

# Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

## St. Cyril Church

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### Phone Numbers:

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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

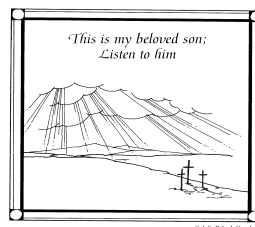
**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact the parish office.

**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 February 25** 10:30 am **Second Sunday of Lent**  
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**Mon February 26** No Mass

**Tues February 27** No Mass

**Wed February 28** 9:00 am Frank Dudash by Barb Sovis

**Thu March 1** No Mass

**Fri March 2** 9:00 am Mary Bernath by family

**Sat March 3** No Mass

**Sun March 4** 10:30 am **Third Sunday of Lent**  
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### ✠ Tithes & Gifts ✠

February 18, 2018

78-Adult Envelopes:	\$2,635.00
Loose:	154.00
Children:	.00
8-Special Needs:	130.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,919.00</b>
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/18.....	(\$3,748.07)

### Greeters for March

Cliff & Carol Clark  
Tamara & Bill Chapko

### Ushers for March

Jary Fox, Steve Sopocy  
Billy & Amanda Shevrovich

### Money Counters

**February 27th**  
Mary Jane schoendorf & Alice Steavens

### Knight of the Month-Feb.

Robert Garcia

### Family of the month-February

Billy Joe & Amanda Shevrovich

**Altar Servers: March 4** –Ava & Nick Kremer, Aaron Hurst and Christy Sopocy

**Sacristans: March 4**-Jim & Diane Korienek

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

**March 4** – Steve Sopocy

**Lectors: March 4**-Tom Bradley and Terry Loznak

**Stewardship Message:** Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare His own Son.” Are *my* gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?

**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.

**Altar Servers:** St. Cyril is very fortunate to have eight new young people trained for Altar Serving. Our new are: Clarissa Baese, Ava & Nicholas Kremer, Christian & Jocelyn Plowman, Joshua David & Jacob Miller, and Brady Paradise. These young people are jointed by our veteran servers: Rachel & Krista Fornusek, Christy, Emily & Mary Sopocy and Aaron Hurst. Thank you to all of you for your ministry. We are so proud to have 14 of our children involved in our Sunday Liturgy.

**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.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** We are very pleased at the wonderful turnout of little ones who come forward to go to Chapel to learn about the Sunday readings with one of our four trained Catechists. Thanks to Renee Baese, Michelle Roberts, Kathy Kremer and Colleen Plowman who take turns preparing. It is a living presence of God’s love to see these little ones (sometimes 20) anxious to go to learn. Parents are welcome to come along.



### Saginaw Catholic Men’s Mini-Conference:

Is on Saturday, March 17th, from 8 am-1 pm at St. Hyacinth Church, 1515 Cass Ave., Bay City. Registration starts at 7:30 am. Keynote speaker is Sean Forrest. Admission is \$30; a beer (or soda) & brat lunch is included. Please email thecatholicmensaginaw@gmail.com for more information.



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

Tim Thelen family, Ella Brown, Audrey Schneider, Edward Chapko, Rose Chapko, Jim Hurst, Carole Custer, Emily Sopocy, Jeff Wadell, Clara Cermak, Jim Korienek, 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. 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.

**Father/Son Breakfast/Feast of St. Cyril:** Was a very happy time with 145 people enjoying this special event. A great big thank you to everyone that helped make the food, set up and clean up. Thank you to Gerry Winkler for playing the piano and playing the “name that tune game”. It always makes the time so great when people volunteer to help. Look forward to planning next year’s breakfast. Diane Korienek

**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.**

**Taize Prayer at St. Peter Parish:** Join us on today, Sunday, February 25th at 6 pm for Taize Prayer which includes music, prayers and meditation.

### A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

**2018:** In today’s gospel we hear of another encounter with the divine on a mountain, the place of the transcendent. This encounter takes place not in front of the crowds, the disciples, or even the Twelve. This encounter is special; it is unique.

Mountaintop experiences are rare, and we cannot stay there, as much as would like. The Scriptures give us a glimpse into that reality. Without warning Jesus was transfigured. The encounter with the divine often happens that way, without warning. And it seems that as soon as we have the encounter, it is over, and we are left to descend the mountain. We can share Peter’s desire to commemorate the event. It seems natural to erect a monument or some marker so that we may return to this place of encounter again and again. But that is not to be. The three are left wondering what the experience means, and what Jesus’ saying about rising from the dead might mean. Of course, this experience and Jesus’ saying will become clear in hindsight, after the crucifixion and exaltation.

And this is a model for us of how the paschal mystery is lived. We have peak experiences followed by moments of wonder and discernment. The Christian life is not one grand, never-ending peak experience. In fact, such experiences may be rare, even as they were for the disciples. And the Christian life is not all wonder and discernment, as meaning develops gradually and in light of unfolding events. We stay faithful to Jesus and accompany him in the peak experiences, and also in the struggle to discern meaning.

