

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2015



Master,
to whom
shall
we go?



Sun August 23
10:30 am People of St. Cyril-Baptism of Taya Grace Pattison

Mon August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle
No Mass

Tues August 25
No Mass Fr. Bill's 36th Ordination Anniversary

Wed August 26
9:00 am Stanley Stambersky by Altar Society

Thu August 27 St. Monica
No Mass

Fri August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Sat August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
No Mass

Sun August 30
10:30 am People of St. Cyril

✠ Tithes & Gifts ✠	
August 2, 2015	
62 Adult Envelopes:	\$2,008.00
Loose:	51.00
Children:	.00
4-Special Needs:	50.00
Total:	\$2,109.00
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,250.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/16.....	(\$2,581.00)

<u>Greeters for August</u> Jim & Diane Korienek Carl & Ellie Bowles	<u>Ushers for August</u> Joe Fabus, Tom Hedrich Pete Hurst, Jerry Kusnier
<u>Money Counters</u> August 25 Tom & Diane Bradley	<u>Knight of the month –Aug.</u> James J. Fabus, Jr.
<u>Family of the month-August</u> Jon & Lynette Miller	

Altar Servers: August 30-Volunteers needed

Sacristans: August 30-Tamara Chapko

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
August 30-John & Carol Chvojka and Margaret Horak

Lectors: August 30-Tom Bradley and Terry Ornelas

Altar Cleaners for August: Helen Stehlik and Sharon Densmore

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:

Friday Word & Communion: 8:00 am

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: In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

Lector Schedule: The new lector schedule is available in the sacristy for you to pick up. Diane

Rosary: The rosary is prayed every Sunday before Mass at 10:00 am in the chapel. Please join us if you are able.



"Let God's Love Shine": Is the theme for Vacation Bible school on Wednesday, August 26 at St. Cyril from 10 am to 2 pm. Children in grades K-5th are invited to come spend the day learning about the wonderful gifts and blessings we receive from our Loving God. Please call Theresa Sopocy at 862-5909 or Toni Ornelas at 862-5354 to pre-register as we are making t-shirts and need to know proper sizes. Also, if anyone would like to make a donation to help with the bible school costs it would be greatly appreciated. Theresa and Toni



Parish Picnic: Our Parish Picnic is Sunday, Sept. 27th after Mass and we plan to eat around noon. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. This has been a yearly event sponsored by our Knights of Columbus and it is a great time to get to know each other better and show support for our Parish. If anyone has anything that could be used for prizes, just put them in the box marked "parish picnic" by Knights table or put them in the parish hall marked picnic. The Knights will be leading games and making ice cream treats and grilling the meat. Bingo will be inside the hall.

Faith Formation Classes: Faith Formation classes for grades K-8th are every first and third Sunday mornings, beginning September 20th. Classes are held 9 am until 10:15 am with Mass at 10:30 am. Please pre-register for these classes of which sacrament preparation is part of. You may register after Mass on Sunday, August 23rd and 30th. at 862-5909 or Toni Ornelas at 862-5354 or pick one up in the parish chapel.

Cards: Frances (Dudash) Surdenik's family has asked if you would like to send a card to Frances at: Hazel Finley Country Manor, 1101 S. Scott, St. Johns, MI 48879 she would be delighted.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Kyle Salyer, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Barb Pumford, 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, George Goscinski, Mary Hanacek, Irene Heinze, Mary Johnson, Betty Kirby, Ann Luznak, Jim Schneider, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler

Volunteers Needed: We will be setting up tables for the Chicken & Ham dinner on Thursday, September 10th at 7 pm in the parish hall. If you are available we could use your help! Thanks. Tamara



Chicken & Ham Dinner: Make plans to attend the Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner on Sunday, September 13th from 11 am to 1:30 pm in the parish hall. Adults are \$8; 12 & under are \$4; and preschool age are free. There are sign up sheets at all entrances of church for donating food and for working the dinner, set up & clean up. Please call Tamara Chapko at (517) 775-5571 with any questions.

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic

Women: Will hold their Annual Conference on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd at the Diocesan Center for Ministry in Saginaw. All women of the diocese are invited to attend. Registration will be from 9:45-10 am. The morning speaker will be Margie from the Underground Railroad, and her topic will be Domestic Violence of Women. The afternoon speaker will be Peg McEvoy from the Diocese who will speak on the New Evangelization. Mass will be celebrated. The cost for the day is \$13 which includes lunch. The meeting will end at approximately 2:45 pm. Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989) 635-7072 by August 28th (need lunch numbers).

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015 Living

Liturgy: We love to have choices between two goods—that way we cannot lose. The disciples in this gospel are faced with a choice. This choice, however, is not between two goods. It is a choice between life and death. Just as Joshua sets before the Israelites a choice ("decide today whom you will serve") so, too, does Jesus set before us a choice ("Do you also want to leave?"). Staying with Jesus is a choice for "eternal life." It cannot be a half-hearted choice. It is a choice that must be backed up by who we are and the way we choose to live.

Jesus' teaching about the Eucharist is the fulcrum upon which this choice rests, for it is the Eucharist which draws together our relationship with Jesus as well as with one another in lives of self-giving. And this is what makes choosing to follow Jesus so difficult: the demand of discipleship is that we embrace *all* of Jesus' way of living—we embrace the goodness of who he is and the demands of self-giving living as he did. On our own, we could not even make such a demanding and all-encompassing choice. But Jesus also reminds us that we are not alone; the Spirit is given us as well and enables us to make the choice to which Jesus calls us.

"It is the spirit that gives life." The Holy Spirit dwells within us and is the source of our life in the risen Christ and of our commitment to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Without the Spirit we would not be able to shoulder the demands of discipleship, and we would return to our "former way of life." The Spirit enables us to enter into the rhythm of paschal mystery living—of dying and rising, of self-giving and the Life of the indwelling Spirit. Constant vigilance and openness to the Spirit within nudges any half-hearted response to a wholehearted one to choose Jesus and the way of living to which he invites us.