

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018

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 January 7	10:30 am	The Epiphany of the Lord People of St. Cyril John P. Fabus Jr. (20th Anniv.) by Marlene Fabus and family
Mon January 8	No Mass	Baptism of the Lord
Tues January 9	No Mass	
Wed January 10	9:00 am	Becky, Tyler & Floyd Meiser by family
Thu January 11	No Mass	
Fri January 12	No Mass	
Sat January 13	12:00 pm	Memorial Mass for Dolores Boss
Sun January 14	10:30 am	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts †	
December 31, 2017	
74-Adult Envelopes:	\$2,974.00
Loose:	18.00
Children:	.00
2-Special Needs:	20.00
Total:	\$3,012.00
Amount needed each week.....	\$2,100.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/18.....	(\$3,749.07)
<i>Retired Religious -\$335</i>	

<u>Greeters for Jan.</u>	<u>Ushers for January</u>
Keith & Sonja Homer	William Chapko, William Chapko Jr
Robin & Karen Wooley	Tamara Chapko, Robert Kral
<u>Money Counters</u>	<u>Knight of the Month-January</u>
January 9	Joseph J. Fabus
Tom & Diane Bradley	
<u>Family of the month-January</u>	
Frank and Jane Kral	

Altar Servers: January 14-Christy, Mary & Emily Sopocy

Sacristans: January 14-Sonja Homer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
January 14-Debbie Hurst

Lectors: January 14-Terry Ornelas and Ellie Bowles

Stewardship Message: The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?



Faith Formation: The next class is Sunday, January 21st, at 9 am. Hope to see you there!

Worship Committee Meet: The next meeting for the Worship Committee is Monday, January 8th at 4:00 pm.

Finance Council Meeting: The next Finance Council meeting is Wednesday, January 17th, at 10:00 am.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: *I want to thank you ever so much for your kindness to me with your many gifts given to me over the Christmas/New Year holidays. I am very humbled and thankful for the fine words many of you expressed in your cards. It is a honor, privilege, and a blessing to be part of two great faith communities as your pastor. Know that you are in my daily prayers and remembered at each of the Masses we celebrate as a faith community. Quoting St. Paul: May God bring to completion, the good work he has begun in us. Prayers assured, Fr. Bill Gruden, Pastor.*

Pastoral Care 101 Workshop: This workshop is offered by the Diocesan Office of Christian Service for those who visit the sick and homebound or those who would like to learn more. The course includes basic skills and training in the following areas: elements of the visit/prayer, Rite of Distribution of Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, communication skills, healthy boundaries, spiritual care and faith and suffering. The class is Wednesday, January 31st from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Christ the Good Shepherd Parish (St. Helen Church, 2445 N. Charles St., Saginaw). Registration fee is \$15 which includes lunch and materials To register please contact Maria Coss at 989-797-6646 or mcoss@dioceseofsaginaw.org Deadline for registration is Wednesday, January 24th.

Christmas Flowers: Alice Steavens in Memory of Roger and Jeffrey Steavens.



Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:
Ella Brown, Audrey Schneider, Edward Chapko, Rose Chapko, Jim Hurst, Carole Custer, Emily Sopocy, Jeff Wadell, Clara Cermak, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Larry Pesda, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, Richard Bakita, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Kevin Sopocy, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Gale & Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Brian Courter, Mary Galko, John & Joan Smolka, Joe Batora, Tillie Bohil, Helen Fabus, Mary Hanacek, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco, Frances Surdenik, Elizabeth Chandler



Catholic Service Appeal 2017-18 (CSA): We are currently at 82% toward our goal of \$21,425.00. So far, \$17,534.00 has been pledged. The balance owed is \$3,891.00. Please prayerful consider your contribution. There is still time to contribute. Envelopes are available at all entrances of church. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Lector Formation Gathering: On Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 10:00 am until noon, we will have a Lector enrichment workshop at St. Peter Parish. Please mark your calendars. Joan Brausch from Blessed Sacrament Church in Midland will be our facilitator. She will talk us through the ministry of being a Lector and help us hone our skills in proclaiming the Word of God. I do expect all of us who proclaim the Word to the People of God to attend this workshop. Anyone who is interested in possibly being a lector is welcome to attend. Fr. Bill Gruden, Pastor.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy

2018: Matthew's story of the magi serves as a preview of what is to come as his gospel narrative unfolds. First, the reactions of the various parties to the birth of Jesus mirror the effects Jesus' teaching will have on those who hear it. Herod is threatened by the Jesus of the poor who comes to overturn the powerful and rich. The chief priests and scribes greet with haughty indifference the news of the birth of the Jesus who comes to give new life and meaning to their rituals and laws. But the magi—nonbelievers in the eyes of Israel—possess the humility of faith and the openness of mind and heart to seek and welcome the Jesus who will establish the second covenant between God and the new Israel.



Second, the gift of the astrologers indicate the principal dimensions of Jesus' life and mission: *Gold* is a gift fitting for a king, a ruler, one with power and authority; gold was a symbol of divinity. This Child comes to transform our perspective of wealth to treasure again the things of God—compassion, forgiveness and peace are the coin of the realm of the newborn King. *Frankincense* the hardened resin of the plant was used as medicine for many ailments: to stop bleeding, to heal wounds, a salve for bruises. This Child comes to restore and heal not just the physical ailments of those he will encounter in his gospel journey, but to heal us of our fears and doubts, to bridge the chasms that separate us from one another and from God. *Myrrh* was an expensive extract from the resin of the myrrh tree. It, too, was used as medicine but, more significantly, it was used in embalming the dead. Only royalty and the very wealthy were embalmed. This Child comes to recreate us in the life of God: his death will be the defeat of death, his cross will be his—and our—glory. The three gifts of the magi are a gospel in themselves. They honor the Child who is himself a gift from God whose love is beyond our comprehension, whose goodness knows neither limit or condition.