

Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 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 March 24 10:30 am **Second Sunday of Lent**
People of St. Cyril

Mon March 25 No Mass **The Annunciation of the Lord**

Tues March 26 No Mass

Wed March 27 9:00 am Elaine Rademacher by Charles & Gail Wadell

Thu March 28 No Mass

Fri March 29 No Mass

Sat March 30 No Mass

Sun March 31 10:30 am **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
People of St. Cyril

| ✠ Tithes & Gifts ✠ | |
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| March 17, 2019 | |
| 52-Envelopes | \$1,868.00 |
| Loose: | 376.00 |
| Children: | .00 |
| 3-Special Needs: | 30.00 |
| Total: | \$2,274.00 |
| Amount needed each week | \$2,100.00 |
| +/- For Year Ending 6/30/19. | (\$1,210.33) |
| <i>Easter Flowers-\$5 Mass Intentions-\$130.00</i> | |
| <i>Catholic Relief Services-\$20</i> | |

Greeters for March Tom & Diane Bradley, John Kirby
Ushers for March Steve Sopocy, Morgan Douglass, Amanda Shevrovich, Tom Hedrich

Money Counters March 26 Mary Jane Schoendorf & Alice Steavens
Knight of the Month-March Tom Hedrich

Family of the Month-March Fred & Kathy Heinze

Altar Servers: March 31–Clarissa Baese and Christy Sopocy

Sacristans: March 31–Sonja Homer and Tamara VanHaun

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
March 31–Theresa Sopocy

Lectors:
March 31–Theresa Sopocy and Tamara VanHaun

Stewardship Message: The parable in today’s Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!



Faith Formation: Classes will meet on our make up date of March 31st at 9:00 am. Thanks for your faithful attendance and help. Theresa



St. Cyril Knights of Columbus 2019 Golf

Outing: Please consider helping our community by being a hole sponsor for our upcoming golf scramble on July 20, 2019 at North Star Golf Course in Ithaca at 9:00 am. Proceeds from the event go toward the Knights charitable events in the community, such as the Food Bank and Baby Pantry. Your donations help to make these things possible. A Hole Sponsorship is \$100.00 and includes a professionally made sign placed by the tee for all golfers to see. To sponsor a hole for \$100.00 make a check payable to St. Cyril Knights of Columbus and mail to: Jerry Horak, PO Box 424, Elsie MI 48831. Questions call: Mark Horak at 989-640-9537 or Jerry at 989-862-5027. Thank you to those of you who have already donated.

Rice Bowls: Are Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There are rice bowls at the entrances of church in case you didn’t get one in the bulletin. There will be a rice bowl box for your filled rice bowls set out in April. Rice bowls should be turned in by Easter.

League of Catholic Women Luncheon: All ladies are welcome to attend the LCW Luncheon and meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at St. Peter Parish in Chesaning. Mass starts at 11:00 am with lunch to follow. Guest speaker will be Connie Grimshay of Comfort Care. Please mail your \$10 check to: LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, MI 48608. RSVP date is Monday, April 1st. Donations of non-perishable food items for the Chesaning Area Emergency Relief would be greatly appreciated.

Mother/Daughter Breakfast Date Change: Please make note that the Mother/Daughter Breakfast has been moved to **Sunday, April 28th** at 11:30 am.



Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Gene Schoendorf, 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, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco

Roof Replacement Funds: The estimate for replacing the hall roof is roughly \$15,000.00. \$5,717.00 has been donated toward this project. In the monthly envelopes there is an ivory envelope to make a contribution to this fund. Thank you for your support. Finance Council.

Rescue Mission Yellow Barrels: St. Cyril Christian Service is asking parishioners to help the homeless in our area. Please help fill the yellow barrels this Lent. There is a list of items needed by the barrels.

Clinton-Gratiot Habitat for Humanity: Want to give back to your community, but not sure where or how? Consider giving your time and talents to Clinton-Gratiot Habitat for Humanity. We are always in need of help in the ReStore. Looking for a place to volunteer April 26-27? Come to Ashley and help “Rock the Block”! Have time for a deeper commitment? Habitat will begin building a house on Townsend Rd. in St. Johns this spring. If you feel called to help in any way, please call 989-227-1771 ext. 4 or email volunteer@habitatclinton.org



Lenten Devotions: Each Friday during Lent we will be having Eucharistic Adoration at 3 pm and at 4 pm the Stations of the Cross. Please try to make time to spend some silent time with Our Lord in thanksgiving. Reminder to Extraordinary Ministers-In our training booklet we are encouraged to spend time in Adoration if possible.

Lent Sessions: After Sunday Masses during Lent, the DVD series entitled: “Catholicism-The Journey of Lifetime” will be shown in the church hall immediately after Mass. The third series shown on **March 24th**–The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater can be Thought. The fourth series shown on **March 31st**–Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God. For more information contact Maureen Polash.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2019: In the ancient world, and perhaps even our own, many accidents or tragic events were explained by appeal to the gods, or God. It was understood that bad things happened to bad people; in other words, if something bad happened to someone, it’s because that someone did something bad. Good people lived lives that were blessed and filled with good things.

At the time of Jesus, when a tragic event happened, the popular idea was that these people somehow had it coming. Jesus, however, interprets these events differently. He does not see this as a just punishment for some hidden sin. Instead, he tells those who are self-righteous in their smugness that the same will happen to them unless they repent. When Jesus tells the crowds that they must repent lest they perish, he is speaking of a spiritual death rather than a physical one. After all, the first part of the gospel is denying the all-too-human belief that bad things only happen to bad people. Instead, we are called to focus on the fruitfulness of our own fig trees. Have we been cultivating and fertilizing the soil of our lives so that we might bear good fruit in the kingdom of God?