

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

December Stewardship

**Underground Railroad Inc.
and
Holy Cross Children's Service**

Budget amount
needed for each week:
\$7,700.00

November 26 and 27 Stewardship Back to the Lord	
Envelopes:	\$10,145.00
Youth:00
Total:	\$10,145.00
EFT	70.00
Total:	\$10,215.00

Budgeted YTD	\$169,400.00
Actual YTD	\$152,233.48

Thank You

Stewardship:

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

CAER Food Pantry: Items being collected for the month of December are: hand soaps, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. Monetary donations are always welcome!

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

Art & Environment: Looking for someone to offer some TLC to winter over some indoor plants of the church. If you are interested, please call Linda at 989-413-1463 so she can explain which plants they are. Thank you!

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 4
Advent Giving Tree/Christmas Project
8:00 am Rosary
6:00 pm Youth Ministry
Monday, December 5
10:00 am Exploring Catholic Faith session
Tuesday, December 6
10:00 am Prayer Service
Wednesday, December 7
4:00 pm Yoga
5:30 pm Social Card Club
Sunday, December 11
8:00 am Rosary
6:00 pm Faith Formation
6:00 pm Youth Ministry

Faith Formation

Our next class will be Sunday, December 11th, beginning at 6 pm in the parish hall. Please remember to bring your finished at home lessons for a prize! Doris

Youth Ministry

Our next youth group is Sunday, December 4th from 6-7:30 pm in the youth room. Join us as we discover why Advent is so important to us. There will be food and fun for all in grades 6-12. Katie

Advent Brochure: The St. Peter Parish Faith Formation Commission created an Advent brochure to help us dive deeper this season. These brochures are found in the pews and are for anyone to take home. We hope that you use as you reflect and prepare during this Advent season.

2023 Church Calendars: Are available for our families. They are at every entrance.

The Christian Service Commission:

Is looking for new members to join our Commission. The Christian Service Commission is very active in our parish and we would love to tell you all about it. If you would like more information, please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, December 14th, at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall meeting room. We will primarily be working on our Christmas Project. Food and refreshments will be enjoyed by all! Please call Rosemary at 989-845-1794 with any questions.

Liturgy this Week

Sunday, December 4
8:30 am Mass
Wednesday, December 7
9:00 am Mass (Bannister)
Thursday, December 8
The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am Mass (Chesaning)
7:00 pm Mass (Bannister)
Saturday, December 10
4:30 pm Mass (Chesaning)
Lector:
Mike Maxa
Eucharist Ministers:
Kathy Thompson and Gloria Sutter
Altar Server:
Ron Sutter
Sunday, December 11
8:30 am
Lector:
Helen Gengler
Eucharist Ministers:
Dawn Boucher and Judie Giesken
Altar Server:
Paula Rench

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Mt 11:2-11

Sponsor of the Week



Josh Forsyth, Tyler Hodges,
and Garrett Mishler, (serving
in the Armed Services)

Christ's Mission Appeal 2022-23: Please prayerfully consider about how you will respond and fill out the pledge card and return it to the Diocese of Saginaw or put in the collection basket. Remember checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Saginaw, not our parish. The corrected parish assessment for the 2022-23 appeal is \$85,072. As 11-16-22 \$33,210 has been pledge bringing our balance owed \$51,862.00

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in Chesaning: Fish fries are on Fridays from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. We are trying something new to fit your appetite. You can get a 5 piece dinner for \$15 or a 3 piece dinner for \$12.00 with your choice of a baked potato or French fries. Dinners are take out only, but you can eat in the lounge/bar area. We thank you all for your support, without you we could not do our works of charity. Tell your friends and family about our delicious fish dinners. Thank you for your support and God Bless. The Knights of Columbus Council #2943.

Pictures of Loved Ones: If you brought a picture of a loved one for the November Remembering and haven't pick up your pictures they are in a box in the gathering area of church. Thanks.

THOSE ASKING FOR PRAYERS:

Chad Dinenger, Judy Gengler, Don Jacks, Mary Coughlin, Georgina Coonrod, Arlene Hemgesberg, Robert & Nancy Rehmann, Jim Yeager, Josephine Strpko Baker, Jennie Hunt, Kathy Cech, Ray Mahoney, Patricia Meyer, Julie Thiel, Margaret Heise, Janice Dembicky, Carmen Williams, Peggy Ruhl, Larry Hanson, Donna Maika, Ron Mahoney, Sawyer Ballinger, Fred & Mary Memmer, Scott Weisenberger, Mildred Tithof, Rhonda Barron, Dr. Richard Skowronski, Fr. Bill Gruden, Rita Morgan, Barb Bila, Marguerite McIntyre, Peggy Zietz, LaRita Ball, Thomas A. & Paula Tithof, Bernard Henige, Trisha Ruddy, David Austin, Kimberly (Meder) Craven, Jerry Adams, Tom Cassidy, Bill Young, Ted Lipovsky, Jane Toma, Jack Kulhanek, Greg Flory, Ron Kulhanek, Betty Naessens, Wilbur Schneider, Thelma Schneider, 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, Esther Lickman, Rita Amman, Kay Glover, Susan Addington, Nancy Dennis, Barb Wenzlick, Diane DeVoe, Roxann Timm, Judy Wakeman, Bessie McSwain, 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, and Jacob Albers



Social Card Club: Come and play 6-card Golf-easy to learn-easy to play. On Wednesday December 7th at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Join us!

Dear friends of God,

I want to thank you for the care and love you have shown me and my family with the passing of my Uncle Bobby. He was my last living blood aunt or uncle and it feels strange with that generation gone. I want to share the homily that I gave as we celebrated my uncle's life.

"One of my first Christmas Eves as a priest, I looked out into the congregation at midnight Mass and saw the beautiful face of Uncle Bobby. After Mass, I walked directly to him and gave him a loving hug. I asked about Aunt Pat and I encouraged him to stay the night since it was so late. He said no; he needed to get back home. He did offer me some help in the direction of my homily in his "Maksym kind of way". Something to the effect of it being *%#%! And you know what? He was right.

I spoke of Christmas being a celebration that pointed to Easter. Jesus came to die for our sins. I was right but also missing the point. And Uncle Bobby pointed me in the right direction. Jesus was born for us to share God's life with us every moment of our lives. God is with us the moment we are conceived in our mother's wombs and God is with us at every moment whether we know it or not through our deaths and into our resurrections. This all began for us the moment that Jesus was born for you and me.

God was with the Maksym family when they were traveling from Poland to Germany during the Second World War. God was with them when their youngest child was born. (I still can't pronounce Uncle Bobby's given name). God was with them when the Maksyms were refugees coming to America. God was with them when Uncle Bobby and my dad acclimated to become Americans learning English. God was with Uncle Bobby when we told Babcia was "E" was for "excellent" in school. God was with him when he raised his pigeons. God was with Uncle Bobby when he met the love of his life, my Aunt Pat. God was with Uncle Bobby the years he worked at the gear and axle plant. God was with Aunt Pat and Uncle Bobby when they had their children. God was even with them when they lost the cousin I would never know. God was with them when they raised Rob and Rich. God was with them in the good times and the bad. God was even with Uncle Bobby when he sang karaoke. I'm still trying to see Uncle Bobby up their singing at a karaoke bar. God was with Uncle Bobby when he had that damn stroke. God was with Uncle Bobby when he struggled. God was with Uncle Bobby when he "f bombed" the dude down the street. God was with Uncle Bobby as he began to struggle even more. God was with Uncle Bobby when he began to head to heaven last weekend. God was with Uncle Bobby as he opened his eyes for the last time. God was with Uncle Bobby as God took him to heaven. Uncle Bobby is with God now. And God is with us right now.

In a month we will celebrate Christmas with a tear in our eyes. We will celebrate Emmanuel. Remember O' come, O' come Emmanuel? Emmanuel means, "God is with us."

Uncle Bobby was right that snowy Christmas 20 years ago. Christmas, our day of God becoming one with us, is far more important than my crappy homily. I love you Uncle Bobby.

Much love,

R. Ken