

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 15, 2017



**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 Margaret Horak at 862-5027 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 January 15** 10:30 am **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
People of St. Cyril  
**Mon January 16** No Mass  
**Tues January 17** No Mass **St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**  
**Wed January 18** 9:00 am Frank Winkler, Sr. by Larry & Sherry Stoneman  
**Thu January 19** No Mass  
**Fri January 20** No Mass  
**Sat January 21** No Mass **St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr**  
**Sun January 22** 10:30 am **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
People of St. Cyril

† <b>Tithes &amp; Gifts</b> †	
<b>January 8, 2017</b>	
<b>52-Adult Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$1,746.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>81.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.35</b>
<b>5-Special Needs:</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,887.35</b>
<b>Amount needed each week.....</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/17.....</b>	<b>(\$1,754.25)</b>
<i>Mass Intentions-\$10</i>	

**Greeters for Jan.** Tom & Diane Bradley, John & Marilyn Sopocy  
**Ushers for January** William Chapko, Tamara Chapko, William Chapko, Jr., Robert Kral

**Money Counters** Marilyn Kuchar and Alice Steavens  
**Knight of the month –Jan.** Alfred Porubsky

**Family of the month-January** Edward & Donni Fornusek

**Altar Servers:** Jan. 22-Rachel and Christa Fornusek

**Sacristans:** Jan. 22 –Margaret Horak

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Jan. 22-Terry Loznak, Diane Kusnier and Sonja Homer

**Lectors:** Jan. 22-Therea Sopocy and Sonja Homer

**Stewardship Message:** Today’s responsorial psalm is the theme song of the good steward: “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.” May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.



**Faith Formation:** First Reconciliation will be Sunday, January 22nd following Mass. The next class will be Sunday, January 29th at 9:00 am.

**Altar Cleaning:** The ladies cleaning the altar for January are Rosemary Houska and Margaret Horak on Friday, January 20th, following Word & Communion.

**Worship Commission Meeting:** The Worship Commission meeting is Tuesday, January 17th at 7 pm.

**Baptism of Children:** Are you in need of having a child baptized? Please contact Margaret Horak at 862-5027 to set up class and arrangements.



**Knights of Columbus Benefit Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus will be having a benefit pancake breakfast for the baby pantry and the Elsie Food Bank on Sunday, January 29th, from 10:00-12:30 pm in the parish hall. This is a free will offering.

**Christmas Project Thank You:** *This year, our Elsie Community Christmas Project was able to help 23 families and more elderly members of community to have a better holiday season. We are thankful that God was able to provide us with the opportunity to bless our community in so many positive ways. Without you, we could not have done this! Again, thank you for your generosity. Sincerely, Bette Alexander, Peg Airgood and Brooke Wooley The Elsie Community Christmas Project Committee*

**Lector’s Schedule:** The new lector schedule is available in the sacristy. Please stop by and pick up your schedule.

**Holy Hour:** The next Holy Hour with Bishop Joseph Cistone is Thursday, January 19th at 7 pm at St. Stephen Church, 1310 Malzahn St., Saginaw.



**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

**Ornaments:** Please continue to save your covers from mayo jars, peanut butter jars, yogurt etc. and also the front of Christmas cards. These items will be used by the Methodist church in Ashley to have the children make ornaments during the Polar Express weekends. They can have as many as 900 people aboard the train. There is a box by stairs in church for your covers and cards. Thank you!

**Father/Son Breakfast:** Our Father/Son Breakfast will be Sunday, February 12th, right after Mass and this is also our celebration of the Feast of St. Cyril so everyone is welcome to come and celebrate. We always enjoy the great breakfast bakery that the ladies make, so ladies please come and bring your goodies.

**St. Cyril’s Website:** To read the church bulletin go to: stcyrilchurch.com click on news and events then on bulletin. If you go south for the winter or can’t make it to church you will still be able to keep up with church news.

**Guitar Mass:** The next two weekends will be a guitar Mass.

**A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy**

**2017:** In this Sunday’s gospel, John calls Jesus “the Lamb of God.” John’s prophetic announcement, “Behold the Lamb of God,” reveals two things about Jesus. He is “the Lamb” who will be sacrificed for the remission of “the sin of the world.” He is “of God” who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. This one, seemingly simply phrase “Lamb of God” metaphorically captures the whole saving mystery of Christ. This “Lamb of God” baptizes us with the Holy Spirit so that we might know him, walk in his ways, and have abundant Life.

Further, the gospel reveals two things about baptism. Baptism with water washes away our sin. But Jesus brought a baptism beyond that of water. He “will baptize with the Holy Spirit.” Baptism with the Holy Spirit empowers us to come to know who Jesus is. Without the Holy Spirit, we could not know Jesus. Like John, we do not know Jesus until our baptism initiates us into a lifelong encounter with “the Lamb of God.”

When it comes to what is most important to us—coming to know Jesus—we cannot expect quick results. Learning to know Jesus from the many ways he come to us requires patient waiting that opens wide our eyes to new possibilities. Knowing Jesus is a lifelong process, and so being baptized into him demands lifelong living. We don’t always see Jesus in the person who annoys us or the mundane, everyday tasks that bore us. Yet his Holy Spirit is with us, teaching us how to sacrifice ourselves for the good of others. The Holy Spirit draws us to twin with him and “the Son of God” so that our holiness spills over into life for others. Living Jesus’ mystery of sacrifice and glory is our gift of the new life of spring for the world. There is abundance for all.