

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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 December 11 Third Sunday of Advent
10:30 am People of St. Cyril-John, Anna and Joseph Kusnier by family

Mon December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
No Mass

Tues December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
No Mass

Wed December 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
No Mass

Thu December 15
No Mass

Fri December 16
No Mass

Sat December 17
No Mass

Sun December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30 am People of St. Cyril-John Fabus, Jr. by Marlene and family

† Tithes & Gifts †

December 4, 2016

76 Adult Envelopes:	\$1,799.00
Loose:	73.25
Children:	.00
23-Special Needs:	247.00
Total:	\$2,119.25
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/17.....	(\$4,696.69)

Retirement Religious-\$447
Christmas Flowers-\$140

Greeters for Dec.	Ushers for December
Toni & Terry Ornelas	JoAnn Fogarty, Rosemary Houska
Malcolm & Agnes Smith	Joan Smolka, Annie Mikulka
Money Counters	Knight of the month -Dec.
December 13	Thomas Kuchar
Ed & Joanne Fornusek	
Family of the month-December	
Richard & Karen Maxa	

Altar Servers: Dec. 18-Volunteers needed

Sacristans: Dec. 18-Sonja Homer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Dec. 18-Terry Loznak, Sonja Homer and Diane Kusnier

Lectors: Dec. 18-Duane Schneider and Dylan Dysinger

Stewardship Message: Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?



Faith Formation: On Sunday, December 18th, we will have our regular class meeting at 9 am. Please be sure to attend.



Christmas Boxes: St. Cyril parishioners are asked to assist the Elsie Community Christmas project committee through donations. We have a flyer with suggestions to help with this project at the entrances of church. You may place your items by the St. Joseph's Altar between now and Sunday, December 18th.



Mark Your Calendars: Ladies and gentlemen, we are going to decorate the church for Christmas after Mass on Sunday, December 18th. Hope you all will stay and help. Thank you.

Blood Drive: There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, December 27th from 12:00 pm-5:45 pm at the Bannister ZCJB Hall. For info or appointment, visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: ZCJB) or call 1-800-733-2767. Co-sponsored by ZCJB Lodge #225 & Knights of Columbus of St. Cyril. Be a hero! Give the gift of life this Christmas season.



Christmas Mass Schedule: Here is the schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm at St. Cyril; 8:00 pm at St. Peter. Christmas Day: 8:30 am at St. Peter and 10:30 am at St. Cyril. There is individual Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 20th at 7 pm at St. Peter Parish.

No Mass: There will be Mass on Wednesday, December 14th. Fr. Bill will be out of town.

Worship Committee: A Worship Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 7 pm.



Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Charles Olson, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, 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, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler



The Polar Express: The Polar Express will once again be coming to the Village of Ashley for an old fashion country Christmas. The Knights have been asked to assist with set-up and clean-up during the 5 weekends. Please volunteer for a time on one of the sign-up sheets located at the Knights table. This is the perfect opportunity to bring the family, enjoy the festivities and provide a community service, all at the same time.

Baptism Class: If you are interested in having your child baptized, please call Margaret Horak at 862-5027 for preparation.

Knight of Columbus Christmas Cards: The Knight's Christmas card sales have begun. They are beautiful cards that are very reasonably priced. You may also purchase Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and yard signs. Why not consider purchasing some of these items and support our Council and the Keep Christ in Christmas program.



Choir Practice: Choir practice is every Monday at 6 pm. ALL voices are welcome! Come and sing a joyful song unto the Lord!

Christmas Wafers: I have ordered some packages of Christmas wafer for our parish families. If you would like one, please call the office at 862-5270 and leave your name. I will put a label on a package with your name and you may pick them up during normal office hours or in the sacristy. Kris

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2017: This gospel could well be the original "show-and-tell: time! When John the Baptist sends his disciples to inquire if Jesus is "the one who is to come," Jesus is very concrete about his response. He does not ask John and his disciples to believe only because he says so, but points to the concrete good works that he does. Jesus is a Messiah not according to their reckoning. He is not a Messiah who come in power and glory, but one who comes with care and compassion, with mercy and forgiveness, with good news proclaimed to everyone. The Messiah's identity is revealed not as the people expected him to be, but according to God's plan for those who wish to be in "the kingdom of heaven."

Let us see John for who he really was—the humble messenger pointing to the Messiah. Let us see Jesus for who he really is—the Messiah-King whose power is in his being the self-giving, tender, merciful servant. Let us see ourselves for who we really are—God's beloved people who, when we minister as Jesus did, are even greater than John. Yes, seeing is believing—but only when we see and hear evidence of God's in-breaking. Only when our own way of living is concrete evidence that the Messiah comes, that "the kingdom of heaven" is upon us.

To be humble as was John the Baptist, we must always remember that it is not what we do, but what Christ accomplishes in and through us. We are to be Christ's messengers, pointing to his good works.