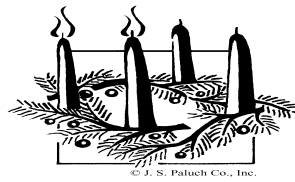


# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 6, 2015



**Sun Dec. 6**  
10:30 am People of St. Cyril

**Mon Dec. 7**  
St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
No Mass

**Tues Dec. 8**  
9:00 am Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary  
St. Peter Parish, Chesaning  
7:00 pm St. Cyril Church-Helen Vleck by Terry & Barb Seybert

**Wed Dec. 9**  
9:00 am Sheila Ward by Robert & Shirley Kolacy

**Thu Dec. 10**  
No Mass

**Fri Dec. 11**  
No Mass

**Sat Dec. 12**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
No Mass

**Sun Dec. 13**  
10:30 am Third Sunday of Advent  
People of St. Cyril-John P. Fabus by  
Marlene, Johnnie & Leslie

† <b>Tithes &amp; Gifts</b> †	
<b>November 22, 2015</b>	
<b>62 Adult Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$1,616.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>96.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>3-Special Needs:</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,724.00</b>
<b>Amount needed each week.....</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/16.....</b>	<b>(\$9,641.54)</b>
<i>Christmas Flowers-\$466</i>	

<b>Greeters for December</b> Robert & Karen Wooley Malcolm & Agnes Smith	<b>Ushers for December</b> JoAnn Forgarty, Joan Smolka Rosemary Houska, Annie Mikulka
<b>Money Counters</b> December 8 Ed & Joann Fornusek	<b>Knight of the month -Dec.</b>
<b>Family of the month-December</b>	

**Altar Servers:** December 8-Christa & Rachel Fornusek  
December 13-Aaron & Katy Hurst

**Sacristans:** December 8-Margaret Horak  
December 13-Sonja Homer

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
December 8-Volunteers needed  
December 13-Ellie Bowles, Theresa & Steve Sopocy

**Lectors:** December 8- Diane Korienek and Sonja Homer  
December 13-Tamara Chapko and Dylan Dysinger

### St. Cyril Church

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#### Parish Staff:

**Pastor** Fr. William Gruden  
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**Lay Minister** Margaret Horak

**Organist** Geraldine Winkler

**Maintenance** Jim Porubsky

**Faith Formation** Theresa Sopocy  
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#### Phone Numbers:

**Parish Office** (989) 862-5270  
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**St. Peter Parish** (989) 845-1794

#### 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:

**Friday Word & Communion:** 8:00 am  
**Wednesday Mass:** 9:00 am  
**Thursday Mass @ St Peter** 8:00 am

#### Sacraments:

**Reconciliation:** Sunday, 11:30 am

**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.

**Stewardship Message:** Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"



**Faith Formation Classes:** The next class is Sunday, December 20th For more information, call Theresa Sopocy at 862-5909.



**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.

**K of C Christmas Party:** Save the date! The Knights of Columbus Christmas Party is Saturday, December 12th at the parish hall starting at 6 pm with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat, drinks, rolls and table service will be furnished. Santa will arrive to meet all the children young and old following dinner.



**Choir Practice:** There will be choir practice on Tuesday, December 8th at 6 pm before Mass. Join us if you are able.

**Christmas Wafers:** I have ordered some packages of Christmas wafers 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



**Altar Society:** Ladies, there will be a Christmas dinner on Monday, December 7th at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Please bring a \$7 gift exchange and a dish to pass. Turkey will be provided. Hope you can make it. Rosemary

**St. Cyril's Christmas Ornaments:** There are Christmas ornaments at all four entrances of church. If you would like one you may put your donation in the collection basket. Thank you!

**Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:** Jon Miller, Kyle Salyer, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Barb Pumford, Mary Bernath, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Carl Bowles, Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John Smolka, Kim Babyock, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Sally Foreit, George Goscinski, Mary Hanacek, Betty Kirby, Ann Luznak, Jim Schneider, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler

**Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale:** 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. Please put money in the lock box on the Knight's table in the back of church.



**Community Christmas Boxes 2015:** St. Cyril will again be participating in the local Christmas Boxes donations collected to help those in need in our area. We will be collecting items until Sunday, December 6th. There will be a box by the St. Joseph Altar for your donations.

**Retired Religious Collection:** Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospital, and agencies—often for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

#### A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015 Living

**Liturgy:** We hear the word "save" frequently in our everyday chatter, and know immediately what it means: to be rescued from a bad situation, from danger, from an unwanted outcome. This Sunday's gospel doesn't have the word "save", but instead "salvation." What does it mean to "see the salvation of God" that Isaiah the prophet foretold? In fact, what the gospel is about is not so much being saved *from* as being saved *by* and *for*.

John quite clearly tells us how we are saved: seek "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." We are to "make straight" our relationship with God and others. We sometimes don't understand nor are aware of the critical importance of repentance and forgiveness in our relationships with each other, and how critical they are for our salvation. We are saved *by* the actions of God *for* putting on "the splendor of glory from God forever."

The salvation of God is progressively revealed in repentance (our work) and forgiveness (God's work). To repent means to change one's mind, one's life; this is how we reach the fullness that is promised and our true home: by increasing our love for one another, discerning "what is of true value," and by being "filled with the fruit of righteousness". Our work of repentance is a matter of turning ourselves toward our God who embraces us in mercy and forgiveness and welcomes us home. Our work of repentance is our response to the word-invitation to "see the salvation of God." We are to hear the "word of God" and act on it. Do we? How well?