

First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016



Sun Feb. 14 **First Sunday of Lent**
10:30 am People of St. Cyril

Mon Feb. 15
No Mass

Tues Feb. 16
No Mass

Wed Feb. 17
9:00 am Evon Goscinski by Mary Pratt & family

Thu Feb. 18
No Mass

Fri Feb. 19
No Mass

Sat Feb. 20
No Mass

Sun Feb. 21 **Second Sunday of Lent**
10:30 am Members of St. Cyril

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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

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the parish office.

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.

| † Tithes & Gifts † | |
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| February 7, 2016 | |
| 55 Adult Envelopes: | \$1,591.00 |
| Loose: | 86.00 |
| Children: | .00 |
| 17-Special Needs: | 168.00 |
| Total: | \$1,845.00 |
| Amount needed each week..... | \$2,250.00 |
| +/- For Year Ending 6/30/16..... | (\$9,864.79) |
| Easter Flowers-\$25 Water donation-\$543.00 | |

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| Greeters for February Tom & Diane Bradley John & Marilyn Sopocy | Ushers for February John Fabus, Jim Fabus, Jr. Ed J. Fornusek, volunteer |
| Money Counters February 16 Marilyn Kuchar & Joanne Fornusek | Knight of the month -Feb. Macauley Horak |
| Family of the month-February Terry & Toni Ornelas | |

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| Altar Servers: February 21-Volunteers needed |
| Sacristans: February 21-Margaret Horak |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: February 21-Diane Kusnier, John Chvojka & Carol Chvojka |
| Lectors: February 21-Margaret Horak and Diane Korienek |

Stewardship Message: Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?



Faith Formation Classes: The next class is Sunday, February 21st at 9:00 am.

Lenten Holy Hour: Each Friday during Lent we will be having a Holy Hour of prayer at 4 pm with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and then followed by Stations of the Cross at 5 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for all or part of the time.

Feast of St. Cyril: The feast of St. Cyril is today, Sunday, February 14th. We will be honoring our patron Saint Cyril and giving thanks for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon our parish over the 100+ years. Please join us after Mass for this joyous thanksgiving. If you have any information that you would like to share, please see Toni Ornelas or Margaret Horak.

Altar Society: Ladies, there will not be an Altar Society meeting on Sunday, February 14th. The next meeting will be Sunday, February 21st at 7 pm in the parish hall. Rosemary

Altar Cleaning: The altar will be cleaned on Friday, February 19th at 9 am. The ladies to clean are Lena Skaryd and Lisa Skaryd. Any questions, please call Rosemary.

St. Peter Parish Lenten Mission: This is an advance invitation for you to make plans to attend our Parish Mission scheduled from Sunday, March 13th ending Wednesday, March 16th. This program has been planned to reach out to all parishioners; your participation will help deepen your own spiritual life and our entire parish community. Fr. Jack Conley, CP from Chicago will be our speaker.

Pastoral Council: Will have their February meeting on Wednesday, February 17th in the chapel after 9 am morning Mass.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Raffle Tickets: The raffle tickets may be picked up in the meeting room this weekend.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Barb Pumford, Mary Bernath, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Carl Bowles, Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John & Joan 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

Thank You: Dear St. Cyril family, thank you for your generous gifts. I am sorry for the delay in expressing my gratitude; please know how truly grateful I am for all of your prayers and support. Hayden Hinkley was very loved and his loss has created such pain and hardship for our family. St. Cyril came together when my kids and I needed it the most. All together those who donated money, gas cards and gift cards gave my kids and I over \$1,000. The money specifically helped me to pay our water bill, Consumers Energy bill and bought us groceries. There are just not enough words to express my gratitude. I want you all to know how much I value your love and friendship during this difficult time. Thank you for taking time to help us financially and for remembering us in your prayers. In the words of my husband Hayden, "He who dies having helped the most people WINS!" God bless you all! With love and gratitude, Karen, Rain and Summit Hinkley



Blood Drive: There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, February 23rd from 12-5:45 pm at the Bannister ZCJB Hall. To make an appointment visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: ZCJB) or call 1-800-733-2767.

Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone: Is Wednesday, February 17th from 7-8 pm at the Good Shepherd Parish, St. Andrew Church, 612 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw. During this Jubilee Year, the intention of each monthly Holy Hour will be for a deeper understanding and participation in the Mercy of God.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2016 Living Liturgy:

In This gospel, the encounter of Jesus with "the devil" parallels our own encounters with "the devil." None of us—not even the God-Man—is exempt from temptation. By resisting the devil's temptations to act as "the Son of God," Jesus fully embraces his human identity. Jesus facing temptation witnesses to how fully he identifies with who we are as human beings. By resisting the devil's temptations to act against who God created us to be, we fully embrace our own human identity: graced beings created in the image of God. Jesus chooses not to misuse his divine power, taking up the mission for which he was sent. He was not sent to lord it over us, but to use his divine power to lead us to saving wholeness and well-being. We choose not to act against the divine Life God has bestowed upon us, taking up the mission on which we have been sent. We continue Jesus' saving ministry, reaching out to others with the Good News that God is forgiving and merciful, ever calling us to deeper relationship.

Just as God led Israel to a "land flowing with milk and honey", so will God lead us to salvation if each of us "calls on the name of the Lord". For us, though, our desert is the demands of everyday living and our salvation is found on the cross. Each day we take up our cross and lay down our life for the sake of others, we are building strength to resist temptation and come to greater well-being. Our simple acts of kindness are helping us resist temptation. Our doing well whatever the task at hand helps us resist temptation.

We don't have to go out into a desert to find temptation! But we do need God's nearness to resist it. And that God has promised us.