

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

**Mon March 21**  
 No Mass

**Tues March 22**  
 No Mass

**Wed March 23**  
 9:00 am Becky, Taylor & Floyd Meiser by family  
**Paschal Triduum Our Holiest Days**

**Thu March 24 Holy Thursday**  
 5:30 pm Soup Supper (St. Peter)  
 7:00 pm Mass with Adoration following (St. Peter)

**Fri March 25 Good Friday**  
 3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St. Cyril)

**Sat March 26 Easter Vigil**  
 8:30 pm Mass at St. Peter

**Sun March 27 Easter Sunday**  
 10:30 am St. Cyril Parish Family

† Tithes & Gifts †	
March 13, 2016	
63 Adult Envelopes:	\$2,011.00
Loose:	70.00
Children:	.00
1-Special Needs:	20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,031.00</b>
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,250.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/16.....	(\$11,273.79)
<i>Easter flowers-\$25 CRS-\$60</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 21 Marilyn Kuchar & Joanne Fornusek	<b>Knight of the month -March</b> David Fogarty
<b>Family of the month-March</b> Mildred Chapko family	

<b>Altar Servers:</b> March 25-Volunteers needed March 27-Rachel & Christa Fornusek
<b>Sacristans:</b> March 25-Jim & Diane Korienek March 27- Sonja Homer
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> March 25-TBA March 27-Duane & Lyna Schneider and Annie Mikulka
<b>Lectors:</b> March 25-Tom Bradley and Margaret Horak March 27-Theresa Sopocy and Sonja Homer

**Stewardship Message:** In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?



**Faith Formation Classes:** The next class is Sunday, April 3rd at 9:00 am. There is also a parent meeting for those receiving First Eucharist.

**Parish Office Hours:** Please make note of the following changes. On Tuesday, March 22nd I will be going to the Chrism Mass in Saginaw and the office & church will be closed. On 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.

**Graduates of 2016:** If there are any high school seniors or others that are going to graduate this year, please call Rosemary Houska 862-5021 or Jim Dennis 862-5612. We would like to plan a graduation Mass and social afterwards. Please let us know by Monday, March 28th.



**Help is Needed!** Your help is needed to fill Easter eggs for the children's hunt on Holy Saturday at 10:00 am. We will fill on Wednesday, March 23rd after the morning Mass. Please pass the word-it takes awhile to do this and if we have many hands it sure will help. If you have any questions, please call Margaret at 862-5027.

**Rice Bowls:** Please turn in your rice bowls during Holy Week. There will be a rice bowl container by the St. Joseph statue. The money collected goes toward the Catholic Relief Services program.

**Chrism Mass:** The Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 22nd will be broadcast live at 10:00 am on WNEM TV5 and also streaming live via [wnem.com](http://wnem.com) and the diocesan website: [www.saginaw.org](http://www.saginaw.org)

**Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:** Ann Remenar, 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

**Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) 2016-17:** The CSA letter and pledge card were mailed out last week from the diocese to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card there are pledge cards available at all entrances of church. You may drop your contribution in the collection basket at church or mail it to the parish office. The amount assessed for St. Cyril is \$23,045. We have heard from 10% of parishioners already! Thank you!

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Join us for a special event on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd at Saint Paul the Apostle Parish in Ithaca. From 2-4 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Eucharist Adoration, Reconciliation; 4 pm: Free Community wide meal. All are welcome!



**Spring Fling Bingo:** Join us for the first annual Spring Fling Bingo on Sunday, April 3rd at St. Peter Parish Hall, 803 Church St., Chesaning. Doors open at 5:30 pm. There will be 20 games and 2 cover all bingos with money prizes. Concessions will be available to support Youth Ministry. This event is sponsored by the Christian Service Commission. All are welcome!

**Elsie Food Bank Thank You:** Your faithful donations of food and money is greatly appreciated. Without support like yours we would not be able to help so many people in our area. Thank you again, Verna Daley and Leota Kajdas

#### A Reflection on the Gospel from 2016 Living Liturgy:

For most of us Holy Week unfolds like many other weeks; we still contend with work, school, preparing meals, doing laundry, cranky folks, the usual triumphs and setbacks. Palm Sunday begins an extraordinary week—a week that concentrates in a few days the ultimate meaning of our whole Christian life. We must slow ourselves down and make choices so that this week doesn't go by without our taking the time to enter into its meaning. We celebrate in the liturgies what we live every day—all the dying to self that characterizes truly faithful disciples of Jesus, all the dying to self that proclaims our choice to live in God's kingdom. This choice is our way of continuing Jesus' saving mission, our way of making visible our ultimate desire: to live forever with God, united with this Jesus who suffered, died, and was buried. This Jesus who was raised. Living in this kingdom is possible when we, too, commend ourselves into God's hands.

The "kingdom of God" is not a place we can enclose, not a space we can occupy. It is a face we encounter—the very face of God, the very Presence of God. This kingdom is present whenever we wholeheartedly join ourselves with Jesus' utterance in the Garden: "not my will but yours be done." This kingdom is present whenever we speak the truth about who we know and follow, shower compassion upon those sorrowing or in need, forgive those who harm us, bring hope to the despairing, commend ourselves to God with conviction and purpose.

Jesus suffers, dies, and is buried. The gift of his death? He confers on us his kingdom and invites us to be with him in Paradise. Two kingdoms: the one of this world, the one of Jesus. Which kingdom do we choose?