## The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2017

## 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

St. Feter Farisii, 404 S. WOOd Street

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.

<u>**Baptism**</u>: Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

<u>Marriage:</u> 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.

<u>Sick or Homebound:</u> 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.

<u>New Parishioners:</u> Welcome to Saint Cyril Parish. Please call or stop by the parish office to register for our parish family.





Sun January 8 10:30 am People of St. Cyril Mon January 9 Baptism of the Lord

No Mass **Tues January 10** 

9:00 am

No Mass Wed January 11

George Goscinski by Marion Kurncz

Thu January 12 No Mass Fri January 13 No Mass

Sat January 14
No Mass

Sun January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 am People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts †
January 1, 2017

 56-Adult Envelopes:
 \$1,574.00

 Loose:
 19.00

 Children:
 .00

 18-Special Needs:
 180.00

 Total:
 \$1,773.00

 Amount needed each week...
 \$2,100.00

 +/- For Year Ending 6/30/17...
 (\$1,541.69)

Retired Religious-\$5 Christmas Flowers-\$20 World Mission-\$5

Greeters for Jan.

Ushers for January

Tom & Diane Bradley
John & Marilyn Sopocy

William Chapko, Tamara Chapko
William Chapko, Jr., Robert Kral

Money Counters
January 10
Tom & Diane Bradley

Knight of the month –Jan.

Alfred Porubsky

<u>Family of the month</u>-January Edward & Donni Fornusek

Altar Servers: Jan. 15-Volunteers needed

Sacristans: Jan. 15-Tamara Chapko

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Jan. 15-Debbie Hurst, Margaret Horak and Pete Hurst

Lectors: Jan. 15-Ellie Bowles and Diane Korienek

**Stewardship Message:** Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.



**Faith Formation:** The next class will be Sunday, January 15th at 9:00 am. There will be a parent meeting for those receiving Reconciliation.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ: Words cannot express my thankfulness to all of you for your prayers, your kind words of support and encouragement, and your generous gifts over these past months. It is truly a miracle how my health has improved considering what the neurosurgeon said after I had that fall in church. Prayers and good medical care certainly go hand in hand. I have been truly blessed with two fantastic parishes that have truly helped be grow as priest. We've been together going on three years, and look where the Lord has brought us. The time ahead is exciting.

Also, I want to express for Fr. Ron his appreciation for your prayers and cards regarding his heart issues. He is doing extremely well. Both of us are so happy to be "back in the saddle" and doing what we love, serving the Lord by serving the People of God. Know that all of you are in the prayers of both Fr. Ron and I.

Worship Commission Meeting: The next Worship Commission meeting is Tuesday, January 10th at 7 pm.

Dear Parishioners of St. Peter and St. Cyril: I, Fr. Bill, have been asked by Fr. Ron Essman to express his heartfelt thanks for your prayers and cards as he underwent his heart ablation. He is coming along very well and is gradually working himself into day to day ministry. With your prayers and expert medical intervention he is well on the way to recovery. He also wants you to know that you are in his daily prayers. Fr. Ron Essman, St. Paul of Tarsus Parish, Clinton Twp, Pastor.

**St. Cyril's Website:** To read the church bulletin go to: stcyrilchurch.com click on news and events then on bulletin. If you go south for the winter or can't make it to church you will still be able to keep up with church news.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Charles Olson, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, Richard Bakita, Ann Remenar, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Mary Bernath, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Carl Bowles, Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John & Joan Smolka, Kim Babyock, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Josie Vondruska, Elizabeth Chandler

**Ornaments:** Please continue to save your covers from mayo jars, peanut butter jars, yogurt etc. and also the front of Christmas cards. These items will be used by the Methodist church in Ashley to have the children make ornaments during the Polar Express weekends. They can have as many as 900 people aboard the train. There is a box by stairs in church for your covers and cards. Thank you!

<u>Christmas Flower Donation:</u> Donna Merignac in Memory of Rollie Merignac.

CSA 2016-17: There still is time to make your CSA pledge. The balance owed is \$6,820.00. There are envelopes at the entrances of church for your convenience.

## A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

**2017:** Who is this newborn Child for whom the magi are searching, being led by a star? He is "the newborn king of the Jews." But in reality the One they seek is more: he is ruler, shepherd—the Christ. Do we ever ask, as did the magi, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" How diligently do we search? What star leads us? Whom do we find? How do we fit into this astounding story? How do we encounter the Light of the world?

The Light is a welcoming, peaceful warmth to which we surrender and are overjoyed. The Light entering the darkness makes the contrast between goodness and evil that much more magnified. Those who choose to recognize the Light are drawn to give homage and open the gifts of their hearts. Those who choose darkness enter a path of trouble and destruction. What does this Light reveal in our hearts? What part of the story to do we embrace?

This feast of Epiphany celebrates the Light being manifested to all nations. This feast invites each of us to be among the seekers of the Light who do Christ homage. Our joy is found in the real surprise of the gospel message: we are "members of the same body" who are now the light that shines in the darkness. The story of the "newborn king of the Jews" being manifested to all nations is our own personal story. Our own shining forth hastens God's reign. With such grace given us, no wonder all we can do is set our hearts rightly, offer homage and gifts, and follow the Light wherever it

Each fresh look at the Christmas story reminds us that all Christian living is paschal mystery living; that is, the rising (the Light) happens only when dying to self (darkness) is embraced. It ought not to surprise us, then, how much darkness accompanies these beautiful Christmas season gospels; nor should it surprise us that there is a cost in our own lives for living the gospel. We continue to choose self-giving, nevertheless, because God's star always guides us and fills us with joy as we surrender to God's will and follow the Light that has come into our midst.