

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 11, 2018



**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 March 11 Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
10:30 am People of St. Cyril  
**Mon March 12**  
No Mass  
**Tues March 13**  
No Mass  
**Wed March 14**  
9:00 am Jim Hurst by Paul Hurst  
**Thu March 15**  
No Mass  
**Fri March 16**  
No Mass  
**Sat March 17**  
No Mass  
**Sun March 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
10:30 am People of St. Cyril

✠ <b>Tithes &amp; Gifts</b> ✠	
<b>March 4, 2018</b>	
<b>56-Adult Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$2,223.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>126.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>19-Special Needs:</b>	<b>216.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,565.00</b>
<b>Amount needed each week.....</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/18.....</b>	<b>(\$3,750.07)</b>
<i>Easter Flowers-\$115 Catholic Relief Services-\$10</i>	

<b><u>Greeters for March</u></b> Cliff & Carol Clark Tamara & Bill Chapko	<b><u>Ushers for March</u></b> Jary Fox, Steve Sopocy Billy & Amanda Shevrovich
<b><u>Money Counters</u></b> <b>March 13th</b> Ed and Joann Fornusek	<b><u>Knight of the Month-March</u></b> Michael Denovich
<b><u>Family of the month-March</u></b> Rose Chapko family	

**Altar Servers: March 18** –J.D. & Jacob Miller, Rachel & Krista Fornusek  
**Sacristans: March 18**-Margaret Horak  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: March 18** – Terry Loznak  
**Lectors: March 18**-Dylan Dysinger and Duane Schneider

**Stewardship Message:** All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. “We are truly his handiwork,” says St. Paul in the second reading, “created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.”

**Yellow Barrel Christian Service:** Our donations to the local Rescue Missions will be complete and picked up after Sunday, March 18th-the 5th Sunday of Lent. Thank you to all for your very generous donations to our needy. A thank you has been posted on the window by the barrel from the Rescue Mission. Thank you from the Christian Service for supporting this Lenten Project.

**Worship Committee:** A Worship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 12th at 4:00 pm.

**Rice Bowls:** During Lent we use the rice bowls as a way of alms giving. *What I give up I give to others.* If you do not have a rice bowl and would like one, they are at all entrances of church. The rice bowls should be returned to church during Holy Week.



**Extra Ordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist:**

Beginning on Easter morning we will be resuming our full schedule of ministers. Please follow your schedule as planned.

**Altar Servers:** All altar servers please pick up your schedules in the sacristy.

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS):** This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. Please help Jesus in disguise.

**Diocese of Saginaw Website:** To follow the ongoing investigation regarding Fr. Bob DeLand please go to the diocese website: www.saginaw.org

**J.A.M.:** Jesus and Music in Concert on Friday, March 23rd, at 7:30 pm at St. John Vianney, 6400 McCarty Rd., Saginaw. Free will donations to: Saginaw Area 22 and Special Olympics.



**Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:**

Tim Thelen family, Ella Brown, Audrey Schneider, Edward Chapko, Rose Chapko, Carole Custer, Emily Sopocy, Jeff Wadell, Clara Cermak, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, Richard Bakita, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Gale & 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, Elizabeth Chandler



**Faith Formation:**

Please pray for our second graders and their families as these children prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist. Our gathering prayer before classes continues to center around the Stations of the Cross and the many ways we are doing acts of kindness to thank Jesus for giving us eternal life.



**K of C Fish Fry:**

St. Cyril Fish Fry is Friday, March 16th, from 4:30-7:00 pm in the parish hall. Please see enclosed flyer for more information.

**League of Catholic Women:**

All ladies are welcome to the League of Catholic Women Luncheon at the Center for Ministry (5800 Weiss, Saginaw) on **Tuesday March 20th**. Mass in the chapel starts at 11 am and our lunch will follow at noon. Our speaker will be Mona from Hear of Saginaw. You may bring a non-perishable food item to help feed the after school children of Heart of Saginaw. Mail your \$10 check **before Monday, March 12th (deadline)** for the luncheon to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw MI 48608. We are currently doing our League Membership drive. Yearly dues are \$10. Call the League with any questions at 989-5053 or Mary at 989-790-3358.



**Passion Play:**

Join us as the youth from St. Peter Parish Youth Ministry depict the last week of the life of Jesus on Sunday, March 18th, at 6:00 pm in the church. The Passion Play is a mime performance. This powerful performance is a great way to spend time in prayer and reflection.

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

**2018:** This Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called “Lactare Sunday,” from the Latin meaning “to rejoice” or “to be joyful.” Still, it might seem odd to “rejoice” in Lent, but that exhortation is a reminder, or rather a foreshadowing, of Easter. It is as though Easter itself is breaking into the Lenten season this Sunday.

The passage that many use to sum up the gospel is simply this: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” The profundity of this statement can be lost by its pithiness. We proclaim a God of love, not a God of condemnation. And this love results in God sending his only Son, Jesus. The starting point of our theology is, then, love.

Though many today and throughout history seem to prefer a God of judgment, a God of condemnation, today we are reminded that our God is love. And God’s love is eternal, expressed in a never-ending life he wants for each of us, where the relationships and bonds we create in this life are never broken.

As we journey through Lent, it might be fruitful for us too to focus on Jesus and our belief in him. He represents and is himself the incarnation of God’s love for the world. As followers of Jesus how do we represent God’s love for the world?