

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

November 25, 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 Nov. 25** 10:30 am **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
7th Anniversary of Martin Galecka by Agnes and family

**Mon Nov. 26** No Mass

**Tues Nov. 27** No Mass

**Wed Nov. 28** 9:00 am Elaine Rademacher by Bill & Clara Nemeik

**Thu Nov. 29** No Mass

**Fri Nov. 30** **St. Andrew, Apostle**  
No Mass

**Sat Dec. 1** No Mass

**Sun Dec. 2** 10:30 am **First Sunday of Advent**  
People of St. Cyril

† <b>Tithes &amp; Gifts</b> †	
<b>November 18, 2018</b>	
<b>60-Envelopes</b>	<b>\$2,028.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>143.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>3- Special Needs:</b>	<b>37.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,208.00</b>
<b>Amount needed each week . . . . .</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/19.....</b>	<b>(\$2,238.33)</b>
<i>Christmas Flowers-\$20</i>	
<i>Campaign for Human Development-\$120</i>	

<b>Greeters for Dec.</b>	<b>Ushers for December</b>
Keith & Sonja Homer	Rosemary Houska, Joan Smoka
Tom & Diane Bradley	JoAnn Forgary, Annie Mikulka
<b>Money Counters</b>	<b>Knight of the Month-Nov.</b>
<b>November 27</b>	Keith Homer
Ed & Joanne Fornusek	
<b>Family of the Month-November</b>	
Robert & Janet Garcia	

<b>Altar Servers: December 2</b> –Jocelyn & Christian Plowman
<b>Sacristans: December 2</b> –Margaret Horak
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:</b>
<b>December 2</b> –Carol Chvojka, Diane Kusnier and John Chvojka
<b>Lectors: December 2</b> –Ellie Bowles and Diane Korienek

**Stewardship Message:** Today’s second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?



**Faith Formation:** The next Faith Formation class is on Sunday, December 2nd, at 9 am in the parish hall. Hope to see you there!

**Remembrance:** During the month of November we will have candles on St. Joseph’s Altar remembering those who have passed away from November 1, 2017–November 1, 2018. They are: Delores Boss, Charlie Chapko, James Hurst, Frances Surdenik, John S. Fabus, Jr., Dick Bakos, John Smolka Sr., Bishop Joseph Cistone and Shawna Gruca. We will once again have our Remembrance Book on the stand by St. Joseph’s Altar for anyone wishing to write the names of their loved ones who have passed over the years. On Sunday, November 25th, after Mass family members are invited to take home their candle. We thank Smith Family Funeral Homes for their donation of these candles.



**Christmas Boxes:** St. Cyril Christian Service is working with the local communities to provide household items and gifts to those in need in our area for Christmas. We have enclosed a flyer with items that are needed. Deadline to turn in application for Christmas Boxes is Thursday, November 29th, at the Elsie Methodist Church.



**Christmas Party:** The Knights of Columbus and the ZCJB Lodge will be combining their Christmas parties at the ZCJB Hall on Sunday, December 2nd, at 11:30 am. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass, along with your children and grandchildren. Children are invited to take part in the Christmas program. Parents are asked to bring a wrapped gift for their own child and place it under the tree. Please bring a non-perishable food item for area Food Banks. This party is for everyone!

**Worship Commission:** A Worship Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4th, at 4:00 pm.

**Christian Service Commission:** The next meeting is Wednesday, November 28th, at 9:45 am.

**Christmas Wafers:** I have ordered some Christmas wafers for our parish families. They will be in a basket in the sacristy. We are asking for a free will donation to offset the cost.



**Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:** Carmen Porubsky & Charlyze Wells, Helen Slowinski, Frank Klasek, Terry Sefl, John Kusnier, Jr., Audrey Schneider, Edward Chapko, Rose Chapko, Carole Custer, Jeff Wadell, Clara Cermak, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Gale & Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Mary Galko, Joan Smolka, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Elizabeth Chandler

**2018-19 Catholic Service Appeal (CSA):** We are currently at 82% toward our goal. \$17,483.00 has been pledged so far. The balance owed is \$3,861.00. It is still not too late to contribute. If we do not meet the assessment the balance will be taken out of the general fund. There are envelopes at the entrances of church. Thank you to everyone who has pledged.

**The Polar Express:** The Polar Express will once again be coming to the Village of Ashley for an old fashion country Christmas. The Knights have been asked to assist with trash and snow removal during the 5 weekends. Please volunteer for a time on one of the sign up sheets located at the Knight’s table. This is the perfect opportunity to bring the family, enjoy the festivities and provide a community service, all at the same time.

**Altar Society Christmas Party:** Is on Monday, December 3rd, at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Meat, potatoes/gravy, dressing tableware, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Also, please bring a white elephant item for the gift exchange. Rosemary



**Polar Express Café:** We need 2 more people for Saturday, December 8th, morning train (9:30 am–2 pm) and Sunday evening, December 9th, (3:30–8:00 pm) we need 4–5 people. There are sign up sheets in front entrance of church for these positions. This event is sponsored by the Altar Society. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up. Please contact Diane Korienek at 989-224-7717 for more information.



**Advent Tea:** Everyone is invited to St. Peter Parish for our Advent Tea on Tuesday, Nov. 27th at 6:15 pm in the parish hall. Kellie Deming, Coordinator of Lay Ministry, Diocese of Saginaw, will be our speaker. Please bring a non-perishable for our CAER Food Pantry. RSVP to Margaret Horak at 862-5027.

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

**2018:** The gospel reading for today brings us into the scene between Jesus and Pilate. Of course, we know how it well end, ultimately with crucifixion and the antagonizing sign proclaiming Jesus, “King.” But here in the midst of the conversation we hear eternal questions that cause us to consider, “What is truth?” Jesus makes a straightforward claim, that he is a king, and he has been sent to testify to the truth. Jesus refuses to accept Pilate’s narrow understanding of power and truth, explaining to the procurator that Jesus “rules” a kingdom not of this world—power that Pilate does not comprehend. Pilate, vested with political authority, including the power to inflict capital punishment, is wrapped up in a semantic argument about the nature of truth. He doesn’t see the incarnation of truth, the King of Kings, standing before his very eyes. And in Pilate’s blindness, he will put to death Jesus as King of the Jews.

So the early Christians, and even us today, continue to proclaim Jesus as King. He is no mere figurehead. Instead, he shares the title with Yahweh, “great king over the gods.” What Pilate said in mockery was utterly true. Jesus Christ is King.