

# First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

## 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.



<b>Sun February 18</b>	10:30 am	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> People of St. Cyril
<b>Mon February 19</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tues February 20</b>	No Mass	
<b>Wed February 21</b>	9:00 am	Sally Foreit by John & Elaine Kuchar
<b>Thu February 22</b>	No Mass	<b>The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle</b>
<b>Fri February 23</b>	No Mass	<b>St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr</b>
<b>Sat February 24</b>	No Mass	
<b>Sun February 25</b>	10:30 am	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> People of St. Cyril

✠ <b>Tithes &amp; Gifts</b> ✠	
<b>February 11, 2018 –No Mass</b>	
<b>Adult Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>Special Needs:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Amount needed each week.....</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/18.....</b>	<b>(\$4,567.07)</b>

<b>Greeters for February</b> John & Marilyn Sopocy Keith & Sonja Homer	<b>Ushers for February</b> John Fabus, Jim Fabus Jr. Ed J. Fornusek, Ed F. Fornusek
<b>Money Counters</b> <b>February 20th</b> Ed & Joann Fornusek	<b>Knight of the Month-Feb.</b> Robert Garcia
<b>Family of the month-February</b> Billy Joe & Amanda Shevrovich	

**Altar Servers: February 25** –Clarissa Baese, Jocelyn Plowman and Sopocy girls

**Sacristans: February 25**-Margaret Horak

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**  
**February 25** –Margaret Horak

**Lectors: February 25**-Sonja Homer and Theresa Sopocy

**Stewardship Message:** The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops’ pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that “there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism. . .that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God’s service in and through the Church.”

**Catholic Service Appeal 2017-18 (CSA):** The CSA for 2017 is drawing to a close. There still is time to make a contribution. The balance owed is \$3,391.00 which will come out of the general fund to cover the assessment. Envelopes are available at all entrances of church. We are thankful to everyone who has generously contributed.

**Yellow Barrel Christian Service:** Donations for the Rescue Missions will be continuing all during Lent.. They can use non-perishable food items, paper products, toiletries-hygiene products for men & women, new towels & sheets size twin x long, and pajamas. These are just a few suggestions. See complete list by the yellow barrel. Please note, they cannot use dented cans or expired items.

**Thank You:** I want to thank Mark, from Holy Family, and Charlene from St. Peter for filling in for me when I had the flu. Thank you for all for the prayers and phone calls. God Bless you all for the warm welcome back. Gerry

**Altar Cleaning:** The ladies cleaning the altar on Friday, February 23rd, at 9 am are Marilyn Kuchar and Janet Garcia.

**Father/Son Breakfast and celebration of the Feast of St. Cyril:** Is today, Sunday, February 18th, right after Mass.

**Rice Bowls:** During Lent we use the rice bowls as a way of alms giving. *What I give up I give to others.* If you do not have a rice bowl and would like one, they are at all entrances of church. The rice bowls should be returned to church during Holy Week.

### Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed

**Sacrament:** Will be held at 3 pm each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. Stations of the Cross will begin at 4 pm.

### Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Ella Brown, Audrey Schneider, Edward Chapko, Rose Chapko, Jim Hurst, Carole Custer, Emily Sopocy, Jeff Wadell, Clara Cermak, Jim Koriemek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, Richard Bakita, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Gale & Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John & Joan Smolka, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Elizabeth Chandler



**Faith Formation:** Classes for March will be on: 1st and 3rd Sundays-March 4th and 18th. The theme of today’s gathering prayer was on Kindness and Love.

The children heard a story about how all our acts of kindness fill us with lots of love and when we do things to hurt others it takes away some of our love. On the bulletin board is a large heart of kindness and the children made a chain depicting their acts of kindness. Please continue to work with your children on their prayers. When we have to cancel because of snow, please do the readings with your family and discuss them.

### AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Training:

A training will be held on the use of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on Sunday, February 25th after Mass. This will be held in the Cry Room. The training is open to anyone, however, all ushers should plan to attend.

### Lenten Retreat Day:

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a **Lenten Retreat Day** for all **women** of the diocese in the Center for Ministry in Saginaw on Saturday, March 10th. The day’s activities start at 9 am (registration begins at 8:30 am) and will end at approximately 3:30 pm. The retreat Leader will be Sr. Patricia Benson, OP, & the theme will be: The Papal Encyclical, *Laudato Si’*. The cost is \$25 (in advance) and includes lunch. Please **RSVP** Rita Maher at 989-635-7072 by **Friday, March 2nd.**

### A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

**2018:** Upon making a commitment, how often do we start out with strong intentions, firm will, and fortitude? Perhaps nothing represents that more in our modern culture than a New Year’s resolution. So many of us are resolute in those weeks. But once a hurdle is in our path we can quickly stumble. Jesus faces something much more profound than a New Year’s resolution or an intention to exercise daily. Upon being baptized and starting his ministry, he was immediately faced with temptation. He was driven into the desert, a place of no consolation, no respite, and no refreshment. The experience of knowing he is God’s Son gives way to isolation and solitude in a harsh environment.

As a human being, Jesus knew temptation; the gospel is clear about that. But for many Christians it can be difficult to imagine that Jesus was truly tempted, for he was also divine. Despite these real temptations, he overcame them. Mark is intent to tell us in sparse text, without wasting a word, that Jesus was tempted by Satan. Jesus was fully human and experienced temptation as we do.

As Jesus was tempted we too will be tempted. Perhaps even our profound experience of faith and trust in God is tested. But after this period of testing Jesus returns to Galilee, his home, and proclaims the Gospel. In this he is a model for us, who will not live without temptation. We might have an experience of desolation that God is not with us in our trials. But like Jesus we can undergo this experience and emerge stronger, with the courage to proclaim the Gospel.

