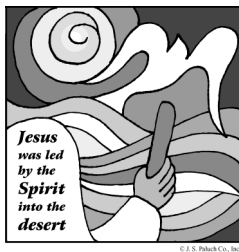


First Sunday of Lent  
March 5, 2017



**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:**

**Word & Communion Every Third Friday:** 9:00 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 Margaret Horak at 862-5027 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 5** 10:30 am People of St. Cyril  
**Mon March 6** No Mass  
**Tues March 7** No Mass  
**Wed March 8** 9:00 am James Schneider by Jim & Ruth Fabus  
**Thu March 9** No Mass  
**Fri March 10** No Mass  
**Sat March 11** No Mass  
**Sun March 12** 10:30 am **Second Sunday of Lent** People of St. Cyril

† <b>Tithes &amp; Gifts</b> †	
<b>February 25, 2017</b>	
<b>48-Adult Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$1,488.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>105.50</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>3-Special Needs:</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,618.50</b>
<b>Amount needed each week.....</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/17.....</b>	<b>(\$4,176.50)</b>
<i>Easter Flowers-\$295</i>	

<b>Greeters for March</b> Toni & Terry Ormelas Tom & Diane Bradley	<b>Ushers for March</b> Jary Fox, Steve Sopocy Billy & Amanda Shevrovich
<b>Money Counters</b> Tom & Diane Bradley	<b>Knight of the month March</b> March 7
<b>Family of the month-March</b> Agnes Galecka family	

<b>Altar Servers:</b> March 12-Mary, Sarah, Emily & Christy Sopocy
<b>Sacristans:</b> March 12-Tamara Chapko
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> March 12-Tamara Chapko, Agnes Galecka and Sonja Homer
<b>Lectors:</b> March 12-Ellie Bowles and Dylan Dysinger

**Stewardship Message:** What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!



**Faith Formation:** The next class will be Sunday, March 19th at 9:00 am. There is a parent meeting for those receiving First Communion.

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship Raffle tickets:** Are available for pick up in the meeting room.

**Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Will be held at 3 pm each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. Stations of the Cross will begin at 4 pm and on March 3rd, we will have a soup/bread supper following. If suppers are to continue, it will be determined with interested on March 3rd.



**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:** Mark your calendars! The K of C Fish Fry is Friday, March 31st from 4:30-7:00 pm in the parish hall. Adults: \$10, kids 5-12: \$4.00 and under 5 are free. The menu includes: fried and/or baked cod, tator tots, macaroni & cheese, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, corn, beans, rolls, fruit cocktail and homemade desserts! Plus our famous Czech pastries!



**St. Peter Parish Lenten Prayer Service:** Is offering a parish wide Lenten prayer service on Sundays during Lent which will feature a different prayer each week. On Sunday, March 5th at 6 pm in church will be the Stations of the Cross. Please join us if you are able. Next prayer for Sunday, March 12th is Evening Prayer.

**Worship Commission:** There will be a Worship Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 pm.



**Youth Encounter Service (Y.E.S.):** Is an annual service project for high school youth to help in Saginaw. During this week of service youth help rehabilitate homes, spend time in small groups and meet other Catholic teens from throughout the Diocese of Saginaw. The date of this year's Y.E.S. is June 18th-23rd and space is limited. If you would like paperwork to sign up or more information, please contact Katie at St. Peter Parish at 989-845-1797.



**Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:** Charles Olson, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, Richard Bakita, Ann Remenar, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Mary Bernath, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Carl Bowles, Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John & Joan Smolka, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler

**RCIA:** Please pray for RCIA Catechumen, Billy Joe Shevrovich who will be Baptized at St. Peter during the Easter Vigil. This first Sunday of Lent, Billy will receive the Rite of Sending to go forth to receive the Rite of Elect from Bishop Cistone. Please pray for Billy and his family as we journey toward these Easter Sacraments.

**Practicing God's Mercy in Our Daily Lives:** We will have an opportunity to practice the seven acts of corporal and spiritual works of mercy this Lent by helping to fill a "Yellow Barrel" from City Rescue Mission of Lansing. This mission supplies food and shelter to an average of 152 people each night with 88 of those women and children. This barrel will be in the main entrance of the church and we have enclosed a flyer with a list of items to be donated. Questions please call Margaret Horak at 862-5027, St. Cyril Christian Service.

**The League of Catholic Women:** Will have their Day of Reflection Luncheon on Tuesday, March 21st at St. Dominic Parish, St. Stephen site (2711 Mackinaw St.) Saginaw with Mass starting at 11:00 am. Please mail your \$10 check for the luncheon to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw MI 48608. Please RSVP by **Friday, March 10th**. We are currently doing our Membership Drive. The LCW dues are \$10 per year. Your \$10 allows us to make donations. Please call the office at 989-752-5053 or Mary at 989-790-3358 with any questions.

**Thank You:** I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and visits as I recover from surgery. God is good! Bless you, Gerri Winkler.

**A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017:** The spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil to exercise self-serving power, to preserve his well-being, to seek worldly wealth. That same Spirit leads us into the desert of ourselves to encounter the demons within us, to encounter the Father's mercy and forgiveness, to encounter Jesus calling us to align our lives more closely with his. We are first grafted onto Christ at our baptism. We are plunged into the cleansing waters to be raised up to new Life. We commit ourselves to goodness and profess our relationship to God. The strength of our baptismal commitment to God must be honed in the desert of ourselves where, stripped of all that distracts us, we stand naked and hungry before Truth. Only then can we be transformed. Only then are we transformed by God into beloved daughters and sons, sisters and brothers in Christ.

Lent is not a time for us to withstand temptation alone. Rather, it is a wonderful time to get involved with others spiritually, and help each other to grow in goodness and the ability to resist temptation and come to a deeper realization of what our baptism entails. We are baptized into a community—the Body of Christ. With our common identity in Christ, helping another resist temptation is, in effect, helping ourselves grow, helping ourselves to be transformed into more perfect members of Christ's Body.