

Christ the King

November 22, 2015



Sun Nov. 22
10:30 am People of St. Cyril-4th Anniversary of Martin Galecka by family

Mon Nov. 23
No Mass

Tues Nov. 24 **St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**
No Mass

Wed Nov. 25
9:00 am June (Chapko) Jaja by Altar Society

Thu Nov. 26
9:00 Mass *Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Peter Parish in Chesaning*

Fri Nov. 27
No Mass

Sat Nov. 28
No Mass

Sun Nov. 29 **First Sunday of Advent**
10:30 am People of St. Cyril-Baptism

† Tithes & Gifts †	
November 15, 2015	
53 Adult Envelopes:	\$1,638.00
Loose:	35.00
Children:	.00
5-Special Needs:	80.00
Total:	\$1,753.00
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,250.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/16.....	(\$9,090.35)
<i>Christmas Flowers-\$20</i>	

Greeters for November Bill & Tamara Chapko Sonja & Keith Homer	Ushers for November John Sopocy, Jim Stehlik Kevin Sopocy, Ed F. Fornusek
Money Counters November 24 Cliff & Carol Clark	Knight of the month -Nov. Joseph J. Fabus, III
Family of the month-November Keith and Sonja Homer	

Altar Servers: November 29—Volunteers needed

Sacristans: November 29-Margaret Horak

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
November 29-Margaret Horak, Pete & Debbie Hurst

Lectors: November 29-Theresa Sopocy and Margaret Horak

St. Cyril Church

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Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday & Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
(Bulletin items need to be in by 4:00 pm Tuesday prior.)

Liturgical Schedule:

Saturday @ St Peter* 4:30 pm

Sunday @ St Peter* 8:30 am

Sunday 10:30 am

* St. Peter Parish, 404 S. Wood Street, Chesaning

Weekday Schedule:

Friday Word & Communion: 8:00 am

Wednesday Mass: 9:00 am

Thursday Mass @ St Peter 8:00 am

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Sunday, 11:30 am

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Engaged couples must contact the priest at least six (6) months prior to anticipated date of marriage. Weddings are not celebrated during the Lenten Season.

Sick or Homebound: If someone in your family or neighborhood is *Sick or homebound*, please contact the Parish Office. When entering a hospital, please register as a member of Saint Cyril Parish and notify the parish office.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Saint Cyril Parish. Please call or stop by the parish office to register for our parish family.

Stewardship Message: Today's second reading reminds us the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?



Faith Formation Classes: We are adding a 4 year old pre-school class, which will be held at 9 am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, like the rest of the program. Children must currently be 4 years old to attend. The next class is Sunday, December 6th For more information, call Theresa Sopocy at 862-5909.

Canned Food Drive: Christian Service is asking your help in donating non-perishable food for the local Food Pantry during the month of November. Please put your donations in the large plastic bin near the stairway in back of church. We need to keep it covered and out of reach of our "church mice".



St. Peter Parish Craft Bazaar: Is Friday, November 27th from 10-5 pm & Saturday, November 28th from 10-4 pm in the parish hall located at 803 Church St., Chesaning. We have 45 crafters and a tasty lunch is available. See you there!



The Polar Express: The Polar Express will once again be coming to the Village of Ashley for an old fashion country Christmas. The Knights have been asked to assist with set up and clean up during the 5 weekends. Please volunteer for a time on one of the sign up sheets located at the Knights table. This is the perfect opportunity to bring the family, enjoy the festivities and provide a community service, all at the same time.

Family in Need: A family in St. Johns lost their home and all of their possessions to a fire. The family has 4 children. One child is in Theresa Sopocy's kindergarten class. If you would like to make a cash donation or a gift card donation to this family, please give it to Theresa Sopocy or drop it in the collection basket marked "St. Johns family". Thank you for your generosity.



4th Annual Advent Tea: The date for the Advent Tea is Tuesday, December 1st from 6:30-8 pm at St. Peter Parish Hall in Chesaning. All ladies are welcome! Bring a friend or two. We have enclosed a flyer with more information in regards to the Advent Tea. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, November 25th** to the people listed on the flyer.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Jon Miller, Kyle Salyer, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Barb Pumford, Mary Bernath, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Carl Bowles, Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John Smolka, Kim Babyock, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Sally Foreit, George Goscinski, Mary Hanacek, Betty Kirby, Ann Luznak, Jim Schneider, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler



Altar Society: Ladies, there will be a Christmas dinner on Monday, December 7th at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Please bring a \$7 gift exchange and a dish to pass. Hope you can make it. Rosemary

Parish Office Closed: The parish office will be closed on Friday, November 27th. If you would like to put something in the bulletin, please email or drop it off in the office by Tuesday, November 24th in the morning. Kris



Community Christmas Boxes 2015: St. Cyril will again be participating in the local Christmas Boxes donations collected to help those in need in our area. We have enclosed a flyer with items are needed. We will be collecting items from November 22nd through December 6th. There will be a box by the St. Joseph Altar for your donations.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015

Living Liturgy: On this last Sunday of the liturgical year we honor the victory of Christ over suffering and death, over evil and infidelity, over this world and all its lures. In this conversation Pilate questions Jesus about his identity ("Are you the King of the Jews?") and about why he is on trial ("What have you done?"). What unfolds is a conversation about two very different worlds. That of Pilate and the chief priests, in which fighting, falsehood and obstinacy predominate. That of Jesus, in which life, truth and openness prevail. Yes, Jesus is a King—but of a kingdom different from Herod's. What he has done is reveal a kingdom that "does not belong to this world," but is meant to transform it. From evil to goodness. From sinfulness to salvation. From death to life.

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Where is Jesus' kingdom? It exists wherever the Spirit of Jesus' manner of acting and relating ("belongs to the truth"), wherever we listen to his voice and proclaim him "the Alpha and the Omega" of all that is. The liturgical year culminates with a summary statement of the identity of Jesus—"Christ the King." As Christ, he is worthy of our worship. As King, he is deserving of our service. As we celebrate this enthronement of Christ in glory, we also look forward to his victory in us when we are "freed. . .from our sins" and "made. . .into a kingdom".

This solemnity invites us to renew our commitment to serve him with all our hearts. It invites us to renew our self-giving stance as disciples who follow our King. In our self-giving we are transformed, and as we are transformed so is the world because he has made us into a kingdom. The surprise of this day is that we are God's kingdom already. We already share in his victory for we are "freed from our sins".

