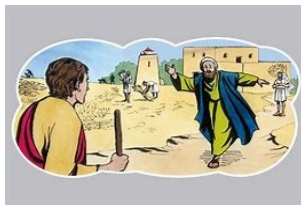


Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 31, 2019



**St. Cyril Church**

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**Parish Staff:**

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**Phone Numbers:**

**Parish Office** (989) 862-5270  
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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 31** 10:30 am **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
People of St. Cyril

**Mon April 1** No Mass

**Tues April 2** No Mass

**Wed April 3** 9:00 am Shawn Gruca by Michael & Denise Denovich

**Thu April 4** No Mass

**Fri April 5** 9:00 am Barb, Floyd, Tyler & Becky Meiser by Barry & Jo

**Sat April 6** No Mass

**Sun April 7** 10:30 am **Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
Frank Chapko by Micky & family

✠ <u>Tithes &amp; Gifts</u> ✠	
<u>March 24, 2019</u>	
<b>57-Envelopes</b>	<b>\$1,974.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>175.00</b>
<b>Children:</b>	<b>.00</b>
<b>2-Special Needs:</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,169.00</b>
<b>Amount needed each week . . . . .</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
<b>+/- For Year Ending 6/30/19. . . . .</b>	<b>(\$1,141.33)</b>
<i>Easter Flowers-\$25</i>	
<i>Catholic Relief Services-\$60</i>	

**Greeters for April** Malcolm & Agnes Smith

**Ushers for April** Dave Polash, Fred Heinze  
Pete Hurst, Tom Speer

**Money Counters** April 2 Ed & Joann Fornusek

**Knight of the Month-March** Tom Hedrich

**Family of the Month-March** Fred & Kathy Heinze

**Altar Servers:** April 7–J.D. & Jacob Miller

**Sacristans:** April 7–Margaret Horak

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** April 7–Ellie Bowles

**Lectors:** April 7–Terry Ornelas and Diane Korienek

**Stewardship Message:** The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.



**Faith Formation:** Classes will meet on Sunday, April 7th at 9:00 am. There is a parent meeting for First Communion students. Theresa

**Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) 2019-20:** Pledge cards have been mailed out for the new CSA drive. If you did not receive a pledge card there are some at the entrances of church. The CSA assessment is \$21,173. We have received \$1,920.00 which is 8% participation. If you are unable to give this year, please return your pledge marked “zero” as this counts as participating.



**Adoration:** Join us for Adoration on Sunday, April 7th at 9:00 am in the church.

**Free New Evangelization Summit of May 4, 2019:**

To be live streamed from Ottawa, Canada to St. John Vianney, 6400 McCarty, Saginaw. Register by calling Michelle at 989-790-5086 or online [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca) You must register to reserve your seat; seating is limited to 120. Morning refreshments, snacks & lunch will be provided. Check in time 8:30 am program begins at 8:45-4:30 pm. Rediscover what it means to be a missionary, a disciple of Jesus Christ. Renew your baptismal call to go and make disciples.

**Christian Service:** The Christian Service Commission will not meet on Wednesday, April 3rd.

**Altar Cleaning:** The ladies cleaning the altar on Friday, April 5th after Mass are Jo Meiser and Marilyn Kuchar.

**Prayer Pilgrimage:** You are invited to join Fr. Marcel Portelli on one or both two spiritually edifying pilgrimages offered for 2019. Visits include historic cathedrals, shrines, monasteries, and beautiful churches. July 8-12 to the east coast and October 7-11 to Northern Michigan. Deluxe motorcoach pickup and return from the Diocesan Center in Saginaw. For more info: [www.prayerpilgrimages.com](http://www.prayerpilgrimages.com) or (248) 250-6005.



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

Gene Schoendorf, Helen Slowinski, Frank Klasek, Terry & Frank 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. \$5,727.00 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. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

**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](mailto: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 fourth series shown on **March 31st**-Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God. The fifth series shown on **April 7th**-The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure. For more information contact Maureen Polash.

**A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2019:**

Ultimately this story is not so much about the lost or prodigal son. It’s not even so much about his brother, though we could call it the story of the two sons. In reality, the story is about the loving father, how the father is a personification of God, and the kind of love God has for us.

In today’s telling, the story is often interpreted more literally, or at least personally, as referring to a wayward person who has ultimately been redeemed. The story is particularly meaningful to many who have lived lives of regret or shame, only to feel the loving embrace of God, a community of hope, a family, or even church upon turning away from their wayward lifestyle. The characters are stock: we probably know people like the sons in today’s gospel. Do we know people like the father? Would we react like the father? *Do* we react like the father? Though we might or might not have lost wayward children, there are many opportunities to express mercy and loving kindness, and share reconciliation and forgiveness with another. When we behave in this way, we are acting like the father, acting in a way that God acts. As we learn in today’s gospel, mercy is a fundamental expression of God and God’s character. Mercy is not merely for God alone: mercy is worthy of emulation.