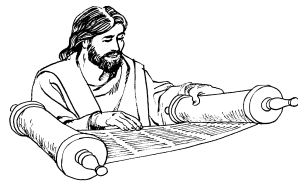


Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016



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.

Sun Jan. 24 10:30 am **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 People of St. Cyril

Mon Jan. 25 No Mass **The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

Tues Jan. 26 No Mass **Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

Wed Jan. 27 9:00 am Ben & Joanne Kristin by Karen, Kurt & Denise & family

Thu Jan. 28 No Mass **St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

Fri Jan. 29 No Mass

Sat Jan. 30 No Mass

Sun Jan. 31 10:30 am **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 People of St. Cyril

| ✠ Tithes & Gifts ✠ | |
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| January 17, 2016 | |
| 66 Adult Envelopes: | \$1,724.00 |
| Loose: | 67.00 |
| Children: | .00 |
| 2-Special Needs: | 22.00 |
| Total: | \$1,813.00 |
| Amount needed each week..... | \$2,250.00 |
| +/- For Year Ending 6/30/16..... | (\$8,367.79) |

Mass Intentions-\$40

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| Greeters for January Volunteers | Ushers for January William Chapko, William Chapko, Jr. Tamara Chapko, Robert Kral |
| Money Counters January 26 Cliff & Carol Clark | Knight of the month –Jan. Jerry Kusnier |
| Family of the month-January Geraldine Winkler family | |

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| Altar Servers: January 31-Aaron & Katy Hurst |
| Sacristans: January 31-Margaret Horak |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: January 31-Toni Ornelas, Terry Loznak and Margaret Horak |
| Lectors: January 31-Terry Ornelas and Ellie Bowles |

Stewardship Message: The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."



Faith Formation Classes: The next class is Sunday, February 7th at 9:00 am.

The Art and Environment Committee: Will be changing the appearance of the altar to enhance the celebration of the seasons of the Church. Items may be temporarily moved to other locations or stored. The committee will not permanently remove any item, they will reuse all pieces of art/items of decoration in the future.

Altar Serving Training: Anyone who has made their First Communion and interested in being trained to be an Altar Server should call Steve Sopocy at 862-5909. You will be notified of a date for training.

Thank You: This year, our Elsie Community Christmas Project was able to help 24 families in our local area to have a better holiday season. The Elsie Community Christmas Committee would like to express their deepest thanks and appreciation for all that you were able to do to help us make this another successful year for the project and a memorable Christmas for all of those involved. Anyone that would like to be a part of the committee for this project in the future can contact Bette Alexander at 989-277-2686 or Matt Airgood at 989-862-4119. Sincerely, Matt Airgood, Bette Alexander and Brooke Wooley, The Elsie Community Christmas Project Committee.

Catching Fire Becoming Flame: The next DVD presentation by Albert Haase, OFM is Wednesday, February 17th from 9-11 am in the St. Peter Parish Hall in Chesaning. The topic is: *The Examen and Seven Principles of Prayer*. To register or for more information, please call Colleen Ontko at 989-845-1794 or Diane Hungerford at 989-845-6856.

Mid-life Singles (mid 30s to50s): Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt on February 19-21. Cost is \$165 for meals, lodging and materials. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com or call 989-450-0993 for details.

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, Betty Kirby, Ann Luznak, Jim Schneider, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler

Knights of Columbus Breakfast: Join us for breakfast today after Mass until 12:30 pm. The donations from this free-will offering breakfast will be given to the Elsie Food Bank and the Elsie Baby Pantry.

Book of Intentions for Members of the Military and Their Families: Has been moved to the Knights of Columbus table at the entrance of church.

Lay Ministry Formation Program: There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in the Lay Ministry Formation Program on Wednesday, February 3rd from 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Peter Parish Hall in Chesaning. It is a four-year formation experience designed for lay people who wish to expand their knowledge of Scripture and Catholic theology, deepen their relationship with God, and fulfill their baptismal call by serving others. This meeting is not only for those interested in applying to Lay Ministry, but also for anyone wishing to learn about the Lay Ministry Formation Program. For more information, please contact Kellie Deming, Coordinator of Lay Ministry Formation at kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989-797-6609.

Church & CSA Contribution Statements 2015: Are in the Chapel for the new two weekends. Please stop by and pick yours up. You may also stop by the rectory during normal business hours (Tuesdays & Fridays).

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2016 Living

Liturgy: At the beginning of Luke's gospel he explicitly states that he sets out to "compile a narrative of the events" of Jesus' person and mission. He claims that he has "investigated everything accurately anew." Luke wants to get it right. He knows how important his writing is—its purpose is to "realize the certainty of the teachings" Jesus brought us. Luke's story of Jesus, however, is more than facts.

In this gospel Jesus clearly proclaims who he is and what he comes to bring. He is One who lives "in the power of the Spirit"; he comes to bring a new teaching. He is God's anointed; he comes to bring the human community glad tidings, liberty, sight, freedom, favor. He is the long-awaited Messiah; he comes to bring manifest signs of salvation. The "eyes of all looked intently at him." Do our eyes look intently upon him? Why should we? Because in Jesus is fulfilled all our longings, all our hopes, all our expectations.

The same intensity with which the people of Nehemiah's time heard the Law proclaimed by Ezra is focused on Jesus in the synagogue. Their intense anticipation is met by Jesus' dramatic assertion that the Scripture passage from Isaiah "is fulfilled" in their hearing. In the first reading Ezra reads from the book of the Law; in the gospel Jesus is the interpretation. Ezra's word was an inspiring word that had power and moved the people to worship and praise; Jesus' word is a creative word fulfilled in him and continues in the gospel in which we ourselves encounter Jesus and are moved to be disciples. The feasting, joy, and new strength on the holy day when Ezra read the Law are now fulfilled in a new order in which the feasting is on Jesus and the strength comes from our sharing in the same Spirit.