

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

January Stewardship

Rehmann Health Center
and
CAER

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,250.00

January 2 and 3 Stewardship Back to the Lord	
Envelopes:	\$8,123.00
Youth:	\$1.00
Total:	\$8,124.00
EFT	\$400.00
Total:	\$8,524.00

Budgeted YTD	\$188,500.00
Actual YTD	\$179,525.00

Thank You

Stewardship: Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them “to offer up the world and all that is in it especially themselves to the Lord of all.”

Rosary: The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:00 am in the church led by Bernie Coonrod. Please note: there will be NO rosary before Sunday Mass.

CAER Center: There are been some social media posts recently stating that St. Peter Parish is accepting clothes while the CAER Center is closed. We wanted to clarify that we are NOT accepting clothes. Thanks!

This Week's Events

Tuesday, January 12
10:00 am Prayer Group
Thursday, January 14
6:45 pm Christian Service Commission meet (virtual)

Faith Formation

We miss all of our faith formation families! We would love to see all of you as you are going through your at home lessons. Please post pictures to our Facebook Group so that we can see what you are up to! Thank you for all you are doing at home to ensure our young church continue to grow in their faith. Doris

Youth Ministry

We miss you! Even though we are not currently meeting in person we are still meeting virtually on Sunday evenings at 6 pm. Join our Google Meet (link in our Google Classroom, Class Code: 37gn3di) as we explore our faith, pray and spend time together. All 6th-12th graders and their friends are always welcome! Look to our Google Classroom for ways to live our faith and lessons if you are unable to meet on Sunday evenings. Katie

“Witness to Life” 9 Days of Reflection on the Dignity of the

Human Person: 9 Days of Life will launch the “Witness to Life” 9 Days of Reflection on the Dignity of the Human Person on Thursday, January 21st at 7 pm at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption. The 9 Days of Reflection will continue daily with prayers, novena, rosaries, stations of the cross and more. **March for Life** rally and march will be held on Friday, January 22nd beginning at 9 am at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, which will conclude with the Mass for the Legal Protection of the Unborn at 11 am. The “Witness to Life: 9 Days of Reflection on the Dignity of the Human Person will conclude with a special Mass at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption on Friday, January 29th at 6:30 pm. All events held at the Cathedral will be live streamed due to limited seating. See details on the website www.saginaw.org/witness-to-life.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, January 10
Baptism of the Lord
8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, January 13
No Mass (Bannister)

Thursday, January 14
No Mass (Chesaning)

Saturday, January 16
4:30 pm Mass (Chesaning)

Lector:

Mike Maxa

Eucharist Ministers:

Mike Maxa and Lindy Beckman

Sunday, January 17
8:30 am Mass (Chesaning)

Lector:

Anne Stasa

Eucharist Ministers:

Dan Stasa and Karen Hoover

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
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 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Jn 1:35-42

Sponsor of the Week

Line Street
Family Dentistry
Jeannine Hopfensperger, D.D.S.
Carrie Ehinger, D.D.S.
Office Hours By Appointment 989-845-7655
371 S. Line St., Ches

Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend: Get your new year off to a great start! Enrich your marriage and your faith by attending a weekend from the comfort of your own home January 29-31 or Feb. 12-14, 2021. Apply today at wwme.org For questions or more information, contact Chris & Darla Vinton at (269) 953-8287.



Masks in Church: Please continue to wear your mask when you are in the church and after Mass. Masks should cover both your nose and mouth. Fr. Bill



Christ's Mission Appeal 2020-21: Our assessment for 2020-21 is \$82,159.31. As of December 16th, \$33,945.00 has been pledged bringing our balance to \$48,214.31 Your pledge cards may be mailed directly to the diocese and your check should be payable to Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to this appeal.

Live Stream of Daily and Sunday Masses:

The Diocese of Saginaw has a live stream from the Cathedral of the Assumption of Mary in Saginaw at 8 am Monday-Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 am. Go to: www.saginaw.org to view the Masses. Check this site for the latest information and to listen to Bishop Gruss's reflections.

Christmas Flowers: Sally & Mark Borsenik.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Fr. Bill Gruden, Rita Morgan, Barb Bila, Levi Ostrom, James P. Young, Jim Yeager, Marguerite McIntyre, Michelle Smith, The Borseniks, Gail Robinette, Peggy Zietz, Kaiya Misiuk, LaRita Ball, Thomas A. & Paula Tithof, Bernard Henige, Trisha Ruddy, Mary Lou Borton, Mel Austin, Leo & Lucas Schulte, Thomas Beldyga, David Austin, Kimberly (Meder) Craven, Marlene Hart, Jerry Adams, Betty Franke, Tom Cassidy, Bill Young, Bill Kress, Ted Lipovsky, William J. Amman, Jane Toma, Jack Kulhanek, Greg Flory, Ron Kulhanek, Betty Naessens, Wilbur Schneider, Thelma Schneider, Madonna Bueche, Matt Barancik, Florence Markiewicz, Alison Andres, Geri Sholtz, Jim Pitt, Benny Sims, Carol Moore, Robert & Gayle Tufts, Helen Gasser, Margaret Bolinger, Matt Coughlin, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Albert & Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Rose Bonkowski, Jim Fusina, Esther Lickman, Brady Carroll, Rita Amman, Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, Bessie McSwayn, Melanie Thiel, Brian Clark, Jeannette Somers, Kim Bruder, Gary Cech, Edward List Sr., Gary J. Tanner, Nichole Horn, Henry Huntoon, Will Lucio, Al Hundt, Ruth Vrable, Jerry & Mary Ellen Hoover, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, and Jacob Albers

“I Heard God Laugh”: If you have not picked up your copy of “I Heard God Laugh” yet, they are available at the exits of the church. If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to read it, please feel free to take one for them. This is our Christmas gift to all of the parishioners.

Reaching out to the Homebound: The Christian Service Commission and Our Compassionate Companion Outreach Groups are looking for a way to reach out to people who are homebound due to the Virus or for any other reason. If you know of someone who may like to be contacted by letter/card or phone call, with their permission, please let Rosemary know the contact information. Additionally, if you would like to participate in the outreach, also contact Rosemary at 845-1794.

Evangelus: St. Peter Parish will be using a new software program for email updates as well as groups. These parish groups will be another way to communicate, share our faith and spend time together digitally. Look for more information soon!

Bible Study with Fr. Adam Maher: There is a Bible Study on Thursday nights at 7 pm with Fr. Adam Maher. He brings Scripture to life in an entertaining way and makes you think! This Bible Study is for all youth in middle school through young adult. Don't miss out! Go to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/797760221> each time.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2021:

John the Baptist is part of the stirring excitement of a new beginning of the Good News that Mark announces in the first verse of his gospel. He is the precursor, the one going before Jesus to prepare his way.

Although he is without sin (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), Jesus puts himself in solidarity with the crowd and with sinful humanity. He bares his human body and at this, his first public appearance, chooses to go down into the waters of the Jordan to be baptized by John as a representative of our collective guilt. As he rises up, the heavens are torn open, and the action of God is manifested in the descent of the Spirit “like a dove” and the voice addresses Jesus as “my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” In the person of Jesus, this is the beginning of a new age, a new relationship of earth and heaven, of the whole of creation and our human condition.

The word spoken by the Father at the baptism of Jesus is addressed to Jesus, not the Baptist or the crowd. In the humble setting of the Jordan River, a humble man from a humble Galilean village is baptized by the humble precursor and proclaimed by God as one with royal dignity.

Throughout Mark's gospel, those who follow Jesus will struggle to understand and accept the implications of accepting one who is Son and Beloved, to understand what is revealed to Jesus as he rises from the waters: that humanity, despite its sinfulness, is loved with the prodigal love of God. We are caught up in this same struggle of faith. Baptism demanded everything of Jesus—as it does of us.