

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23, 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 July 23** 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

**Mon July 24** No Mass

**Tues July 25** No Mass **St. James, Apostle**

**Wed July 26** No Mass **St. Joachim & St. Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Ann Remenar by Jerry & Margaret Horak

**Thu July 27** 9:00 am

**Fri July 28** No Mass

**Sat July 29** No Mass **St. Martha, Disciple of the Lord**

**Sun July 30** 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

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| † <b>Tithes &amp; Gifts</b> †           |                   |
| <b>July 16, 2017</b>                    |                   |
| <b>56-Adult Envelopes:</b>              | <b>\$1,453.00</b> |
| <b>Loose:</b>                           | <b>128.50</b>     |
| <b>Children:</b>                        | <b>.00</b>        |
| <b>2-Special Needs:</b>                 | <b>40.00</b>      |
| <b>Total:</b>                           | <b>\$1,621.50</b> |
| <b>Amount needed each week.....</b>     | <b>\$2,100.00</b> |
| <b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/18.....</b> | <b>(\$946.50)</b> |

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| <b>Greeters for July</b><br>Bill & Tamara Chapko<br>Robin & Karen Wooley | <b>Ushers for July</b><br>Clifford Clark, Robert Garcia<br>Kirk & Renee Amman |
| <b>Money Counters</b><br><b>July 25</b><br>Tom & Diane Bradley           | <b>Knight of the month-July</b><br>Stephen Hardman Jr.                        |
| <b>Family of the month-July</b><br>Charlie & Micky Chapko                |   |

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| <b>Altar Servers:</b> July 30-Christa & Rachel Fornusek  |
| <b>Sacristans:</b> July 30-Sonja Homer   |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b><br>July 30-Annie Mikulka, Duane & Lyna Schneider |
| <b>Lectors:</b> July 30-Ellie Bowles and Duane Schneider   |

**Stewardship Message:** “Those who are just must be kind,” says today’s first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord’s harvest.

**Virtus Training:** Will be held at St. Cyril on Monday, August 14th, from 5:30-8:30 pm. This is for any adult that will be working with children. Please call Kris at 862-5270 or Margaret at 862-5027 if you are interested.

**Furniture:** There is a roll top desk and a secretary/hutch in the chapel in need of a new home. An individual drawing for each piece of furniture will be held on Sunday, July 30th immediately following Mass. A \$10 donation will be taken for each entry of the drawings the weekends of July 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. The items will be on display in the south entrance of church. Proceeds will be used to reduce the CSA obligation.

**Heritage Mass:** Is Sunday, August 6th at the 10:30 am Mass. Join us as we gather to worship God and celebrate our heritage. Everyone is encouraged to wear clothing representative of their own nationality. A Polka band will be providing music.

**Harvest Festival:** The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, August 6th, at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister. A traditional ethnic dinner will be served from 11:30 am through 2 pm. Tickets for adults are \$10, children under 12 are \$5 and preschoolers are free. The program will start at 2:30 pm with dances of all ages performing. A dance will begin at 4 pm with music by Bill Nemanis Band. Admission is FREE. There will be free drawings for children’s bikes as well as drawings for teen and adult prizes. A good time is guaranteed for young and old alike. See you there!



**A+D Charitable Foundation:** Will host their Second Annual Shamrock Scramble, Friday, August 4th, at Swan Valley Golf Club, 9521 Highland Green Dr., Saginaw. There will be a shotgun start at 9 am as well as lunch, dinner, prizes etc. Proceeds provide therapy/skilled nursing and hospice care/home health services to un-and under-insured older adults in Gratiot, Isabella, Gladwin, Saginaw, Bay, Midland counties. For more information please call Gretchen at (989) 249-0929 or go to: a-dcharitablefoundation.org

**Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:** Edward Chapko, Rose Chapko, Jim Hurst, Carole Custer, Emily Sopocy, Jeff Wadell, Clara Cermak, Tom Bradley, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, Richard Bakita, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, 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, Elizabeth Chandler

**Catholic Service Appeal 2017-18 (CSA):** We are currently at 65% toward our goal of \$21,425.00. So far, \$13,940 has been pledged which is over half. Our balance owed is \$7,485.00. Please prayerful consider your contribution. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged.

**Elsie Food Pantry:** Is in need of clean, plastic grocery bags for the pantry to hand out produce and other items. You may leave your bags (filled or unfilled) in the plastic tub in the back of church by the stairs. Thank you!



**Altar Cleaning:** Ladies who will be cleaning the altar on Friday, July 28th, at 9:00 am are Joanne Forgarty and Jo Meiser.

**Most Holy Trinity Church Festival in Fowler:** The annual Parish Festival is Thursday, July 27th through Sunday, July 30th. There is something to do for all ages! For more information go to: www.mhparish.com (click on the MHT Parish Festival event image). Flyers are the entrances of church.

**A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017:** Earthly kingdoms are marked by geographic boundaries, the will of the ruler, and birthright. This gospel speaks of the “kingdom of heaven,” of God’s kingdom. This divine kingdom’s geographic boundaries are all that is. God’s will rules this kingdom and the kingdom is visible whenever God’s will is being done. The firstborn of this kingdom is the divine Son, but we are all heirs of this kingdom through our baptism.

“The kingdom of heaven is like . . .” Whatever parable Jesus uses to teach about the kingdom of heaven, always at issue is growth, abundance, increase. While “the enemy” may try to thwart the kingdom, in the end God will prevail and “the righteous will shine like the sun.” So, “the kingdom of heaven is like” those of us who hear and live the Good News Jesus teaches. We ourselves are “the kingdom of heaven” when we live according to God’s ways, accepting the gracious will of God as the rule of our lives. We ourselves become the spaciousness of God’s kingdom, making visible the divine Presence and will to all those we touch with our own presence.

In the end it is less important to understand God’s kingdom with our minds than it is to live according to the values of the kingdom. The first reading lists some these values for us: the children of the kingdom are to live like the Master of the kingdom—showing the kind of care, leniency, clemency, justice and kindness that instill in other hope rather than despair, fertile rather than barrenness, the desire to do good rather than evil. As we grow in our discipleship, it is patience and hope in the final outcome that sustains us so that in the end we will be counted among the “righteous who shine like the sun.”