

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 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:

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 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 July 24 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

Mon July 25 No Mass St. James, Apostle

Tues July 26 No Mass St. Joachim and St. Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed July 27 No Mass

Thu July 28 No Mass

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

Sat July 30 No Mass

Sun July 31 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts †

July 17, 2016

55 Adult Envelopes:	\$1,861.00
Loose:	35.00
Children:	.00
4-Special Needs:	50.00
Total:	\$1,946.00
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/17.....	(\$416.00)

Greeters for July

Frank & Jane Kral
Malcolm & Agnes Smith

Ushers for July

Clifford Clark, Larry Stoneman
Gale Baese, Robert Garcia

Money Counters

July 26
Tom & Diane Bradley

Knight of the month –July

Gerald Horak

Family of the month-July

Thomas & Cindy Hedrich

Altar Servers: July 31-Volunteers needed

Sacristans: July 31-Margaret Horak

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

July 31-Margaret Horak, Tamara Chapko and Agnes Galecka

Lectors: July 31-Dylan Dysinger and Margaret Horak

Stewardship Message: Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to other.

Catechist Needed: Faith Formation is still in need of a catechist for 4th & 5th grade starting this October. Would you like to increase your knowledge of the Catholic Faith? This is an excellent way to learn, share and witness your faith. Classes are held every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9 am from October-May. This is a volunteer position; teacher guide and student text are provided as well as Catechical training. Please pray about this and if moved by the Holy Spirit contact Theresa Sopocy at 862-5909.



Vacation Bible School: We have 20 children signed up for Vacation Bible School on Wednesday, August 10th from 10 am until 2 pm. There is still time to register (deadline is July 24th). There are forms in church. All children ages 4 years old through 6th grade are invited to attend. We are in need of 8 x 10 picture frames (with glass) for a project. You may leave them in the back of church by the stairs or give them to Theresa Sopocy.

Elsie Food Pantry: Is in need of clean, used 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. Please call Joanne Forgarty at 862-5408 if you have any questions.



Harvest Festival: The Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, August 7th at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister. A traditional ethnic dinner will be served from 11:30 am-2 pm. Tickets for adults are \$10.00, children under twelve are \$3.00 and preschoolers are free. The program will start at 2:30 pm with dancers of all ages performing. A dance will begin at 4 pm with music by Vesela Kapela 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. Everyone is welcome! See you there!



Information Update: If you have recently changed your phone number, please call the parish office at 862-5270 to update your information. This will help keep our information current. Thank you.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Charles Olson, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Ann & Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, Richard Bakita, Ann Remenar, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Mary Bernath, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Carl Bowles, Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John & Joan Smolka, Kim Babyock, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Sally Foreit, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Jim Schneider, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler

CSA Catholic Services Appeal **Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) 2016-17:** The total amount pledged so far is \$14,880 which gives us a balance of \$8,165 owed. The participation percentage is 48%. There still is time for you to make a contribution. Your contribution may be put in the collection basket or mailed to the office. Envelopes are available at all entrances of church.

Chicken & Ham Dinner: It may be summertime but we will need workers for the Chicken & Ham Dinner on Sunday, September 11th. Please consider volunteering for this family event. For more information, call Tammy Chapko at 517-775-5571.

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA: The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This collection is every three years. There are envelopes at the entrances of church until July 31st if you would like to make a contribution.

Heritage Mass: Is Sunday, August 7th at 10:30 am. Join us as we gather to worship God and celebrate our heritage. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes representative of their own nationality. A Polka band will be providing music.

A Reflection on the Gospel from 2016 Living Liturgy: Jesus, in this gospel, gives us a way to address God (as "Father"), how we ought to pray (with perseverance), and why we pray (because God gives us all "good gifts"). Jesus teaches us that prayer is and must be from oneself, very personal. Prayer is a gift of self.

Jesus' disciples want him to teach them to pray "just as John taught his disciples." Jesus couldn't teach them the prayer of John, however, because he was not John. He was himself, and would teach a prayer that is the very gift of himself to us. Jesus' prayer to his Father flows from who he is—the One who praises, intercedes, forgives, reconciles, and protects. In this he gives us a pattern for our prayer, even if we do not use these very words. Our prayer flows from our physical needs, our emotional attachments and relationships, our spiritual desires. In the end, however, Jesus' prayer is for his Father to "give the Holy Spirit". Then, no request is too great, no seeking is unrewarded, no door is locked. The Holy Spirit transforms our prayer—and us—into turning ourselves toward God, into allowing the prayer to change us into those who seek only what God desires for us.

Jesus teaches us that the One to whom we pray is our "Father" whose love and care for us is unlimited. This deeply intimate and personal relationship with God inspires in us the confidence ("how much more . . .") to pray with "persistence" and the realization that what we pray for is not so important as the fact that we address God in such intimate terms. The prayer always deepens our relationship with God and this is already an answer to what we need. The prayer transforms our relationship with each other—and this is surely an answer to who we are and wish to become.