

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 12, 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 Margaret Horak at 862-5027 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 February 12** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am People of St. Cyril  
**Mon February 13** No Mass  
**Tues February 14** St. Cyril, Monk and St. Methodius,  
Bishop  
No Mass  
**Wed February 15** No Mass  
**Thu February 16** No Mass  
**Fri February 17** No Mass  
**Sat February 18** No Mass  
**Sun February 19** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 am People of St. Cyril

✠ <b>Tithes &amp; Gifts</b> ✠	
<b>February 5, 2017</b>	
<b>63-Adult Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$1,766.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>56.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>17-Special Needs:</b>	<b>169.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,991.00</b>
<b>Amount needed each week.....</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/17.....</b>	<b>(\$2,846.00)</b>

**Greeters for Feb.** Cliff & Carol Clark  
Jim & Diane Korienek  
**Ushers for February** John Fabus, Jim Fabus, Jr.  
Ed J. Fornusek, Ed F. Fornusek

**Money Counters** Marilyn Kuchar and Alice Steavens  
**Knight of the month –Feb.** Robert Garcia

**Family of the month-February**  
Kirk & Renee Amman

**Altar Servers:** Feb. 19-volunteers needed

**Sacristans:** Feb. 19–Margaret Horak

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Feb. 19–John & Carol Chvojka and Diane Kusnier

**Lectors:** Feb. 19–Sonja Homer and Margaret Horak

**Stewardship Message:** Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today’s readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God’s law that makes our offering acceptable.



**Faith Formation:** The next class will be Sunday, February 19th at 9:00 am.

**Baptism of Children:** Are you in need of having a child baptized? Please contact Margaret Horak at 862-5027 to set up class and arrangements.

**Altar Society Dues:** Ladies, it is that time of year. Our dues are owed; same low price of \$5.00. You also may put your dues in an envelope marked “Altar Society dues” and your name in the collection basket.

**Lenten Penance Service:** St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns will be having a Lenten Penance Service on Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 pm.



**Fish Fry:** The Knights of Columbus #4102 at 360 S. River Rd., Bay City is hosting an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Friday, February 17th, to benefit the Diocese of Saginaw Seminarians from noon-? Menu includes: perch, cod, corn, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Cost is: \$12 adults, \$6 children. Please come and join us!

**Altar Cleaning:** The ladies cleaning the altar for February are: Jo Meiser and Maureen Polash. This will be done on Friday, February 24th at 9:00 am

**Prayer in Time of Sickness:** Dear Jesus, You suffered and died for us. Teach me to understand my suffering as You do. Help me to bear my suffering in union with You. Lead me to offer my suffering with Yours in atonement for my sins, so as to bring Your grace to souls in need.

Calm my fears and strengthen my trust in You, Loving Lord. May I come to accept Your holy will, and become more like You through the trials in my life. If it be Your will, restore me to health so that I may offer my efforts and energies for Your honor and glory, and for the good of all humanity. Amen.



**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, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler

**Plastic Bags:** The Elsie Food Pantry needs your clean, plastic grocery bags. You may drop them off in the donation area by the choir stairs. Thank you for your contributions.

**Father/Son Breakfast:** Our Father/Son Breakfast will be held today, February 12th, right after Mass and this is also our celebration of the Feast of St. Cyril so everyone is welcome to come and celebrate. Please join us for eggs, ham, sausage, hash browns, tator tots, beverages and bakery. We always enjoy the great breakfast bakery that the ladies make, so ladies please come and bring your goodies.



**Mardi Gras Chicken Dinner:** Mark your calendars! St. Peter Parish is having a chicken dinner on Saturday, February 25th, 5-6:30 pm in the parish hall. The menu is: chicken, mashed potatoes/with gravy, green beans, glazed carrots, rolls, coleslaw, beverages and ice cream. Adults are \$10; children 4-12 \$5 and 3 and under are free. There will be kid activities throughout the dinner as well. Proceeds to the Youth Ministry programs.

**A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy**

**2017:** Thomas Aquinas defined human law as an ordinance of reason promulgated by the proper authority for the common good. We might define God’s law as the ordinance of God’s wisdom, promulgated by Jesus who is the fulfillment of all law, for the righteousness that brings us to be the “greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” God’s law is not about restrictions curbing freedom, but about freeing us to become who God intends us to be.

We need God’s law to guide us because we are imperfect, coming only slowly to the fulfillment that Jesus promises. However, Jesus makes clear that simply keeping the law—as the scribes and Pharisees were so careful about doing—is not enough. The gospel is a lengthy comparison between the law of the old covenant (especially as the scribes and Pharisees to whom Jesus refers in the gospel interpreted and lived it) and a new law—a new covenant—Jesus offers. The point of Jesus’ lengthy discourse is clear: he is challenging us to a whole new covenantal relationship as the basis for interpreting and choosing to keep God’s law. Jesus’ new covenant is built on the right relationships that extend beyond the mandate of the law.

No law—whether divine or human—can cover all the right choices we are to make as we journey through life in community. Both the gospel and first reading point to what more is needed: “trust in God,” right choices that bring life to ourselves and others, relying on the wisdom and understanding of God who knows us better than we know ourselves. Our own choices for good—for life—can only come when we open ourselves to God’s guidance and wisdom. In this is the promise of fullness of Life. In this is our life in Christ.