



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 November 26
10:30 am People of St. Cyril

Mon November 27
No Mass

Tues November 28
No Mass

Wed November 29
9:00 am Carl Bowles by Agnes & Malcolm Smith

Thu November 30
No Mass **St. Andrew, Apostle**

Fri December 1
9:00 am John, Anna & Joseph Kusnier by family

Sat December 2
No Mass

Sun December 3
10:30 am **First Sunday of Advent**
People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts †

November 19, 2017

52-Adult Envelopes:	\$1,726.00
Loose:	107.00
Children:	.00
2-Special Needs:	7.00
Total:	\$1,840.00
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/18.....	(\$4,909.07)

*World Mission-\$10
Christmas Flowers-\$20*

<u>Greeters for Dec.</u>	<u>Ushers for December</u>
Malcolm & Agnes Smith	JoAnn Fogarty, Annie Mikulka
Terry & Toni Ornelas	Rosemary Houska, Joan Smolka

<u>Money Counters</u>	<u>Knight of the Month-Nov.</u>
November 28	John Chvojka
Ed & Joanne Fornusek	

Family of the month-November
Tom & Kathy Speers

Altar Servers: **December 3-**Aaron Hurst
December 8-Volunteers needed

Sacristans: **December 3-**Margaret Horak
December 8-Sonja Homer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Dec. 3-Diane Kusnier, Diane & Terry Loznak
Dec. 8-Pete & Debbie Hurst and Margaret Horak

Lectors: **Dec 3-**Tom Bradley and Tamara Chapko
Dec. 8-Ellie Bowles and Terry Loznak

Stewardship Message: When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the strangers, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.



Faith Formation: On Sunday, December 3rd, we will not have a 9 am class, because we are combining the Knights and Lodge Christmas parties together. You are invited to a pot-luck at 12 noon at ZCJB hall and then all children will be encouraged to be a part of the Nativity story. A special visitor will also appear. **Parents are asked to bring a wrapped gift for their own child(ren) and place it under the tree.** Please plan on attending this event with your family.

Children's Word: Children's Word has started. At Mass, when the Liturgy of the Word begins, our children will be invited into the chapel with a catechist to hear scripture at their level. Young children pre-school-1st grade are invited to attend. Children will return to Mass at Offertory time and be present for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. A parent is welcome to come along with their children if they so wish. We plan to offer this instruction each Sunday, except for holidays.

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 trash and snow removal 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.



Village of Ashley "2017 Country Christmas":

Our Parish has committed to doing the Village of Ashley "2017 Country Christmas" Polar Express Café in the Ashley Community Center the weekend of December 8, 9, and 10. We still have open slots to fill to help at the Polar Express Café. For more information, please contact Diane Korienek at 989-224-7717. Thank you to everyone who has

Altar Society Christmas Party: Is on Monday, December 4th at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Please bring a dish to pass. Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, tableware & drink will be provided. Please bring a \$7 monetary donation that will be given to the Baby Pantry. Hope to see you there!



Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Ella Brown, Audrey Schneider, Edward Chapko, Rose Chapko, Jim Hurst, Carole Custer, Emily Sopocy, Jeff Wadell, Clara Cermak, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, Richard Bakita, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, 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, Elizabeth Chandler

Catholic Service Appeal 2017-18 (CSA): We are currently at 77% toward our goal of \$21,425.00. So far, \$16,484.00 has been pledged. The balance owed is \$4,941.00. Please prayerful consider your contribution. You still have time to contribute. Envelopes are available at all entrances of church. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Altar Cleaning: Ladies cleaning the altar on Friday, December 1st, at 10:00 am are Diane Korienek and Jo Meiser.

Christmas Decorations: Because Christmas Eve is the same date as the Fourth Sunday of Advent we will be decorating for Christmas over two weekends, Sunday, December 17th & 24th after mass. We will put up the mangers and Christmas trees on the 17th and the remaining decorations on the 24th. Please join us as we prepare our Church for this beautiful celebration.

Ornaments: Please save your caps from mayo and peanut jars and similar caps that size and also the front of used Christmas cards, preferably religious. These will be used at the Ashley Country Christmas by a church group that helps children make ornaments. There is a box by the choir for your caps & cards. Thank you.



Christmas Boxes: St. Cyril Christian Service is working with the local communities to provide household items and gifts to those in need in our area for Christmas. St. Cyril is asked to furnish household items, school supplies, outerwear and linens. A complete list will be in next week's bulletin.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2017: This gospel and solemnity invites us to draw on the strength of the Christ who dwells within us to reach out to the Christ in the other. This gospel is about future judgment; it is even more about present discipleship.

So much about this gospel speaks to us of Christ's glory and power ("When the Son of Man comes in his glory," "all the nations will be assembled before him," "king will say") and rightfully it should. However, there is a remarkable surprise in the gospel. The surprise is that on this festival honoring Christ the King both the gospel and the first reading speak about others who need our help and caring for them. We honor Christ the King by acknowledging that he is in the other and within us. He showed us by his very life how to care for others. So must we spend our lives in this way.

One of the best ways we can begin to see Christ in the other is by not judging the negative aspects of their person first, but instead looking for the good in the other. This can be carried out in such a simple Christian practice as seeking always to compliment rather than to criticize another. Care that we don't spread gossip is another way. Perhaps the first and most important task of being good subjects of Christ the King is to live as he did—not simply seeing with the eyes, but seeing with hearts responding to the dignity of others, to their need for healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, compassion, mercy, love.