

# Baptism of the Lord

## January 10, 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. 10** **Baptism of the Lord**  
 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

**Mon Jan. 11**  
 No Mass

**Tues Jan. 12**  
 No Mass

**Wed Jan. 13**  
 No Mass

**Thu Jan. 14**  
 4:30 pm

**Fri Jan. 15**  
 No Mass

**Sat Jan. 16**  
 No Mass

**Sun Jan. 17**  
 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

#### † Tithes & Gifts †

**January 3, 2016**

<b>69 Adult Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$1,777.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>89.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.75</b>
<b>25-Special Needs:</b>	<b>238.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,104.75</b>
<b>Amount needed each week.....</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/16.....</b>	<b>(\$7,535.79)</b>

#### Greeters for January

Mary Galko  
 Lynn Fruchey

#### Ushers for January

William Chapko, William Chapko, Jr.  
 Tamara Chapko, Robert Kral

#### Money Counters

**January 12**  
 Marilyn Kuchar & Joann Fornusek

#### Knight of the month –Jan.

Jerry Kusnier

#### Family of the month-January

Geraldine Winkler family

#### Altar Servers: January 17-Volunteers needed

Sacristans: January 17-Sonja Homer

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

**January 17-Annie Mikulka, Duane & Lyna Schneider**

Lectors: **January 17-Tom Bradley and Tamara Chapko**

**Stewardship Message:** Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the services of God and neighbor.



**Faith Formation Classes:** The next class is Sunday, January 10th at 9:00 am. First Reconciliation will be after Mass on January 10th.

**Christmas Decorations:** We will be taking down the church’s Christmas decorations after Mass on January 10th. Hope you can come and help! Thanks. Rosemary & Diane

**Worship Commission:** The Worship Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21st at 6 pm.



#### **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!

**Knights of Columbus Membership:** All Catholic men over the age of 18 years qualify to become a member of the council. Knights will have information regarding the benefits of joining the group available on Sunday, January 24th follow Mass. Please take a few minutes to get information regarding this great group.

**To My Parish Families of Ss. Peter and Cyril:** *I want to thank you ever so much for your Christmas gifts. I received many cards, monetary gifts, such wonderful breads and pastries, books, gift cards, and most especially words of encouragement and support. I am truly blessed to be pastor of two great and holy parishes. You have no idea how you have been so influential in my continued formation as a priest. Know that you are in my daily prayers and a major intention when I pray my daily rosary. So looking forward to our years ahead.*

*In Christ and Mary,*  
 Fr. Bill Gruden  
 Pastor

**Calendar Change:** Please make note that there will be no Mass on Wednesday, January 13th. Fr. Bill will be on vacation.

**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



**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. The donations from this free-will offering breakfast will be given to the Elsie Food Bank and the Elsie Baby Pantry.

**Lector Schedules:** Lectors, you may pick up your new schedule in the Sacristy. Thank you.

**Altar Society Meeting:** There will be an Altar Society meeting on Sunday, January 10th at 7 pm in the parish hall.

#### **A Reflection on the Gospel from the 2016 Living**

**Liturgy:** The people in the gospel looked to John the Baptist to be the long-awaited Messiah. It was precisely their expectation—misdirected though it was—that kept them looking for the Messiah. John redirected them from himself to the person of Jesus, the “beloved Son” of God. Our own baptism with “the Holy Spirit and fire” initiates us on a journey of discovery not only of who Jesus is, but also who we are in him. This gospel, then, teaches us something about John, Jesus, and ourselves.



Who was John the Baptist? He was set apart, prophetic, radical, clear about his message of repentance, sure about his identity as the herald of One who would be greater than he. Who is Jesus? He is the Messiah to whom John pointed, the “beloved Son” of God, the One who, because of his own prophetic, radical, and sure message, would be misunderstood, rejected, ridiculed, deserted, crucified. Who are we? We are those who, through our baptism “with the Holy Spirit and fire,” are conformed to Jesus and take up his saving mission. From his baptism by John to his crucifixion, the Messiah did not meet mere human expectations. Rather, he exceeded them with his Good News, his healing, his love. From our own baptism to our death, we also must not meet mere human expectations. Rather, we must achieve the full potential of our own graced identity as God’s own people expressed through a Gospel way of living.

We learn our mission from experiencing and encountering the Divine through others. Our Christian journey is about realizing that *we ourselves* are God’s Presence for another. We must constantly redirect our own expectations so that we keep focused on the One “mightier than I” who come to others, now, through us.