The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

January Stewardship

Rehmann Health Center and CAER

Budget amount needed for each week:
$7,250.00

December 24 and 25
Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes: . .	$7,523.00
Youth:	$.00
Total:	$7,523.00
EFT	.00
Total:	$7,523.00
Budgeted YTD	$181,250.00
Actual YTD	$190,781.00

December 26
Stewardship Back to the Lord

Envelopes: . .	$2,631.00
Youth:	$.00
Total:	$2,631.00
EFT	70.00
Total:	$7,201.00
Budgeted YTD	$188,500.00
Actual YTD	$197,982.00

Thank You

Stewardship: The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their riches gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will *I* go and what will *I* offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

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

This Week's Events

Sunday, January 2
8:00 am Rosary
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
Tuesday, January 4
10:00 am Prayer Service
Wednesday, January 5
12:00 pm Staff Christmas Party
4:00 pm Yoga
Sunday, January 9
11:30 am Individual Reconciliation (Bannister)
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Youth Ministry

Faith Formation

Happy 2022! We hope our faith formation families are still celebrating Christmas and the birth of Christ! We will have our first in person meeting on January 9th beginning at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you then! Doris

Youth Ministry

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Our January youth ministry schedule is Sunday, January 9th (in the parish hall), 23rd & 30th (both in the youth room). All meetings are 6-7:30 pm and all youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join! Katie

Disaster Relief for the Diocese of Owenboro, KY: As we are all aware, more than 30 tornadoes have been reported spanning more than 200 miles from Arkansas to Kentucky. It appears that most of the devastation is concentrated throughout the Diocese of Owensboro. In this time of Advent HOPE, please consider a financial support to the Diocese of Owensboro. You may put your donations in an envelope marked "Owensboro KY". We will be collecting your donations until Sunday, January 9, 2022. Please make your check payable to St. Peter with 'Owensboro" in the memo line. Thank you.

CAER Food Pantry: Items needed for the month of January are: tuna & noodles, canned soup or meats. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Parish Office Closed: The parish office will close at noon on Wed. January 5th so the staff can celebrate Christmas together.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, January 2
The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, January 5
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, January 6
8:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
Friday, January 7
9:00 am First Friday Mass (Bannister)
Saturday, January 8
4:30 pm Mass
Lector:
Laura Moliterno
Eucharist Ministers:
Lisa Coon and Gloria Sutter
Altar Server:
Ron Sutter
Sunday, January 9
The Baptism of the Lord
8:30 am
Lector:
Greg Mahoney
Eucharist Ministers:
Dawn Boucher and Dan Stasa
Altar Server:
Angie Meder

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10-/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Sponsor of the Week

ACE
The helpful place.
207 W. Broad St.
845-2030 Parishioner

Christ's Mission Appeal 2021-22:

Our assessment amount for St. Peter is: $80,878. As of 12-15-21 $40,743.81 has been pledged. Our balance is $40,134.19 which is almost half! Please make your check payable to the Diocese of Saginaw. Prayerfully consider your contribution to this appeal. There is a display in the gathering area of church with information about the Christ's Mission Appeal.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I want to thank you every so much for your Christmas cards and gifts, but especially your prayers. The later means so much to me. All of you have been a blessing in my life and a privilege to be your pastor. You have enriched my vocation in more ways that I can tell you. In the remaining months we have together we shall continue to honor and praise the God of our life who blesses us in so many ways.
In Christ and Mary,
Fr. Bill Gruden
Pastor

Upcoming Events: Bible study resumes on Wednesday, January 12th at 2:00 pm. We are also starting Cornhole games in the parish hall on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30 pm and recurring every third Tuesday of the month.

Taking Down the Christmas Decorations: We are once again asking for your help to un-decorate the church. We will be taking down and putting away the decorations immediately following the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 9th

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Janice Dembicky, Carmen Williams, Peggy Ruhl, Larry Hanson, Donna Maike, Ron Mahoney, Sawyer Ballinger, Fred Memmer, Scott Weisenberger, Mildred Tithof, Rhonda Barron, Dr. Richard Skowronski, Fr. Bill Gruden, Rita Morgan, Barb Bila, Jim Yeager, Marguerite McIntyre, Michelle Smith, Peggy Zietz, LaRita Ball, Thomas A. & Paula Tithof, Bernard Henige, Trisha Ruddy, David Austin, Kimberly (Meder) Craven, Jerry Adams, Tom Cassidy, Bill Young, Bill Kress, Ted Lipovsky, Jane Toma, Jack Kulhanek, Greg Flory, Ron Kulhanek, Betty Naessens, Wilbur Schneider, Thelma Schneider, Madonna Bueche, Matt Barancik, Florence Markiewicz, Alison Andres, Geri Sholtz, Benny Sims, Carol Moore, Robert & Gayle Tufts, Matt Coughlin, Bradley Blakeselle, Chantel Fondren, Brenda Lienau, Vickie Daniels, Mark Zvonek, Judy Storch, Sherry Storch, Richard & 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, Jerry & Mary Ellen Hoover, Julia Mahoney, Jennie Hunt, and Jacob Albers

Josh Forsyth, Tyler Hodges, Christopher Lickman, Garrett Mishler, and Bill Lickman Jr. (serving in the Armed Services)

Advent Giving Tree/Christmas Project Thank You: *We would like to thank everyone who purchased a gift (s) for our Advent Giving Tree/Christmas Project this year. We were able to help 51 families have something to put under their Christmas tree. Without your generosity this would not be possible. Thank you again. The Christian Service Commission.*

Christmas Flowers Thank You: *Jim & Ann Gengler*

Mask Update: We are ENCOURAGING all those who attend Mass to wear a mask (no matter your vaccine status). Please help us protect others while protecting yourself. If you are ill please stay home. Go to saginaw.org to watch a live stream Mass from the Saginaw Cathedral at 10:30 am. Fr. Bill

A Gift from the Parish: Last week we offered a Christmas gift to parishioners the book "Life is Messy" by Dynamic Catholic. There are a still copies available. This week we are also offering the book "The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen" also by Dynamic Catholic for parishioners. Happy Reading in the New Year!

School Weather Delays/Cancelations: Just a reminder when Chesaning Union Schools are closed or delayed due to weather, week day Mass will be canceled. If there are any meetings that day, they are also canceled.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2022:

The magi may be historically controversial, but there is no doubt about the way in which they thrill our imagination and make us wonder about their visit to the child. Wonder and excitement about journeying to Jesus are important for every Christian, king or commoner. It is not from the Bible but from a legend recorded by the eighth-century saint and first English historian Bede the Venerable that we have numbered and named the magi Melchior, Caspar and Balthsar.

Guided by their natural and scientific wisdom, equipped with wealth and readiness to take risks, the magi—learned ones, possibly Persian astronomers—discover that following a star and searching for the truth can lead one into a political minefield. It was widespread belief that heavenly portents marked the birth of great leaders, and so they come to Jerusalem to look for a baby whom they describe as the "newborn king of the Jews."

Panicking at the suggestion of any threat to his power, Herod gathers around him his "yes" men, those whom Matthew names as the same opponents of Jesus in the passion narrative (Matt 26:57), and inquires of them where the Messiah was to be born. The wisdom of the word of God in the Hebrew scriptures is thus offered and accepted by the magi. They have the humility to know that they are not self-sufficient, that they need help on their search; and they have the discernment that sees through Herod's hypocritical and vicious suggestion that, when the magi have found the child, they return to tell Herod the whereabouts of the child so that he, too, can go and pay him homage.

In the Gentile magi, the divisions of culture, religion, and nation are reconciled because, as we respond with the antiphon to Psalm 72, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." If we believe that every nation, every religion has some gift to offer God, can we dare refuse to accept the gifts that strangers bring us? A multicultural society and church are witnesses to the inclusiveness that Christ asks of us.