

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 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.



"I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."
Jn 12:28

Sun March 18 10:30 am **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
People of St. Cyril

Mon March 19 No Mass **St. Joseph, spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary**

Tues March 20 No Mass

Wed March 21 9:00 am Charlie Chapko by Mary Stassa

Thu March 22 No Mass

Fri March 23 No Mass

Sat March 24 No Mass

Sun March 25 10:30 am **Palm Sunday**
People of St. Cyril

✠ Tithes & Gifts ✠	
March 11, 2018	
48-Adult Envelopes:	\$1,502.00
Loose:	84.00
Children:	.00
3-Special Needs:	42.00
Total:	\$1,628.00
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/18.....	(\$4,222.07)
<small>Easter Flowers-\$30 Catholic Relief Services-\$42</small>	

<u>Greeters for March</u> Cliff & Carol Clark Tamara & Bill Chapko	<u>Ushers for March</u> Jary Fox, Steve Sopocy Billy & Amanda Shevrovich
<u>Money Counters</u> March 20th Marilyn Kuchar and Joann Fornusek	<u>Knight of the Month-March</u> Michael Denovich
<u>Family of the month-March</u> Rose Chapko family	

<u>Altar Servers:</u> March 25 –Clarissa Baese, Jocelyn Plowman, Emily & Mary Sopocy
<u>Sacristans:</u> March 25 -Jim & Diane Korienek
<u>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</u> March 25 – Pete Hurst
<u>Lectors:</u> March 25 -Theresa Sopocy and Ellie Bowles

Stewardship Message: “If anyone would serve me,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel, “let him follow me, where I am, there will my servants be.” In what way is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Infant Baptism Classes: If you would like to schedule a baptism for your child/children, contact Margaret Horak at 862-5027.

Rice Bowls: During Lent we use the rice bowls as a way of alms giving. *What I give up I give to others.* The rice bowls should be returned to church during Holy Week.



Extra Ordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist: Beginning on Easter morning we will be resuming our full schedule of ministers. Please follow your schedule as planned.

Holy Hour: Our last Holy Hour will be on Friday, March 23rd at 3 pm., followed by the Stations of the Cross at 4 pm.

Altar Servers: All altar servers please pick up your schedules in the sacristy.



Spring Fling Bingo: Mark your calendars! St. Peter Parish’s Spring Fling Bingo is Sunday, April 15th from 6-8 pm in the parish hall. More information in upcoming bulletins.

Ornaments: Please continue to save your caps from mayo and peanut jars and similar caps that size. 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. Thank you.

2018 Bishop’s Ball: Is Friday, April 27th, at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw. A flyer will be in next week’s bulletin with a registration form.



Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Tim Thelen family, Ella Brown, Audrey Schneider, Edward Chapko, Rose Chapko, Carole Custer, 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, Gale & 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



Faith Formation: Students, please remember to work on acts of kindness to add to our chain in the parish hall. Keep up the good work you have already begun!



Passion Play: Join us as the youth from St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry depict the last week of the life of Jesus on Sunday, March 18th, at 6:00 pm in the church. The Passion Play is a mime performance. This powerful performance is a great way to spend time in prayer and reflection.

Catholic Women’s Fellowship: “The Dignity and Vocation of Woman”, presented by Sr. Prudence Allen, RSM on Thursday, April 5th, at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw from 6-8:15 pm. Freewill offering. All women from the diocese are welcome!

New Musical Experience “Cross & Light”: Don’t miss the international, critically-acclaimed musical and video surround experience of Christ’s Passion, Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. At Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Pleasant. Dates of the performances are: Friday, April 6th, at 7 pm; Saturday, April 7th, at 1:00 pm; Sunday, April 8th at 2 & 7 pm and Monday, April 9th, at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available now. For more information please call (989) 264-5029 or crossandlight.org/sacredheart

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: In this Lenten Sunday preceding Palm Sunday we share a sense of impending doom. But we are also reminded of the necessity of death for something to bear fruit. If the seed stays on the countertop, it will never bear fruit. But once “dead” and planted in the ground, the seed produces. The paschal mystery is presented for us in a simple, agrarian, even if scientifically outdated, image.

Do we allow ourselves to die to our desires, wants, and agenda? From today’s gospel reading, it seems Jesus was not quite ready for this moment. But the arrival of the Greeks was a clarion signal that the end was near. Even for Jesus there was no fighting this eternal purpose. This was the reason he came into the world. His example of letting go serves as a model for us. We are not the masters of our own fate. We are not in ultimate control of our own destiny. The illusion that we are somehow planning our own destiny is simply that, an illusion. There are greater forces at work. We are called to discern those forces so we can recognize them when they face us. For Jesus it was the request from two Greeks. What are the signs that encourage us to let go of our own desires and submit to something greater? When we die to ourselves we will see fruit that bears eternal life.