

# Third Sunday of Advent

## December 13, 2015



### St. Cyril Church

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#### Phone Numbers:

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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.

**Sun Dec. 13**  
 10:30 am People of St. Cyril-John P. Fabus, Jr. by Marlene, John & Leslie Fabus

**Mon Dec. 14**  
 No Mass  
**St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

**Tues Dec. 15**  
 No Mass

**Wed Dec. 16**  
 9:00 am Evon Goscinski by Mary Pratt & family

**Thu Dec. 17**  
 No Mass

**Fri Dec. 18**  
 No Mass

**Sat Dec. 19**  
 No Mass

**Sun Dec. 20** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

† <b>Tithes &amp; Gifts</b> †	
<b>December 6, 2015</b>	
<b>73 Adult Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$3,762.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>53.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>20-Special Needs:</b>	<b>325.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,140.00</b>
<b>Amount needed each week.....</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/16.....</b>	<b>(\$7,751.54)</b>
<i>Christmas Flowers-\$143 Retired Religious Collection-\$775</i>	

<b>Greeters for December</b>	<b>Ushers for December</b>
Robert & Karen Wooley	JoAnn Forgarty, Joan Smolka
Malcolm & Agnes Smith	Rosemary Houska, Annie Mikulka
<b>Money Counters</b>	<b>Knight of the month—Dec.</b>
<b>December 15</b>	Jim Porubsky
Marilyn Kuchar & Sheila Hanus	
<b>Family of the month—December</b>	
Jim & Marie Hurst	

**Altar Servers: December 20—**Christy, Emily, Mary & Sarah Sopocy

**Sacristans: December 20—**Tamara Chapko

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
**December 20—**Agnes Galecka, Margaret Horak & Tamara Chapko

**Lectors: December 20—**Duane Schneider and Terry Ornelas

**Stewardship Message:** Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."



**Faith Formation Classes:** Parents are invited to stay for the children's class on Sunday, December 20th at 9 am. Theresa

**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.

**Christmas Wafers:** I have ordered some packages of Christmas wafers for our parish families. If you would like one, please call the office at 862-5270 and leave your name. I will put a label on a package with your name and you may pick them up during normal office hours or in the sacristy. Kris



**Decorating the Church for Christmas:** Ladies and gentlemen, we will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20th after Mass. Hope to see you there! Many hands make light the work.

**Blood Drive:** On Tuesday, December 29th from 12-5:45 pm at the ZCJB Hall in Bannister co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and ZCJB Lodge. Walk in are welcome or you may call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment. Give the gift of life this Christmas season by donating blood.

**Liturgy Meeting:** There will be a Liturgy meeting on Thursday, December 17th at 6 pm. Toni Ornelas

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** The Pastoral Council will not be meeting on Thursday, December 17th.

**St. Cyril's Christmas Ornaments:** There are Christmas ornaments at all four entrances of church. If you would like one you may put your donation in the collection basket. Thank you!

**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



**Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale:** The Knight's Christmas card sales have begun. They are beautiful cards that are very reasonably priced. You may also purchase Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and yard signs. Why not consider purchasing some of these items and support our Council and the Keep Christ in Christmas program. Please put money in the lock box on the Knight's table in the back of church.



**Christian Service:** Will not be having their regular meeting during December. We will continue to prepare the Christmas boxes for families in need. Thank you to all who have generously donated to these projects. An update will be forth coming.

**Ornaments:** Please save your caps from mayo and peanut butter jars and similar caps that size and also the front of used Christmas cards. These will be used at the Ashley Country Christmas by a church group that helps children make ornaments. We will be collecting them throughout the year. I will put a box for these things by the choir stairs. Thank you. Diane Korienek

#### Christmas Masses Schedule:

Christmas Eve-5:00 pm at St. Peter, Chesaning  
 Christmas Eve-8:00 pm at St. Cyril  
 Christmas Day-9:00 am at St. Cyril

If you know of a neighbor or friend that has nowhere to celebrate Christmas, invited them to join you.

#### A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015 Living

**Liturgy:** In terms of our everyday lives, most of us are too over-scheduled even to think about asking a questions such as, "What should we do?" We rush from one thing to the next, just barely squeaking by. Choices seem nonexistent. Ah, to even have the luxury of time to ask the question! At this midpoint in Advent, the gospel calls us to stop, examine our lives and relationships and perhaps prioritize in a different way how we spend our time.

John the Baptist challenged the people who asked him, "What should we do?" by admonishing them to far exceed their present way of acting toward others. When we are so rushed, or don't put others first, or don't have God as the center of our lives, it is very easy to fall into doing only what is minimally required. John is saying that minimum is not enough. Minimum responses in our relationships do not take us beyond ourselves to encounter the goodness that is present to us. Christ, who baptizes us "with the Holy Spirit," will require no less of us than living the Gospel he came to reveal, a Gospel that exacts the gift of our very selves. If we ask "What should we do?" we must be prepared for an answer that challenges us. Are we willing to reorganize our lives so that Christ is truly at the center, so that the magnanimity of our hearts is measured by something other than getting through another hectic day? Just like John, our lives are about others. Like John, we are to give our all—yes, our very lives—so that others can live better and love more deeply. By taking the time to ask the right questions, we define ourselves not in terms of what we do but who we are in relation to Other and others. The *relationship* to others is the key, not what we or they do.