

# Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2017

## 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 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.

Mary, Mother of God



**Sun January 1** 10:30 am Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
People of St. Cyril

**Mon January 2** No Mass  
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

**Tues January 3** No Mass

**Wed January 4** 9:00 am St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
Jim Schneider by Jim & Ruth Fabus

**Thu January 5** No Mass  
St. John Neumann, Bishop

**Fri January 6** 9:00 am Sally Foreit by John & Diane Kusnier

**Sat January 7** No Mass

**Sun January 8** 10:30 am The Epiphany of the Lord  
People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts †	
December 24 & 25, 2016	
106-Adult Envelopes:	\$3,142.00
Loose:	550.00
Children:	.00
3-Special Needs:	40.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,732.00</b>
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/17.....	(\$1,214.69)
Retired Religious-\$120 Mass Intentions-\$60	

<b>Greeters for Jan.</b> Tom & Diane Bradley John & Marilyn Sopocy	<b>Ushers for January</b> William Chapko, Tamara Chapko William Chapko, Jr., Robert Kral
<b>Money Counters</b> January 3 Mary Jane Schoendorf & Alice Steavens	<b>Knight of the month -Jan.</b> Alfred Porubsky
<b>Family of the month-January</b> Edward & Donni Fornusek	

**Altar Servers: Jan. 8-**Volunteers needed

**Sacristans: Jan. 8-**Sonja Homer

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Jan. 8-Diane Kusnier, John & Carol Chvojka

**Lectors: Jan. 8-**Dylan Dysinger and Tamara Chapko

**Stewardship Message:** Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the questions: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?



**Faith Formation:** The next class will be Sunday, January 15th at 9:00 am. There will be a parent meeting for those receiving Reconciliation.

**Ornaments:** Please continue to save your covers from mayo jars, peanut butter jars, yogurt etc. and also the front of Christmas cards. These items will be used by the Methodist church in Ashley to have the children make ornaments during the Polar Express weekends. They can have as many as 900 people aboard the train. There is a box by stairs in church for your covers and cards. Thank you!

**Christian Service Commission:** The next Christian Service Commission meeting is Wednesday, January 4th at 1 pm.

**Mardi Gras Chicken Dinner:** Mark your calendars! St. Peter Parish is having a chicken dinner on Saturday, February 25th, starting at 5 pm. This dinner will be made by the St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry Program with all proceeds going to their Student Activities account to help offset the cost of youth opportunities throughout the year. More information in upcoming bulletins.

**Monthly Diocesan Men's Faith-Sharing Night: Bishop Barron's Series on the Saintd, The Pivotal Players-Michelangelo:** At the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw on Wednesday, January 18th from 7-8:15 pm. Dr. Dan Osborn, Director of the Center for Ministry, will offer men of the diocese an opportunity to view Bishop Barron's new DVD series on the saints, The Pivotal Players. There will be time for faith-sharing in small groups after viewing the DVD. These monthly meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month through April, 2017. This series is not sequential; you are unable to come on certain Wednesday, you are welcome to attend on other evenings. There is no prior registration.



**Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:** Charles Olson, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, Richard Bakita, Ann Remenar, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, 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, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Parish Office Closed:** The parish office will close at noon on Tuesday, January 10th, so that I may attend our staff Christmas party.

**St. Cyril's Website:** To read the church bulletin go to: stcyrilchurch.com click on news and events then on bulletin. If you go south for the winter or can't make it to church you will still be able to keep up with church news.

**Holy Hour:** The next Holy Hour with Bishop Joseph Cistone is Thursday, January 19th at St. Stephen Church, 1310 Malzahn St., Saginaw at 7 pm.

**A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2017:** We never quite lose our need for affirmation. This can be a destructive need or a healthy need. Both the shepherds and Mary show a need for affirmation in this gospel. A healthy need, to be sure. A need that shows their encounter with the "infant lying in the manger" makes them who they are and calls them to hear and see beyond their expectations to embracing the newness of Life.

The shepherds came to the manger, encountered the newborn infant, left the stable to make "known the message," then "returned, glorifying and praising God." The passage is unclear about to where they "returned." Probably, they returned to their flocks and fields, the same shepherds yet different for all they had "heard and seen." The shepherds show us how to be affirmed in our own encounters with Jesus' birth and life. Before we can make "know the message," we must encounter Jesus. To affirm that it is *his* message we make known, we must keep coming back to him to encounter him anew.

Mary's need for healthy affirmation is evidenced by her taking the events surrounding the birth of her firstborn Son into her heart and reflecting on them. This mother evidences contemplative love flowing from her heart. Mary was present to her Son and present when the shepherds encountered him. Likewise, Mary is present when we encounter her Son, reflect on the Good News in our hearts, and make known the message of Life to all we meet. Mary is not only the Mother of God. She is the mother of the shepherds. She also is our mother who mothers us into contemplative love, who mothers us into the affirmation that we too can make "known the message" that the Savior of the world has come.

