



## St. Cyril Church

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### Parish Staff:

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### Phone Numbers:

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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:

**Wednesday Mass:** 9:00 am  
**Thursday Mass @ St Peter\*** 8:00 am  
**Friday Mass:** 9:00 am  
**Sunday Adoration** 9:00 am  
**Sunday Rosary prayed in Chapel** 10:00 am

### Sacraments:

**Reconciliation:** Sunday, 9:00 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. 29** 10:30 am **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
People of St. Cyril

**Mon Dec. 30** No Mass

**Tues Dec. 31** 5:45 pm **Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary**  
St. Cyril

**Wed Jan. 1** 9:00 am **Solemnity of Mary**  
St. Cyril  
7:00 pm *St. Peter, Chesaning*

**Thu Jan. 2** No Mass  
**Fri Jan. 3** 9:00 am *Milly by Carl & Mary Jane Bornemann*  
**Sat Jan. 4** No Mass **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

**Sun Jan. 5** 10:30 am **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
People of St. Cyril  
Charlie Chapko by Micky & family

### † Tithes & Gifts †

#### December 22, 2019

61-Envelopes	\$2,919.00
Loose:	789.00
Children:	.00
1-Special Needs:	5.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,713.00</b>
Amount needed each week . . . . .	\$2,020.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/20. . . . .	<b>\$148.00</b>
<i>Retired Religious-\$60 Mass Intentions-\$40</i>	

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#### December 24 & 25, 2019

68-Envelopes	\$2,158.00
Loose:	599.00
Children:	.00
-Special Needs:	.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,757.00</b>
Amount needed each week . . . . .	\$2,020.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/20. . . . .	<b>\$885.00</b>
<i>Retired religious-\$10 Mass Intentions-\$10</i>	

<b>Greeters for January</b> Bob & Janet Garcia	<b>Greeters for February</b> Tom & Shawna Galecka
<b>Money Counters</b> December 31 Alice Steavens & Mary Jane Schoendorf	<b>Ushers for January</b> William Chapko, Robert Kral William Chapko, Jr., Tamara VanHaun
<b>Family of the Month-December</b> Jim & Diane Korienek	<b>Knight of the Month-Dec.</b> Marques Horak

**Stewardship Message:** Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best of use of my talents, too!



**Faith Formation:** The next class is Sunday, January 5, 2020.

### Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule:

**Solemnity of Mary-December 31st-5:45 pm** at St. Cyril  
**Solemnity of Mary January 1st-9:00 am** at St. Cyril  
7:00 pm at St. Peter

**Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) 2019-20:** The CSA assessment is \$21,173. We have received \$19,325.00 which is 91% toward our goal. The balance owed is \$1,848. There is still time to make a contribution. Envelopes are also available at the entrances of church.

**Altar Servers: December 31-**  
**January 1-**Aaron Hurst & Brady Paradise  
**January 5-**J.D. & Jacob Miller

**Sacristans: December 31-**  
**January 1-**Margaret Horak  
**January 5-**Sonja Homer & Tamara VanHaun

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**  
**December 31-**John & Carol Chvojka  
**January 1-**Sonja Homer, Terry & Diane Loznak  
**January 5-**Pete & Debbie Hurst and Margaret Horak

**Lectors: December 31-**Margaret Horak  
**January 1-**Diane Korienek and Theresa Sopocy  
**January 5-**Tamara VanHaun and Tom Bradley



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

Jim Porubsky, Donna Merignac, 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, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco

**Roof Replacement Funds:** We have received the bill for replacing the hall roof which is \$25,983. So far \$16,487.00 has been donated toward this project. Please continue to use the monthly ivory envelopes to make a contribution to this fund.

### First Fridays at the Cathedral with Bishop Gruss:

Mass celebrated at 11:00 am followed by 12 pm (noon) meatless lunch for \$7 and informal presentation by Bishop Gruss. The next First Friday Mass is January 3rd, at the Cathedral of Mary of Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw.



### Save the Date!

The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, January 26th, at 11:30 am. This is a free will offering event. All proceeds will go to the Elsie Food Bank and Elsie Baby Pantry. Everyone is welcome for a great breakfast and fellowship.

### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn

**Children Mass:** Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw. This day marks the anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision which legalized abortion in every state of our nation. We mourn the loss of millions of lives destroyed by abortion and share the heartache of all those affected. All are welcome to join us in praying for the unborn, for an end to abortion and the respect and protection of human life at every stage. For more information, please contact Lori Becker, Respect life Coordinator at 989-797-6652.

### A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

**2019:** It's likely that in our own minds we've conflated the nativity stories of Luke and Matthew into one. But reading Matthew on his own terms reveals something fascinating. In Matthew's telling, Joseph and Mary had a home in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. The magi eventually found their way to the home to find the *child* Jesus (not the infant). And now Joseph takes the *child* and his mother into Egypt. Only after Herod had died did Joseph have courage to return. Even then, he was inspired by an angel in a dream! And he did not return to Bethlehem, but instead made his way to Nazareth.

But beyond a literal fulfillment of the sacred text, Matthew's story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt is essentially a story of refugees. Matthew states clearly that Joseph was afraid. He feared the authorities and what might happen if he and his family were apprehended. The fears were real, and the danger proximate. The Holy Family crossed boundaries into Egypt to escape the authorities. Upon Herod's death, the coast was not clear, only clear enough to leave Egypt and settle somewhere else. So that is precisely what they did. Joseph, Mary and the child left Egypt. Instead of settling in Bethlehem, their home, they made a home in Nazareth. The shifting, perhaps chaotic early years of Jesus' life speak to a reality that millions unfortunately face, and have faced throughout human history.

But what of the lived reality of this biblical story in the lives of so many in our world today? May we as followers of this child refugee, this migrant Holy Family, recognize that same presence today and, in so doing, act on their behalf.