



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 Dec. 9 **The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary**
10:30 am
50th Anniversary of death of Frank & Mary Kral by children

Mon Dec. 10
No Mass

Tues Dec. 11
No Mass

Wed Dec. 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
9:00 am
John Smolka by Judy & Barb Minarik

Thu Dec. 13 **St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**
No Mass

Fri Dec. 14 **St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church**
No Mass

Sat Dec. 15
No Mass

Sun Dec. 16 **Third Sunday of Advent**
10:30 am
People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts †

December 2, 2018

54-Envelopes	\$1,769.00
Loose:	327.00
Children:	.00
12- Special Needs:	190.00
Total:	\$2,286.00
Amount needed each week	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/19.....	(\$2,242.33)

*Christmas Flowers-\$145 Retired Religious \$40
Roof Replacement-\$22*

Greeters for Dec. Keith & Sonja Homer Tom & Diane Bradley	Ushers for December Rosemary Houska, Joan Smoka JoAnn Forgary, Annie Mikulka
Money Counters December 11 Ed & Joanne Fornusek	Knight of the Month-Dec. Terry Ornelas
Family of the Month-December David & JoAnn Forgarty	

Altar Servers: December 16–Emily & Mary Sopocy and Clarissa Baese

Sacristans: December 16–Diane & Jim Korienek

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
December 16–Theresa & Steve Sopocy and Ellie Bowles

Lectors: December 16–Tom Bradley and Terry Loznak

Stewardship Message: Mary’s Immaculate Conception prepared her for her unique role as the Mother of God. We, too, have been given all the gifts we need to do the work to which God calls us. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us that we may have the courage to say “yes!” when God calls.



Faith Formation: The next Faith Formation class is on Sunday, December 16th, at 9 am in the parish hall. Hope to see you there!

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion (EMHC):

In 2015, our EMHC were trained by the diocese to be an EMHC for three years. We have concluded our three years and those wishing to continue will have a short session at St. Cyril on Sunday, January 20, 2019, immediately after Mass. Our names once again will be sent into the diocese for re-certification. If you do not wish to continue to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion, please notify Margaret Horak at 862-5027 before this date. Thank you for your years of service to the parish and to Our Lord.



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. St. Cyril is asked to furnish household items, school supplies, personal care items, outerwear, linens. Cash or gift cards can be given to: Karen Wooley or Mary Hughey. For Ashley School cash donations or gift cards can be given to Denise Denovich or put in the collection basket marked for Christmas Boxes. Donations can be put in the boxes in front of the St. Joseph’s Altar.



Taize Prayer: Christ is the Light of our lives! Please join us for an Advent Evening of meditative singing and beautiful prayer in the settings of hundreds of candles. Prayer will be Tuesday, December 11th at 7 pm at St. Peter Parish. Everyone is invited!

Church Greeters: If you would like to be a church greeter before Mass please contact Gerry Winkler at 862-5068.

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 & Charlize 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.

School Closings/Delays: Now that winter weather has arrived just a reminder that if Ovid-Elsie schools are closed or delayed due to weather all activities at St. Cyril for that day will be canceled. This includes week day Masses. Watch your local news or listen to the radio for closings.

Church Envelopes: Beginning with January-March 2019 envelopes there will be a monthly, ivory envelope for Roof Projects. This is for any contribution you would like to make for the replacement of the church and hall roofs in the future. If you have any questions please call the office at 862-5270.

RCIA: We will soon be starting classes to become more knowledgeable of the Catholic Faith. If you, or you know of someone who would like to come in full union with the Catholic Faith please call Margaret Horak at 989-862-5027 or email margarethorak31@gmail.com. I will work with your available time.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2019: The immaculate conception is a difficult concept for adults to grasp, much less children. Though it is a basic element of faith, it is the source of never-ending confusion and much explanatory catechesis. But as we know, there is no scriptural passage that narrates the conception of Mary, so the church gives us the story about the conception of Jesus! No wonder confusion abounds.

Upon reading the gospel for the day we may turn our attention to Mary’s faith in God and her openness to the Lord’s will. Mary is known and celebrated throughout the world for this characteristic, among many others. Her yes (in Latin, *fiat*, or “let it be done [to me]”) shows her willingness to cooperate with God for the salvation of humanity. Her attitude and character were called “immaculate” by many early church fathers, and devoted to God that she was willing to become an unwed mother in an age when that meant punishment and death under the law. Her character was understood to be immaculate from the moment of her conception by a singularly unique gift.

We can understand and appreciate some confusion regarding the meaning of the this feast, which celebrates Mary’s immaculate character from the moment of conception, by reading from the gospel about the conception of Jesus by Mary’s own word of *fiat*.