

# Third Sunday of Lent

## February 28, 2016

### St. Cyril Church

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#### Parish Staff:

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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

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

**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 Feb. 28 Third Sunday of Lent**  
 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

**Mon Feb. 29**  
 No Mass

**Tues March 1**  
 No Mass

**Wed March 2**  
 9:00 am Becky, Tyler & Floyd Meiser by family

**Thu March 3**  
 No Mass

**Fri March 4**  
 9:00 am Louis & Erma Polash by Dave & Maureen Polash

**Sat March 5**  
 No Mass

**Sun March 6 Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts †	
February 21, 2016	
70 Adult Envelopes:	\$2,275.00
Loose:	47.00
Children:	.00
5-Special Needs:	70.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,392.00</b>
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,250.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/16.....	(\$10,179.79)
<i>Easter flowers-\$20</i>	

<b>Greeters for March</b> Jim & Diane Koriemek Ellie Bowles & volunteer	<b>Ushers for March</b> Jary Fox, Steve Sopocy Richard Maxa Jr, volunteer
<b>Money Counters</b> <b>March 1</b> Cliff & Carol Clark	<b>Knight of the month -Feb.</b> Macauley Horak
<b>Family of the month-February</b> Terry & Toni Ornelas	

<b>Altar Servers:</b> March 6-Aaron & Katy Hurst
<b>Sacristans:</b> March 6-Sonja Homer
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b> March 6-Terry Loznak, Anne Pesda and Toni Ornelas
<b>Lectors:</b> March 6-Dylan Dysinger and Tamara Chapko

**Stewardship Message:** The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!



**Faith Formation Classes:** The next class is Sunday, March 6th at 9:00 am.

**Lenten Holy Hour:** Each Friday during Lent we will be having a Holy Hour of prayer at 4 pm with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and then followed by Stations of the Cross at 5 pm in the chapel. Please join us in the parish hall after stations for soup and crackers every Friday **except Friday, March 11th.**



**Save the Date!** The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is Friday, March 11th from 4:30-7 pm in the parish hall. More information in upcoming bulletins.

**Diocesan Chrism Mass to be Broadcast Live:** This year the Chrism Mass celebrated on Tuesday, March 22nd, at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw will be broadcast live on WNEM TV-5. This special programming will be aired from 10 am to noon.

**St. Peter Parish Lenten Mission:** Father Jack Conley will preach at all weekend liturgies, March 12th and 13th. He will be presenting the Parish Mission "Rekindling the Fire" beginning Sunday evening March 13th from 6-8 pm. He will also preside at Mass Monday through Wednesday beginning at 8 am (St. Peter). Time will be made available throughout Father's day for appointments: Penance, Spiritual Direction or simply to share an insight or problem. Please see enclosed flyer with details regarding the mission.



**Snow Days:** Just a reminder that if Ovid Elsie Schools are closed due to inclement weather, all activities are canceled. If they close on a Mass day, Mass will be canceled as well.

**Living Portrayal of the Last Supper:** At St. Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Anthony of Padua Church, 3680 S. Washington Rd., Saginaw at 7 pm on Friday, March 18th. All are invited to a living portrayal of the last supper with music, song and theatrical performance. Those with questions may call 989-752-1971.

**Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:** John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Barb Pumford, Mary Bernath, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Carl Bowles, Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John & Joan 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

**Ladies:** St. Cyril's Ladies Altar Society dues are now due. All ladies 18 years of age and older are members of the Altar Society. Dues will be collected in the Meeting Room on the weekends of February 28th and March 6th. Dues can also be paid by placing dues (\$5) in an envelope with "Altar Society" written on it and placed in the collection basket. Kris will then forward them on to me. Thank you. Mary Jane, Treasurer

**Catholic Women's Fellowship:** The monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship meets Wednesday, March 2nd from 6-8:15 pm at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss Rd., Saginaw. Topic: **The Way of the Cross** (Father Prentice Tipton). Meetings will continue on the first Wednesday of the month through May. For more information visit: [www.womensfellowship.org](http://www.womensfellowship.org) Krystal Gipson

**Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone:** The next Holy Hour is Tuesday, March 8th from 7-8 pm at St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, St. Joseph Church, 1005 Third St., Bay City. During this Jubilee Year, the intention of each monthly Holy Hour will for a deeper understanding and participation in the Mercy of God.

**Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Supplies:** Will remain open until 7 pm on the following Thursdays: March 3, 10, & 17 and April 7, 14, 21. We are located in Fowler; phone number is 989-593-2609.

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

**Liturgy:** Question: What are five verbs beginning with "re" that capture this gospel's challenge to us? Answer: repent, retry, reconcile, renew, restore. We are to *repent* of our sinfulness; *retry* the cultivation God constantly does in order for us to be fruitful in our daily living; *reconcile* with whomever and whatever keeps us from growing; *renew* our resolve to avoid whatever might cut us off from God; and *restore* any broken relationships hindering our receiving the fullness of Life. Not to accept this challenge to personal transformation is to choose to perish. What is obvious in these statements is that *we* choose to perish or live. God gives us all we need and even more so that we bear fruit. Lent is a reminder that we are prone to sinfulness, but that we are given a chance over and over again to choose Life. Why would we choose to cut ourselves off from God *and* each other and perish?

This is our work of *repenting*: that we turn from sinfulness toward God's transforming mercy, knowing full well this turning is our choice. This is our work of *retrying*: that we never give up on God's work of mercy, our God who takes what is almost dead and coaxes it back to new life. This is our work of *reconciling*: to heal the wounds that separate. This is our work of *renewing*: that we undertake the necessary steps to rebuild our relationships with God and each other. This is our work of *restoring*: that we allow God's new Life so freely given to us to redirect all our being to bear the good fruit of righteous living. The work of Lent is to choose the eternal Life God continuously cultivates within us.