

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

## March 13, 2016



### 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

**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.

**Sun March 13 Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

**Mon March 14**  
 No Mass

**Tues March 15**  
 No Mass

**Wed March 16**  
 No Mass (8:00 am Mass-St. Peter Mission)

**Thu March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop**  
 No Mass

**Fri March 18**  
 No Mass

**Sat March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 No Mass

**Sun March 20 Palm Sunday**  
 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts †	
March 6, 2016	
62 Adult Envelopes:	\$2,028.00
Loose:	83.00
Children:	.00
19-Special Needs:	206.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,317.00</b>
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,250.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/16.....	(\$11,054.79)
<i>Easter flowers-\$115 CRS-\$245 Votive-\$194.01</i>	

<b>Greeters for March</b> Jim & Diane Korienek Ellie Bowles & volunteer	<b>Ushers for March</b> Jary Fox, Steve Sopocy Richard Maxa Jr, volunteer
<b>Money Counters</b> March 15 Tom & Diane Bradley	<b>Knight of the month –March</b> David Fogarty
<b>Family of the month-March</b> Mildred Chapko family	

**Altar Servers:** March 20-Volunteers needed

**Sacristans:** March 20-Margaret Horak

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
 March 20-Tamara Chapko, Agnes Galecka and Margaret Horak

**Lectors:** March 20-Diane Korienek and Ellie Bowles

**Stewardship Message:** In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For His sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?



**Faith Formation Classes:** The next class is Sunday, March 20th at 9:00 am.

**Parish Office Hours:** Please make note of the following changes. On Friday, March 18th the parish office will be closed. The church will be open at 4 pm for Holy Hour and stations. On Tuesday, March 22nd I will be going to the Chrism Mass in Saginaw and the church will be closed. On Thursday, March 17th and Monday, March 21st I will be in the office from 1:00-4:30 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. Kris



**Easter Friday Pilgrimage of 8 Detroit Historic Churches:** You are invited to join Fr. J. Marcel Portelli on a day-long spiritually edifying pilgrimage to the historic churches of Detroit. Motorcoach departs April 1st from the Diocesan Center, Saginaw. The cost is \$50 which includes a catered meal. For details go to [www.prayerpilgrimages.com](http://www.prayerpilgrimages.com) or call Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005.

**St. Peter Parish Lenten Mission:** The heart of the Mission is the evening service; evening service will begin today, Sunday, March 13th at 6 pm and be held each evening at that time until the close of the Mission on Wednesday, March 16th. Each night a practical and inspiration sermon will be preached on one of the great themes of Scripture. Fr. Jack will preside at Mass Monday through Wednesday beginning at 8 am (St. Peter). He will also be available for the Sacrament of Penance after each service. He will also be available for spiritual counseling or simply to share an insight or problem. Everyone is welcome!

**Diocesan Chrism Mass to be Broadcast Live:** This year the Chrism Mass celebrated on Tuesday, March 22nd, at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw, will be broadcast live on WNEM TV-5. This special programming will be aired from 10 am until noon.



**St. Peter Youth Ministry Performs Passion Play:** On Sunday, March 20th at 6 pm and Friday, March 25th at 1:30 pm at St. Peter Parish Church. The Passion Play is a mime performance.

**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

**Ladies:** St. Cyril's Ladies Altar Society dues are now due. All ladies 18 years of age and older are members of the Altar Society. Dues can be paid by placing dues (\$5) in an envelope with "Altar Society" written on it and placed in the collection basket. Kris will then forward them on to me. Thank you. Mary Jane, Treasurer

**Altar Society Meeting:** The Altar Society meeting will be **Monday, March 14th at 10 am in the parish hall.**

**Pastoral Council:** Will meet on Thursday, March 17th at 7 pm in the parish hall.



**Church Cleaning for Easter:** Ladies and gentlemen, we will be cleaning the church for Easter on Tuesday, March 15th at 9 am. Please bring your cleaning supplies with you. Thank you. Rosemary

**"Feed the Fire" Mass with Bishop Cistone in Midland:** On Saturday, March 19th at 5 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 3109 Swede Ave., Midland. Bishop Cistone celebrates "Feed the Fire" Masses to bring together youth from around the diocese. These Masses are planned for youth and their families and include upbeat praise and worship music. Following Mass, those in attendance have an opportunity to share dinner with Bishop Cistone, and there is additional time for prayer. Please call Lyn Pajk at (989) 835-6777 ext 233 by **Tuesday, March 15th** to RSVP.

#### A Reflection on the Gospel from Daily Homilies:

Today we hear of one particular visit to the Temple during the Feast of Tabernacles. Jesus was teaching a large group of people in the Temple courtyard when a group of scribes and Pharisees interrupt him and say: *Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. What do you say?* Jesus knows that the scribes and Pharisees are setting a trap, and he doesn't answer right away. Instead he writes in the dirt. One might wonder if he was writing the relevant passage from the Law that condemned both partners in an adulterous relationship. He couldn't help but notice that the man was conspicuously absent.

The scribes and Pharisees press him, and he answers, *Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to cast a stone at her.* They have nothing to say in response, and one by one they walk away. Once Jesus and the woman are alone, he asks her, *Where are they? Has no one condemned you? Go and from now on sin no more.* Jesus is the one without sin, the only one with the right to judge, but he doesn't. He dismisses the woman and her accusers without condemning them. This says a lot about Jesus and the invisible God whom he makes visible.

In Jesus, we see God entering his Temple and dwelling among his people. And we see the kind of God he is. Not a God of judgment, but a God of forgiveness. Not a God of wrath, but a God of mercy. Not a God who conquers by the sword, but a God who conquers by the cross.