

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018

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 Dec. 2 10:30 am **First Sunday of Advent**
People of St. Cyril

Mon Dec. 3 No Mass **St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

Tues Dec. 4 No Mass

Wed Dec. 5 9:00 am John S. Fabus by Tom & Audrey Fabus

Thu Dec. 6 No Mass

Fri Dec. 7 No Mass **St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Sat Dec. 8 No Mass **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sun Dec. 9 10:30 am **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
50th Anniversary of death of Frank & Mary Kral by children

† Tithes & Gifts †	
November 25, 2018	
60-Envelopes	\$1,778.00
Loose:	117.00
Children:	.00
1- Special Needs:	15.00
Total:	\$1,910.00
Amount needed each week	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/19.....	(\$2,428.33)
<i>Christmas Flowers-\$405 Mass Intentions-\$60</i>	
<i>Roof Replacement-\$50</i>	

Greeters for Dec. Keith & Sonja Homer Tom & Diane Bradley	Ushers for December Rosemary Houska, Joan Smoka JoAnn Forgary, Annie Mikulka
Money Counters December 4 Mary Jane Schoendorf & Alice Steavens	Knight of the Month-Dec. Terry Ornelas
Family of the Month-December David & JoAnn Forgarty	

Altar Servers: December 9 –Ava & Nick Kremer
Sacristans: December 9 –Sonja Homer and Tamara Chapko
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: December 9 –Margaret Horak, Debbie & Pete Hurst
Lectors: December 9 –Sonja Homer and Tamara Chapko

Stewardship Message: “Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.



Faith Formation: The next Faith Formation class is on Sunday, December 16th, at 9 am in the parish hall. Hope to see you there!

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion

(EMHC): In 2015, our EMHC were trained by the diocese to be an EMHC for three years. We have concluded our three years and those wishing to continue will have a short session at St. Cyril on Sunday, January 20, 2019, immediately after Mass. Our names once again will be sent into the diocese for re-certification. If you do not wish to continue to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion, please notify Margaret Horak at 862-5027 before this date. Thank you for your years of service to the parish and to Our Lord.



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, personal care items, outerwear, linens. Cash or gift cards can be given to: Karen Wooley or Mary Hughey. For Ashley School cash donations or gift cards can be given to Denise Denovich or put in the collection basket marked for Christmas Boxes. Donations can be put in the boxes in front of the St. Joseph’s Altar.



Taize Prayer: Christ is the Light of our lives! Please join us for an Advent Evening of meditative singing and beautiful prayer in the settings of hundreds of candles. Prayer will be Tuesday, December 11th at 7 pm at St. Peter Parish. Everyone is invited!

Worship Commission: A Worship Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4th, at 4:00 pm.

Christmas Wafers: I have ordered some Christmas wafers for our parish families. They will be in a basket in the sacristy. We are asking for a free will donation to offset the cost.



Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Carmen Porubsky & Charlyze Wells, Helen Slowinski, Frank Klasek, Terry Sefl, John Kusnier, Jr., Audrey Schneider, Edward Chapko, Rose Chapko, Carole Custer, Jeff Wadell, Clara Cermak, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Gale & Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Mary Galko, Joan Smolka, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Elizabeth Chandler

2018-19 Catholic Service Appeal (CSA): We are currently at 82% toward our goal. \$17,483.00 has been pledged so far. The balance owed is \$3,861.00. It is still not too late to contribute. If we do not meet the assessment the balance will be taken out of the general fund. There are envelopes at the entrances of church. Thank you to everyone who has pledged.

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 Knight’s table. This is the perfect opportunity to bring the family, enjoy the festivities and provide a community service, all at the same time.



Altar Society Christmas Party: Is on Monday, December 3rd, at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Meat, potatoes/gravy, dressing tableware, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Also, please bring a white elephant item for the gift exchange.



Polar Express Café: We need 2 more people for Saturday, December 8th, morning train (9:30 am-2 pm) and Sunday evening, December 9th, (3:30-8:00 pm) we need 4-5 people. There are sign up sheets in front entrance of church for these positions. This event is sponsored by the Altar Society. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up. Please contact Diane Korienek at 989-224-7717 for more information.

Hall Roof Update: We have received \$595 in donations for the roof repair fund. The roof will need to be replaced in the near future at a cost of \$15,000-\$18,000. If you would like to donate to this fund, please put your donation in an envelope marked “hall roof” or in the pink special needs envelope marked “hall roof”. Thank you. Finance Council

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2019: Most of us look for meaning in the signs and events of daily life. We wonder how God might be acting in our lives. Was this a chance meeting with an old friend, or part of something greater? Was it a coincidence that I was thinking of this person when I received a call from him or her?

The gospel reading for today give the reader signs that will accompany the end of times, the coming of the Son of Man. But we would be mistaken if we took these passages literally. And it’s certainly true that hundreds if not thousands of people have done just that—looked for these signs to be fulfilled literally.

The message of this passage sought to give hope to a beleaguered people, the Christians, who anticipated their redemption. Many of them desperately wanted to see the coming of the Son of Man who would establish justice and peace. Many of the early Christians were on the bottom of the social ladder, experiencing tribulations and trials. Jesus himself had faced a violent end at the hands of the state. The Christians needed to be reminded that their salvation would come, and they also needed to be vigilant, watching for that same salvation. The coming of the Son of Man means death to an old way of life, and resurrection of hope and life everlasting.