

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 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. 23	10:30 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent People of St. Cyril
Mon Dec. 24	5:00 pm 8:00 pm	Christmas Eve People of St. Cyril St. Cyril St. Peter, Chesaning
Tues Dec. 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day People of St. Cyril St. Cyril St. Stephen, First Martyr
Wed Dec. 26	No Mass	
Thu Dec. 27	No Mass	St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
Fri Dec. 28	No Mass	Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Sat Dec. 29	No Mass	
Sun Dec. 30	10:30 am	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Charlie Chapko by Micky Chapko & family

✠ Tithes & Gifts ✠	
December 16, 2018	
63-Envelopes	\$2,094.00
Loose:	94.00
Children:	.00
2- Special Needs:	25.00
Total:	\$2,213.00
Amount needed each week	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/19.....	(\$3,026.33)

Greeters for Dec. Keith & Sonja Homer Tom & Diane Bradley	Ushers for December Rosemary Houska, Joan Smoka JoAnn Forgary, Annie Mikulka
Money Counters December 26 Tom & Diane Bradley	Knight of the Month-Dec. Terry Ornelas
Family of the Month-December David & JoAnn Forgarty	

Altar Servers: December 24-Krista & Rachel Fornusek December 25-Aaron Hurst, Christy Sopocy and Clarissa Baese December 30-Jocelyn & Christian Plowman
Sacristans: December 24-Sonja Homer & Tamara Chapko December 25-Diane & Jim Korienek December 30-Margaret Horak
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: December 24-Tamara Chapko, Sonja Homer and Agnes Galecka December 25-Diane & Terry Loznak and Margaret Horak December 30-Diane Kusnier, John & Carol Chvojka

Stewardship Message: The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love others as well.



Faith Formation: The next Faith Formation class is on Sunday, January 6th, at 9 am in the parish hall. Have a very merry and blessed Christmas!

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.

Parish Office Closed: The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 25th through January 3rd. I will be in the office on Friday, January 4th. I will be in occasionally to check phone messages and run bulletins. You also may call St. Peter at 989-845-1794. Have a very Merry Christmas! Kris

No Blood Drive: There will be no blood drive on December 27th at the ZCBJ Hall due to the Red Cross lack of staffing.

Church Greeters: If you would like to be a church greeter before Mass please contact Gerry Winkler at 862-5068.

Church Envelopes: Beginning with January-March 2019 envelopes there will be a monthly, ivory envelope for Roof Projects. This is for any contribution you would like to make for the replacement of the church and hall roofs in the future. The hall roof is in need of replacing sooner than expected. If you have any questions please call the office at 862-5270.

Lectors: December 24-Margaret Horak and Theresa Sopocy December 25-Ellie Bowles and Duane Schneider December 30-Tamara Chapko and Sonja Homer



Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Carmen Porubsky & Charlize 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 83% toward our goal. \$17,743.00 has been pledged so far. The balance owed is \$3,601.00. 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.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedules:

The following are the Masses for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.
Monday, December 24 at 5:00 pm at St. Cyril Church
Monday, December 24 at 8:00 pm at St. Peter Parish, Chesaning
Tuesday, December 25 at 9:00 am at St. Cyril Church



Solemnity of Mary Mass times:

January 1 at 9:00 am at St. Peter Parish, Chesaning
January 1 at 7:00 pm at St. Cyril Church

No Week Day Masses:

There will be no morning Mass on Wednesday, December 26th and Wednesday, January 2nd. There also will be no morning Mass at St. Peter Parish on Thursday, December 27th.



Decorating Church: The remaining Christmas decorations will be set up immediately following Mass on December 23rd. We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to help with these tasks.

Thank you.



Save the Date! Knight of Columbus Breakfast:

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast is Sunday, January 27th from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the parish hall.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2019: We are only days away from Christmas when we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent this year. This season is especially short and can make for a hectic, frenetic pace as we consider all that needs to happen before the holiday. Some are preparing homes to receive guests, others are preparing meals, and many are doing both!

We might imagine Mary and Elizabeth sharing these feelings in this reading from Luke. Mary visits her cousin and Elizabeth has certainly been preparing for her guest. The greeting is joyful and Luke tells us that Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Like these women, we are to recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Whether it may be the miraculous birth of a child or the bringing forth of other new life, the Holy Spirit is as active today as in days of old.

This gospel passage calls to mind for us how important human relationships are. Amidst all the travel, preparation, meals and general business, the bonds of human love bind us together. When we consider the holiday season with its pressing demands let us recall the ultimate reason for our cares and concerns. We have in mind those we love and care for. May the relationships we celebrate this season, especially the relationships we have in Christ, inspire us to live in a meaningful way.