

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2015



St. Cyril Church

517 E. Main St., PO Box 96, Bannister, MI 48807



Sun March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:30 am St. Cyril Parish Family

Mon March 16
8:00 am Word Communion

Tues March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop
No Mass

Wed March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
9:00 am Rudy Doubrava by Altar Society

Thu March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass

Fri March 20
No Mass

Sat March 21
No Mass

Sun March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:30 am St. Cyril Parish Family

✠ Tithes & Gifts ✠	
March 8, 2015	
57 Adult Envelopes:	\$1,751.00
Loose:	153.00
2 Children:	2.00
6 Special Needs:	100.00
Total:	\$2,006.00
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,250.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/15.....	(\$12,602.27)
<i>Easter flowers-\$105; CRS-\$30</i>	

Greeters for March Cliff & Carol Clark Keith & Sonja Homer	Ushers for March Jim Faber, Jary Fox Steve Sopocy, Richard Maxa, Jr.
Money Counters March 17th Ed & Joanne Fornusek	Knight of the month -March George Goscinski
Family of the month-March Ed & Joanne Fornusek	

Altar Servers: March 22-Christa Fornusek and volunteers needed

Sacristans: March 22-Jim & Diane Koriemek

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
March 22-Bill & Tamara Chapko and Agnes Galecka

Lectors: March 22-Theresa Sopocy and Tom Bradley

Parish Staff:

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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:

Monday Word & Communion: 8:00 am

Tuesday Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions 7:15 pm

Wednesday Mass: 9:00 am

Thursday Mass @ St Peter 8:00 am

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Sunday, 11:30 am

Baptism: Please contact the parish office 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.

Stewardship Message: All that we are comes from the Lord. “We are truly his handiwork,” says St. Paul in the second reading, “created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.”

Faith Formation for Students in Grades K-8th:

The next class is Sunday, March 22nd at 9:00 am. There will be First Reconciliation after 10:30 am Mass with Fr. Bill. Theresa



Stations of the Cross: Will be on Friday, March 27th at 5:00 pm at St. Cyril.



Mother/Daughter Breakfast: Make plans to attend the Mother/Daughter breakfast on Sunday, March 22nd at 11:30 am in the parish hall. See you there!

Communal Reconciliation Service: There will be NO

Communal Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 17th. Individual reconciliation will be available after Sunday Masses at 11:30 am.

2015 MYE Faith Event: All 7th-12th grade students and young adults that interested in attending the 2015 MYE Faith Event at Saginaw Valley State University on Saturday, August 8th from 8:30-10:00 pm please contact Jim Dennis at (989) 862-5621.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS): “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Service Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today’s collection you **help Jesus in disguise**.

Lenten Mission: Noelle Garcia McHugh and her band (All in Ministry) will be playing/singing at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 22nd at St. Agnes Church, 300 Johnson St, Freeland. They will also have a concert at 12:30 pm that same day. Noelle will have her themed talks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights (March 23, 24, 25) at 6:30 pm. “Free will” offerings will be accepted. Contact St. Agnes church at (989) 695-5652.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Barb Pumford, Eric Kremer, Mary Bernath, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Carl Bowles, Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John Smolka, Kim Babyock, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Sally Foreit, Evon & George Goscinski, Mary Hanacek, Irene Heinze, Mary Johnson, Betty Kirby, Ann Luznak, Rocky Malachowski, Jim Schneider, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler

Catholic Service Appeal: The assessment for this year is \$21,073. Please take time to pray in regards to what you feel you can contribute. We would like to have full participation, but if you are unable to give this year, please return your pledge card marked with a zero. This still counts as participating in CSA. There are numerous programs that are supported by CSA which include: sacramental preparation, permanent diaconate formation, development of religious education teachers and coordinators and support for the work of Pope Francis and the national Church.

If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, there will be some available at all four entrances for your convenience. Fr. Bill



Passion Play: The St. Peter Youth Ministry program will once again be performing the Passion Play during Holy Week. The first performance is Sunday, March 29th at 6 pm. The second performance will be on Good Friday, April 3rd at 1:30 pm. Both performances will be in church. They youth, dresses in mime, perform the Passion Play which depicts the last week of Jesus’ life. It is a very powerful performance and a great way to spend part of Holy Week.

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015

Liturgy: There are two parts to this gospel, separated by the line “And this is the verdict.” The first part concerns the evidence: God “gave his only Son” in whom we choose to believe or not. The second part gives the judgment: those are saved who believe in Jesus, live the truth, and come to the light. Those are condemned who do not believe in Jesus, prefer darkness, and do “wicked things.” Our whole life is working out our own verdict. Thank God we are at the mercy of a gracious and forgiving God! Jesus says clearly that believing “in the name of the only Son of God” is necessary if we are not to “be condemned” but saved. What is this believing? Jesus makes this clear, as well: believing is coming “to the light” by living the truth. The light is the Jesus who was “lifted up.” The words “believe” and “light” occur five times each in this gospel and the two words are unrelated. The light (= Christ) enables us to see; in John’s gospel, seeing is believing. Our coming to the light to see and believe is expressed in “works. . .done in God.” God’s work is this: to die to self so that we can be raised to new life. God demonstrates great love for us by giving the Son to be lifted up on the cross and then raised to eternal Life and glory. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing the work of God—dying and rising, conforming ourselves so completely to Christ that we cooperate in his very work of salvation. We need not fear the verdict of God’s judgment at the end of our lives if we daily work at increasing the depth of our believing and conforming ourselves to Christ by living in his light.