

# St. Cyril Church

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## Parish Staff:

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## Phone Numbers:

**Parish Office** (989) 862-5270  
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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.

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020



**Sun May 10** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
No Mass People of St. Cyril/Mother's Day

**Mon May 11**  
No Mass

**Tues May 12**  
No Mass

**Wed May 13**  
No Mass John Kirby by family  
**St. Matthias, Apostle**

**Thu May 14**  
No Mass

**Fri May 15**  
No Mass Pope Francis/Bishops/Priests

**Sat May 16**  
No Mass

**Sun May 17** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
No Mass People of St. Cyril

✠ Tithes & Gifts ✠	
May 3, 2020	
24-Envelopes	\$2,050.00
Loose:	500.00
Children:	.00
5- Special Needs:	80.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,630.00</b>
Amount needed each week . . . . .	\$2,020.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/20. . . . .	(\$1,388.30)
Mass Intention-\$120	

<b>Greeters for May</b> Al & Mary Porubsky family Jim & Diane Korienek	<b>Greeters for June</b> Robin & Karen Wooley Phil & Sheila Hanus
<b>Money Counters</b>	<b>Ushers for May</b> Keith Homer, Tamara VanHaun Duane Schneider, Tom Hedrich
<b>Family of the Month-May</b> Steve & Theresa Sopocy	<b>Knight of the Month-May</b> John Chvojka

**Altar Servers:** May 17-No Mass

**Sacristans:** May 17 –No Mass

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**  
May 17-No Mass

**Lectors:** May 17-No Mass

**Stewardship Message:** “Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these.” Jesus tells His disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

**Fr. Dwyer Vacation:** Fr. Dwyer will be on vacation from Monday, May 18th until Wednesday, May 27th. There will be no individual reconciliation, or daily live stream Masses until he returns. If you need to speak to a priest, please contact Fr. Bill at St. Peter Parish at 989-845-1794. You may also email him at frwjgruden@gmail.com

**Knights of Columbus Fund Raiser-**Our golf outing is now in process for collecting hole sponsors. We thank the many of you who have so generously sent in your donations of \$100.00 to sponsor a hole in memory of your loved one, your business or just to sponsor this fund raiser. If you have not contacted a Knight to support this fund raiser and you wish to do so, it is not to late. You can make our your check to St. Cyril Knights of Columbus and mail it to Jerry Horak, PO Box 424, Elsie, MI 48831. Thank you. Jerry

**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.

**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.

**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 Galko, Tillie Bohil, Ann Luznak, Joanne Sisco

**Roof Replacement Funds:** The hall roof bill has been paid. There is an deficit of \$4,240.00. 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 time: **every Sunday from 9-11 am.** 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,

What do you think the minimum age to marry in the Church is? If you guessed 18, you’d be correct, sort of. In the state of Michigan the Catholic Church will not marry you unless both parties are 18 years of age. However, the Church will not permit 18 y/o’s to marry in Nebraska. There you need to be at least 19 to be married. If you are in Puerto Rico, you would need to be at least 21 in order to marry in a Catholic Church. So what gives?

Well, the Catholic Church is all over the world, and recognizes that different localities will have different ideas about the minimum age for marriage, and for good reasons. So in her universal law the Church has set a universal minimum age fro marriage, but permits the conferences of bishops to set a different age. The U.S. bishops simply set that minimum age to be that of the local secular law.

So what is the universal minimum age in the Catholic Church? It’s 16 y/o for males and 14 y/o for females. (Can. 1083 1). Now that immediately raises a few questions, doesn’t it?

Let us firstly remember that the Catholic Church is universal. For most of us our experience of Catholicism is that of a small parish in rural America. For many, however, the experience of the Church is that of a traveling priest in the Amazon, or Congo that comes to the village every so often to offer the sacraments. In some of these places it is quite beneficial, and normal for marriages to occur in the teen years while it is quite far from the case in the USA. Furthermore, the life expectancy in these locations can be quite short, or at least the possibility of a death in young adulthood is high. Thus, it is imperative that marriage occur at an earlier age for the good of their society.

Why is there a difference between the minimum ages of males and females? Quite simply, it is from centuries of observing human nature. “Girls mature faster” is a maxim in every culture around the globe. Even in the most remote Amazon tribes, it has been observed that a 14 y/o male is not quite as mature as the 14 y/o female, and it would be best if they wait at least two more years before being permitted into more adult ranks of society.

Finally, there is minimum ages of marriage, and then there is good prudence. In my ministry I typically will recommend against marriage until at least the age of 20 based upon data I’ve seen on divorce rates. Furthermore, I tell folks that they are not ready to marry until they can reasonably take care of themselves and an infant on one income nine months after the wedding. I also tell them that once that’s the case, they should get married barring any red flags. Now, if God gives them twins or more right off the bat, that’s a matter of trusting God to provide, and he will!

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

Prayers,

Fr. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL