

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:

Tuesday Mass: 5:45 pm
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: Sundays, 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020



Sun May 3 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
No Mass People of St. Cyril

Mon May 4
No Mass

Tues May 5
No Mass

Wed May 6
No Mass Joseph Fabus by wife

Thu May 7
No Mass

Fri May 8
No Mass Pope Francis/Bishops/Priests

Sat May 9
No Mass

Sun May 10 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
No Mass People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts †

April 26, 2020

7-Envelopes	\$860.00
Loose:	.00
Children:	.00
Special Needs:	.00
Total:	\$860.00
Amount needed each week	\$2,020.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/20.	(\$1,998.30)

Mass Intention-\$100

Greeters for May

Al & Mary Porubsky family
Jim & Diane Korienek

Greeters for June

Robin & Karen Wooley
Phil & Sheila Hanus

Money Counters

Ushers for May
Keith Homer, Tamara VanHaun
Duane Schneider, Tom Hedrich

Family of the Month-May

Steve & Theresa Sopocy

Knight of the Month-May

John Chvojka

Altar Servers: May 10-No Mass

Sacristans: May 10 –No Mass

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

May 10-No Mass

Lectors: May 10-No Mass

Stewardship Message: Jesus says, “I came that they may have life, and have it to the full.” Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

Thank You from Fr. Bill: “Thank you every so much for your Easter greetings and gifts. Also I appreciate the phone calls you made to “check up” on me. It was very kind of you. Fr. Ron and I have been celebrating Mass every day. I have placed both parish directories on the altar so that at least we can virtually be together during the Liturgy. Until we meet again, prayers assured”. Fr. Bill

Individual Reconciliation: I will hold confessions in the DAY CHAPEL on Tuesdays: 5:45-7:45 pm and Fridays 3-6 pm until the restrictions are lifted. Individuals are to wait in line in the main body of the church and keep distance from each other when in line. I will set up a confessional screen in the day chapel. Any questions, please feel free to email at www.rev.dwyer@yahoo.com.

Elsie Food Bank: The Elsie Food Bank is still open to anyone who needs food. Individuals can receive a box of food that contains non-perishable items, fresh produce (if it is available) and meat (chicken, pork, beef and sometimes fish) that has been frozen. The food bank is open every Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8-9:30 am. We also have produce days on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of the month. On produce days individuals can receive a box with a variety of items from fresh fruits, vegetables, sometimes milk and eggs, breads and desserts. We do not allow individuals in the food banks during the social distancing order, however, we will bring the boxes out to your car and put them in the trunk. We would like to help those in need.

Fr. Dwyer to Live Stream Masses: Fr. Dwyer will live stream daily Masses Tuesday through Friday at 8 pm and Sunday Mass at noon and 8 pm. To view go to Youtube and search for “The Liturgical Broadcast System” and come to it. If you have any questions, please email Fr. Dwyer at rev.dwyer@yahoo.com

Church Offerings: As we are unable to gather as a church family due to this virus, if it is at all possible please mail your church offering to the parish. We understand that these are trying times and we need to have faith that God and prayer will help us through this difficult time. Fr. Dwyer and Fr. Bill

Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Jim Porubsky, Jim Stehlik, 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, Jerry Horak, Frank Kral, Gale & Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Mary Galgo, Tillie Bohil, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco

Roof Replacement Funds: The hall roof bill has been paid. There is an deficit of \$4,485.00. Please continue to use the monthly ivory envelopes to make a contribution to this fund.

Parking Lot Adoration: Parking Lot Adoration continues at the following times: every Sunday from 9-11 am and every Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 pm. Go to the east lot and I will expose the Blessed Sacrament in a visible manner through the day chapel window. Folks should park in a manner that permits viewing, so the lines in the parking plot need not be observed. You are to remain in your cars and bathrooms will be available in the church, but folks are to keep social distance. Fr. Dwyer

Dear Parish Family,

On Friday of this past week the Church celebrated the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. May 1st has been a day celebrated in the West for quite some time. Some even argue it pre-dates Christianity as a celebration of the end of Winter and start of Spring. When the 19th Century saw the rise of the evils of Socialism and Communism those movements adopted May 1st as a holiday to celebrate workers. This left the Church in a difficult predicament. On the one hand, Christian Theology has always valued work as part of what adds to our human dignity, and enhances our lives. She certainly was an advocate for the rights of workers during the industrial revolution, but the solutions to those problems offered by Socialism/Communism were wed to destructive ideologies.

The Church was caught between exploitive Industrialism, and the evils of Marxism. Her solution was to emphasize St. Joseph the Worker on May 1. Joseph models what work is truly all about: the support and security of the family, and by extension, society. Socialism/Communism makes the fatal flaw of regarding the state as the basic unit of society, and thus all in society work to serve the state. Unchecked Capitalism, conversely, oftentimes views either the economy, or the individual as basic unit of society to which all much serve. The Christian view is quite different. The family is the basic unit of society for which society must operate to serve. The state serves the family. The economy serve the family. The individual serves the family. That is what St. Joseph represents. His hard labor as a carpenter provided the means necessary to support Mary and Jesus. They had little, but they had enough; they had their daily bread. In turn his sacrifices for his family led him to grow in virtue and grace.

I know not all have families of their own as I do not. The Church is my family unit, and it is my responsibility to labor to build her up for the glory of God. This means serving our domestic Churches whether they be filled with children, hermitages, or empty nests. All of us can contribute to serving that family, even if all we can offer is our suffering and prayers. Stronger families, and stronger parish families make for a stronger county, state and republic.

St. Joseph the Worker Day illustrates how the Church will take what is in society, and repurpose it for the glory of God, and the salvation of humanity. As our republic begins to open its economy again let us reevaluate how we view it. Do we labor for the good of the family, or for the good of the economy? Do we sacrifice family for unnecessary economic gains, or do we sacrifice unnecessary economic gains for the family? Hard questions that each home must ask itself, but with the light of Joseph’s prayers, we will come to better answers.

Through the intercession of Ss. Cyril and Methodius may God bless and keep you.

Prayers,

Fr. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL