

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019



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 Jan. 6 10:30 am **The Epiphany of the Lord**
People of St. Cyril

Mon Jan. 7 No Mass

Tues Jan. 8 No Mass

Wed Jan. 9 9:00 am Ann Remenar by Jerry & Margaret Horak

Thu Jan. 10 No Mass

Fri Jan. 11 No Mass

Sat Jan. 12 No Mass

Sun Jan. 13 10:30 am **The Baptism of the Lord**
Janice Chapko-2nd Annivesary by Bill & family

✠ Tithes & Gifts ✠	
December 30, 2018	
55-Envelopes	\$3,506.00
Loose:	157.00
Children:	.00
1-Special Needs:	10.00
Total:	\$3,673.00
Amount needed each week	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/19.....	(\$1,650.33)
<i>Retired Religious-\$10</i>	

Greeters for Jan. Bob & Janet Garcia

Ushers for January William Chapko, Robert Kral
William Chapko Jr, Tamara Chapko

Money Counters January 8
Tom & Diane Bradley

Knight of the Month-Jan. Thomas Speer

Family of the Month-January
Keith and Sonja Homer

Altar Servers: January 13-J.D. & Jacob Miller

Sacristans: January 13-Diane & Jim Korienek

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
January 13-Duane Schneider, Annie Mikulka and Lyna Schneider

Lectors:
January 13-Sonja Homer and Tom Bradley

Stewardship Message: The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?



Faith Formation: The next Faith Formation class is on Sunday, January 20th, 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.

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.

Thank You: *We would like to thank everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas. It looks wonderful!* We are in need of your help again to take down the Christmas decorations after Mass on Sunday, January 13th. Many hands make light the work.




Knights of Columbus Breakfast: Is on Sunday, January 27th from 10:00 am-12:30 pm in the parish hall. The menu is: pancakes, sausage, fruit cocktail, sweet rolls, coffee, milk & juice. This is a free will offering. Proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Elsie Food and Baby Pantries.



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.

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 86% toward our goal. \$18,263.00 has been pledged so far. The balance owed is \$3,081.00. 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.

40 Days for a Healthier Life-The Daniel Plan:

St. Peter Parish is offering *The Daniel Plan* on Tuesdays beginning January 8th through February 19th at 11:00 am or 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Julie Burtch, RN will be leading the gatherings which will emphasize healthy eating, fitness, spirituality and community support. The cost is \$15.00 Please call Rosemary Newcomb at 989-845-1794 to register.

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. The hall roof is in need of replacing sooner than expected. If you have any questions please call the office at 862-5270.

Worship Commission Meet: The next Worship Commission is Tuesday, January 8th at 4:00 pm.

Christian Service Meet: The next Christian Service meeting is Wednesday, January 9th at 9:45 am.

Elsie Food Pantry: The food pantry is in need of clean plastic grocery bags. You drop them off in donation area by the choir stairs.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2019:

The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated in many cultures and oftentimes more prominently than Christmas! At a time when many homes have taken down decorations and put away special dishes from the season, we are reminded that there are still celebrations to be had. This story of the visit from the magi is unique to Matthew's gospel and when read on its own terms it can be especially revealing.

It is also significant that the magi worship the *child* Jesus. Matthew does not use the term infant here for Jesus is no longer an infant. And it's clear from the story that Mary is at her *house*, not in a manger as Luke would have it. Again, when we read these stories on their own terms without importing "what we know" from other stories, a different picture emerges, and that can be a picture that conforms more closely to the theology that the evangelist wanted to impart.

The gifts given by the magi, gold a precious element representing kingship, frankincense a perfume, and myrrh a costly balm, in some way represent or symbolize the best physical objects that humanity has to offer. And Jesus is the best that God has to offer. By the conclusion of the gospel story humanity will have executed Jesus, the gift of God, only to have God raise him up from the dead. This expression of the paschal mystery guides our thoughts today when the magi present the best of human intentions.