

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 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.

Sun April 22 10:30 am **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
People of St. Cyril

Mon April 23 No Mass

Tues April 24 No Mass

Wed April 25 9:00 am **St. Mark, Evangelist**
Mary Bernath by family

Thu April 26 No Mass

Fri April 27 No Mass

Sat April 28 No Mass

Sun April 29 10:30 am **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
People of St. Cyril and First Communicants

† Tithes & Gifts †	
April 15, 2018	
No Mass	.00
Loose:	.00
Children:	.00
Special Needs:	.00
Total:	.00
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/18.....	(\$4,411.07)

Greeters for April Tom & Diane Bradley
Terry & Toni Ornelas

Ushers for April David Polash, Mark Horak
Tom Speer, Tom Hedrich

Money Counters April 24 Mary Jane Schoendorf & Alice Stevens

Knight of the Month-April Julius Remenar

Family of the month-April
Gale & Marcella Baese

Altar Servers: April 29 –Ava & Nick Kremer, Aaron Hurst and Christy Sopocy

Sacristans: April 29-Margaret Horak

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
April 29-Theresa & Steve Sopocy and Margaret Horak

Lectors: April 22-Tom Bradley and Terry Loznak

Stewardship Message: To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, “leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf.”

2018-19 Catholic Service Appeal (CSA): We are currently at 51% toward our goal. \$10,753.00 has been pledged so far. The balance owed is \$10,591.00 Please prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute. If you are unable to contribute, please return your pledge card marked “zero”. This counts as participating. There are envelopes at the entrances of church.



Spring Fling Bingo Rescheduled : St. Peter Parish’s Spring Fling Bingo has been rescheduled to **Sunday, May 6th**, from 6-8 pm in the parish hall.

St. Cyril’s Parish Picnic: We are planning our Parish Picnic which is Sunday, May 20th, after Mass. We are in need of prizes for bingo and games. There is a basket by the stairs in church for your donations. More information in upcoming bulletins. The Senior Mass is also on May 20th, for all students graduating from high school and college.

Parish Hall Usage: Any organization using the parish hall for their event, needs to do their own set up, clean up and put hall back in order as they found it. If they need to hire Jim Porubsky to help them, they are responsible for paying him. Faith Formation takes presidency.

Mark Your Calendars: The Mother/Daughter breakfast is Sunday, April 29th at 11:30 am in the parish hall.

Mass and Potluck: All are invited to attend a special Mass and potluck for Shawna Bornemann Gruca on Saturday, May 12th at 11:00 am. The potluck will be held immediately following Mass, please bring a dish to pass. Shawna grew up going to church at St. Cyril and this is an excellent time for us to support her in her struggle with cancer. This is an opportunity for our parish to be active disciples of Christ. Also, a box for cards of encouragement for Shawna will be on table in back of church. This will be available the weeks leading up to her Mass on May 12th.



Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Shawna Gruca, Tim Thelen family, Ella Brown, Audrey Schneider, Edward Chapko, Rose Chapko, Carole Custer, 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, Mary Galko, John & Joan Smolka, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Elizabeth Chandler



Faith Formation: We have class schedule for Sunday, April 22nd, at 9 am. We will continue instilling the virtue of kindness by making a spiritual bouquet for one who is sick. Practice for First Communion will be during class time on the 22nd, with Confirmation and First Communion on the 29th at the 10:30 am Mass. Our closing will be at the parish picnic on May 20th. Please mark your calendar for this special time together. Plans are being made for lots of game and prizes for children as well as the ice cream truck. Friends and extended family are welcome.

Congratulations: To our three boys who were Confirmed and received the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time. Joei Fabus, Maverick Horak and Jaren Paradise. May you continue to grow in God’s love.

Rice Bowls: Thank you to everyone who collected money for the Catholic Relief Services using the rice bowls. We collected \$452.75.



Blood Drive: Give the gift that keeps on giving. There is a blood drive at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister on Thursday, April 26th, from 12:00-5:45 pm. Co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and ZCBJ.

Part-time Maintenance Position: St. Peter Parish has a part-time temporary maintenance position available. Responsibilities include but not limited to: grass mowing and maintenance. If interested send resume to: Fr. Bill Gruden, PO Box 454, Chesaning, MI 48616

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: In the early church, before Jesus was depicted as suffering and dying on the cross, he was depicted as “the Good Shepherd.” This image was central to early Christian identity. We see paintings and even statues of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The cross seems to have been too painful or too inappropriate to be an effective way to portray Jesus. The Good Shepherd conveyed the Christian message much more clearly.

Though the imagery in today’s gospel may be foreign to our everyday experience, it rings true nonetheless. In some ways the story’s setting sound similar to a fairy tale with the shepherd, the hired hand, a wolf, and scattered sheep. But of course, the lessons from this gospel are much more profound than a fairy tale. This gospel tells us that the kingdom of God is not merely like a shepherd and his sheep; but rather, Jesus himself is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. The sheep know his voice. The Good Shepherd smells like the sheep. We can ask ourselves how we attune ourselves to the voice of the Good Shepherd. Where do we hear him calling? Have we been scattered, or are we attentive to the voice and near the Shepherd?

Jesus lays down his life for his sheep but takes it up again. The process does not conclude with the laying down, but culminates in the taking up. And thus we have the paschal mystery.