

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 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
Sunday Rosary prayed in Chapel 10:00 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! There are registration forms at all entrances of church. You may also stop by the parish office to register for our parish family.

Sun Dec. 1 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

Mon Dec. 2 No Mass

Tues Dec. 3 No Mass **St. Frances Xavier, Priest**

Wed Dec. 4 9:00 am Helen Fabus by John & Rosemary Houska

Thu Dec. 5 No Mass

Fri Dec. 6 9:00 am Deceased members of the Louis & Erma Polash and Helen & Francis Meehan families
St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Sat Dec. 7 No Mass

Sun Dec. 8 10:30 am **Second Sunday of Advent**
People of St. Cyril/Mike, Dorothy, Jeff & Devin Denovich by Mike & Denise Denovich

† **Tithes & Gifts** †
November 24, 2019

49-Envelopes	\$1,428.00
Loose:	163.00
Children:	.00
1- Special Needs:	50.00
Total:	\$1,641.00
Amount needed each week	\$2,020.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/20.	(\$2,175.00)

Christmas flowers-\$320

Greeters for December David & Joann Forgarty	Greeters for January Bob & Janet Garcia
Money Counters December 3 Mary Jane Schoendorf & Alice Steavens	Ushers for December JoAnn Forgarty, Joan Smolka Rosemary Houska, Annie Mikulka
Family of the Month-December Jim & Diane Korienek	Knight of the Month-Dec. Marques Horak

Altar Servers: December 8-J.D. & Jacob Miller

Sacristans: December 8 –Sonja Homer and Tamara VanHaun

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
December 8-Carol & John Chvojka and Diane Kusnier

Lectors:
December 8-Ellie Bowles and Diane Korienek

Stewardship Message: The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) 2019-20: The CSA assessment is \$21,173. We have received \$18,105.00 which is 86% toward our goal. The balance owed is \$3,068. There is still time to make a contribution. Envelopes are also available at the entrances of church.



Faith Formation: For all children pre-school-8th grade will take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 9 am. The next class is Sunday, December 15th.

Christian Service Meet: The next Christian Service meeting is Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00 am.

Christmas Wafers: Are available in the sacristy for our parish families. They will be in a basket.

Worship Commission meet: The next Worship Commission meeting is Wednesday, December 11th, at 4 pm.



Altar Society Christmas Party: The Altar Society Christmas party will be Monday, December 9th, at 5:30 pm in the parish hall. Please bring a dish to pass. Turkey, dressing, potatoes & gravy, tableware and drinks will be provided. There will be a \$12 gift exchange. Hope to see you there!

St. Peter Parish Advent Reflection: You are invited to attend the 7th Annual Advent Reflection (tea) on Tuesday, December 3rd from 6:15-8 pm at St. Peter Parish hall. The evening will begin with instrumental Advent music and social time complete with homemade desserts. Kellie Deming will speak on the topic of “Waiting in Holiness.” There will be a gift basket raffle with all proceeds to CAER in Chesaning. Food donations will be accepted for CAER as well. All are welcome!

Ending Dismemberment Abortions: Petition Drive to end “dismemberment abortions” after Mass today, December 1st. If you have not had the opportunity to sign a petition to end the horrific late term procedure called “dismemberment abortion” we will have petitions at the back of church and in the meeting room that you may sign. This petition drive has the full support of the Michigan Catholic Conference and is promoted by Right to Life of Michigan.



Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Jim Porubsky, Donna Merignac, Gene Schoendorf, Helen Slowinski, Frank Klasek, Terry & Frank Seffl, 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, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco

Roof Replacement Funds: We have received an estimate for replacing the hall roof at \$24,945. So far \$15,304.00 has been donated toward this project. The roof has been completed but we do not know the final cost. Please continue to use the monthly ivory envelopes to make a contribution to this fund.



Ashley North Pole Express Café: Stop by the Ashley North Pole Express Café the weekend of Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th to grab a bite to eat. A percentage of the proceeds from that weekend comes back to St. Cyril. We’ll see you there!

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 signup 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.

Coffee Social: Please join us for a coffee social after Mass today to welcome Fr. Dwyer.



Christmas Boxes 2019: St. Cyril Christian Service is working with our local communities to provide household essentials and gifts for families in need in our area for Christmas. Please see the enclosed flyer for the items that St. Cyril parishioners are asked to help with. Boxes will be placed in front of St. Joseph’s Altar. Gift cards or monetary donations can be given to Karen Wooley, Annie Mikulka and Margaret Horak for Elsie and for Ashley schools Denise Denovich. Thank you!

Ornaments: Please save your caps from mayo and peanut butter jars and similar caps that size. These will be used at the Ashley Country Christmas by a church group that helps children make ornaments. There is a box by the stairs for your caps. Thanks.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2020: “Stay awake!” These words in the Gospel of Matthew today strike us to the core as we begin the Advent season. These words also foreshadow the disciples’ struggle during the agony in the garden. The call to stay awake presumes that we might be dozing off, idling our time away. Disciples must be ready at all times without resorting to a false sense of security.

Jesus tells his audience that as it was in the time of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Lord. In Noah’s day, human beings went steadily on their way, unaware and apparently unconcerned that something larger was at work. Yet, “the flood came carried them all away.” Jesus tells his listeners that the Son of Man will come when we do not expect it. These words were written for Matthew’s community, which might have grown complacent during the intervening decades between Jesus’ time on earth and the composition of the gospel. But these same words are for us, even two thousand years later.

In sum, we must be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man, when we meet our own personal end (death). And with respect to that day, none of us knows when it might be. It will come as a thief in the night. Therefore, we should not grow weary, but instead “stay awake!”