kress, Betty Naessens, Ron Aldrich, Willburt Schneider, Clayton Meder, Mary Memmer, Thelma Schneider, Annie (Ebenhoeh) Dugalech, Jim Smith, Ray Meder, Alison Andres, Geri Sholtz, Madonna Bueche, Matt Barancik, Florence Coleman, Ed Foy, Florence Markiewicz, Linda Vincent, Stephanie Czeiszperger, Leo Henige, Deb Martin, Arnold Schultz, Mary Ann Devota, Ruth Toma, Jerry & Mary Tanner, Joyce Tithof, Jim Pitt, Benny Sims, Carol Moore, Robert Tufts, Charles Guziak, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Terry Kennelly, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Joseph Klasek, Rose Bonkowski, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Fred Lane, Rita Amman, Jay & Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, 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., Gary J. Tanner, Mel Gross, Nichole Horn, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry Hoover, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, Jacob Albers, and Joseph Sedlar Sr.

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

Lector Formation Gathering: On Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 10:00 am until noon, we will have a Lector enrichment workshop at St. Peter Church. Joan Brausch from Blessed Sacrament Church in Midland will be our facilitator. She is very knowledgeable in the area of Liturgy and has obtained her degrees in Theology and Scripture from what was then St. John's Regional Seminary in Plymouth, Mich. She will talk us through the ministry of being a Lector and help us hone our skills in proclaiming the Word of God. I do expect all of us who proclaim the Word to the People of God to attend this workshop. Anyone who is interested in possibly being a lector is welcome to attend. Fr. Bill Gruden, Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I want to thank you ever so much for your kindness to me with your many gifts given to me over the Christmas/New Year holidays. I am very humbled and thankful for the find words many of you expressed in your cards. It is a honor, privilege, and a blessing to be part of two great faith communities as your pastor. Know that you are in my daily prayers and remembered at each of the Masses we celebrate as a faith community. Quoting St. Paul: May God bring to completion, the good work he has begun in us. Prayers assured, Fr. Bill Gruden, Pastor

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: Matthew's story of the magi serves as a preview of what is to come as his gospel narrative unfolds. First, the reactions of the various parties to the birth of Jesus mirror the effects Jesus' teaching will have on those who hear it. Herod is threatened by the Jesus of the poor who comes to overturn the powerful and rich. The chief priests and scribes greet with haughty indifference the news of the birth of the Jesus who comes to give new life and meaning to their rituals and laws. But the magi—nonbelievers in the eyes of Israel—possess the humility of faith and the openness of mind and heart to seek and welcome the Jesus who will establish the second covenant between God and the new Israel.

Second, the gift of the astrologers indicate the principal dimensions of Jesus' life and mission: *Gold* is a gift fitting for a king, a ruler, one with power and authority; gold was a symbol of divinity. This Child comes to transform our perspective of wealth to treasure again the things of God—compassion, forgiveness and peace are the coin of the realm of the newborn King. *Frankincense* the hardened resin of the plant was used as a medicine for many ailments: to stop bleeding, to heal wounds, a salve for bruises. This Child comes to restore and heal not just the physical ailments of those he will encounter in his gospel journey, but to heal us of our fears and doubts, to bridge the chasms that separate us from one another and from God. *Myrrh* was an expensive extract from the resin of the myrrh tree. It, too, was used as medicine but, more significantly, is was used in embalming the dead. Only royalty and the very wealthy were embalmed. This Child comes to recreate us in the life of God: his death will be the defeat of death, his cross will be his—and our—glory. The three gifts of the magi are a gospel in themselves. They honor the Child who is himself a gift from God whose love is beyond our comprehension, whose goodness knows neither limit or condition.