

Epiphany

January 3, 2016



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:

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.

Sun Jan. 3 The Epiphany of the Lord
 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

Mon Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 No Mass

Tues Jan. 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop
 No Mass

Wed Jan. 6 John Kusnier, Sr. by family
 9:00 am

Thu Jan. 7
 4:30 pm

Fri Jan. 8
 No Mass

Sat Jan. 9
 No Mass

Sun Jan. 10 The Baptism of the Lord
 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts †	
December 24 and 25, 2015	
50 Adult Envelopes:	\$1,389.00
Loose:	204.00
Children:	.00
Special Needs:	2.00
Total:	\$1,593.00
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,250.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/16.....	(\$6,645.54)

† Tithes & Gifts †	
December 27, 2015	
56 Adult Envelopes:	\$1,394.00
Loose:	91.00
2-Special Needs	20.00
Total:	\$1,505.00
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,250.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/16.....	(7,390.54)

Retired Religious-\$85

Greeters for January Mary Galko Lynn Fruchey	Ushers for January William Chapko, William Chapko, Jr. Tamara Chapko, Robert Kral
Money Counters January 5 Tom & Diane Bradley	Knight of the month –Jan. Jerry Kusnier
Family of the month–January Geraldine Winkler family	

Stewardship Message: The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?



Faith Formation Classes: The next class is Sunday, January 3rd at 9:00 am. There will be a parent meeting for those receiving Reconciliation also on Sunday, January 3rd.

Ornaments: Please save your caps from mayo and peanut butter jars and similar caps that size and also the front of used Christmas cards. These will be used at the Ashley Country Christmas by a church group that helps children make ornaments. We will be collecting them throughout the year. I will put a box for these things by the choir stairs. Thank you. Diane Korienek

Usher Schedule: We are working on updating the Usher Schedule. If you would like to become an usher, please call Jim Korienek at 989-221-7717.



Save the Date: Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner: St. Peter Parish once again is having their Cabin Fever Chicken Dinner on Saturday, January 16th from 5-7 pm in the parish hall. This is an all you eat dinner! The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 children ages 4-12 and children under three are free. See you there!

Thank You: A BIG thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It looks beautiful!

Holy Hour: The next Holy Hour with Bishop Joseph Cistone is Tuesday, January 19 from 7-8 pm at St. Dominic Parish, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 4735 W. Michigan Ave., Saginaw. During this Jubilee Year, the intention of each monthly Holy Hour will be for a deeper understanding and participation in the Mercy of God.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: 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

Altar Servers: January 10-Volunteers needed

Sacristans: January 10-Jim & Diane Korienek

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
January 10-Margaret Horak, Tamara Chapko and Agnes Galecka

Lectors: January 10-Diane Korienek and Duane Schneider



Baptism Preparation Class: There will be a Baptism preparation class held on Sunday, January 17th at 9 am during Faith Formation. This class is intended for anyone with small infants and children who are anticipating baptism before Lent. One parent must be a registered member of St. Cyril and a practicing Catholic. Please contact Margaret Horak at 862-5207 to pre-register.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast: Mark your calendars for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast on Sunday, January 24th following Mass. More information in upcoming bulletins.

The Catholic Weekly and The Catholic Times

Newspapers: Effective Friday, January 1, 2016 will be the last issue for all editions of the paper. This was decided at the Board of Directors meeting held in December. We thank you greatly for your patronage and friendship throughout the years and for allowing us to serve your parishioners with news, information and viewpoints from a Catholic perspective. Best wishes for a wonderful 2016! Mark A. Myczkowiak/GM

A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2015 Living

Liturgy: In the gospel, the “magi from the east” followed the light of a star. A light of heaven that guided them. A light of revelation that manifested “the newborn king of the Jews” to Gentile wise men. A light of warning that protected this Child from harm until his time had come. Like the magi, we must follow this light to the Light. Like the magi, we must offer “the child” homage—the gift of our very selves become the Light of his Presence. A Light that guides, reveals, warns.

The light of the glory of God's Presence is all around us. Unlike the magi, we don't have to undertake an arduous journey. We need only open our eyes to see through the darkness. We need only to allow God to guide us by word, sacrament, grace. We need only to heed the warning signs of those who choose not to give God the humble homage of which God is worthy. The real challenge of this gospel is that we do not seek the light outside of ourselves, as did the magi, but within ourselves. We do not need to look up to the heavens, to observe starlight, to go on a long journey. The light that guides, reveals, and warns us is right here among us. It is within us. We are the light that shines forth the Presence of God.



The mystery we celebrate this day is that this “newborn king of the Jews” is as present to us as he was present to the magi who came to do him homage and offer him gifts. Just as this “newborn king of the Jews” manifested himself to the “magi from the east,” symbolizing the Gentiles, so does he now manifest himself to all peoples and all nations at all times. He manifests himself to us, His Light, however, does not emanate from a distant star, but from within each of us who is open to his divine Presence, open to his saving love, open to his gift of Life.