Saint Cyril Parish of Bannister

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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
Sunday Rosary 10:00 am

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Sundays, 11:30 am

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the parish office.

Baptism: Please contact Margaret Horak at 989-862-5027 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 of Bannister! 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 Lent
March 27, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sun	**March 27** 10:30 am	**Fourth Sunday of Lent** People of St. Cyril
Mon	**March 28** No Mass	
Tues	**March 29** No Mass	
Wed	**March 30** 9:00 am	Joseph Fabus by Allie and family
Thurs	**March 31** No Mass	
Fri	**April 1** 9:00 am	Ed Fornusek by Robert & Shirley Kalocy
Sat	**April 2** No Mass	
Sun	**April 3** 10:30 am	**Fifth Sunday of Lent** People of St. Cyril

✝ Tithes & Gifts ✝
March 20, 2022

41-Envelopes	**$1,994.00**
Loose:	**117.00**
Children:	**.00**
1-Special Needs:	**2.00**
Total:	**$2,113.00**
Amount needed each week	**$2,020.00**
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/22.	**$3,351.00**

Roof-$145 Mass Intentions-$180
Easter Flowers-$55
Ukraine Collection-$45.00

Greeters for April
Malcolm & Agnes Smith
Annie Mikulka, Jean Dysinger

Greeters for May
Al & Mary Porubsky
Jim & Diane Korienek

Money Counters
Theresa Sopocy
Helen Stehlik

Ushers for April
David Polash, Pete Hurst
Fred Heinze, Tom Speer

Family of the Month-Mar.
Jane Kral family

Knight of the Month-Mar.
Larry Kusnier

Sacristans:
April 3-Sonja Homer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
April 3-Carol Chvojka

Lectors:
April 3-Diane Korienek

Stewardship Message: The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

Faith Formation: Please keep the children who receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation last weekend in your prayers. Our next monthly class will be Sunday, April 10th at 9:00 am. Parents please join us for a Synod Listening Session during the April 10th class in the parish hall. Thank you for continuing to work on the Weeklies at home. Theresa

Christ's Mission Appeal 2021-22: The new appeal amount for St. Cyril is $24,421.00. As of 3-9-22 $14,995.00 has been pledged. Our balance is $9,426.00. There still is time to make a pledge. When returning your pledge card please make the check payable to Diocese of Saginaw. Please prayerfully consider your contribution for this appeal. Any balance will be taken out of our general fund.

COVID-19 Mask Update: As the COVID 19 cases are declining and as well as it being cold and flu season, we are still ENCOURAGING all those who attend Mass to wear a mask (no matter your vaccination status). Please help us protect others while protecting yourself. Masks are available at all entrances. Fr. Bill

Sacrament of Anointing: Fr. Bill will be administering the Sacrament of Anointing during the Wednesday 9:00 am morning Mass on March 30th. All are welcome!

Stations of the Cross: Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 3:00 pm until Good Friday.

Enhance your Lenten Devotion and Prepare Yourself for Sunday Mass: We will be holding sessions to read and discuss the Sunday readings during Lent. All are welcome to join us on **Fridays** during Lent in the chapel immediately following the Stations of the Cross at 4 pm. Worship Commission

Mass of Atonement: On Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw. Bishop Gruss will celebrate the Diocese of Saginaw's Mass of Atonement, laying before God the Father the sorrow of all victims of child abuse and neglect, in particular, the victims of child sexual abuse by clergy. Please join Bishop Gruss for the 2nd Diocese of Saginaw Atonement, uniting the intercessory prayers of the Church to God, Who alone can lead us to eternal happiness. No registration is required. The Mass will be livestreamed at saginaw.org.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Diane Loznak, Ellie Bowles, Sawyer Ballinger, Fr. Bill Gruden, Jim Sloat, Fr. Thom Kowalczyk, Joann Rozen, B. Dysinger, Jim Porubsky, Jim Stehlik, Donna Merignac, Helen Slowinski, Terry & Frank Sefl, John Kusnier, Jr., Audrey Schneider, Carole Custer, Jeff Wadell, Clara Cermak, Jim Korienek, Shelby Porubsky, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Jerry Horak, Gale & Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Mary Galko, Joanne Sisco

Synod on Synodality: Pope Francis invites you and all the faithful to "journey together" by participating in listening sessions as part of Synod 2021-2023. Listening sessions will be held at St. Cyril on Sunday, March 27th after 10:30 am Mass, Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 pm and Sunday, April 10th at 9:00 am. All listening sessions will be held in the Parish Hall. Questions to help you prepare for the listening sessions include: What experiences bring you joy and help you grow in your relationship with Jesus? What obstacles do we face? What does our parish do well? How can we reach out to others? Through sharing our stories, we will all grow in our faith and help to build up our parish and the Catholic Church. Information was mailed out to each family to further explain the Synod. If you did not receive a packet please call the office at 989-862-5270. Please register for one of the listening sessions by calling the parish office or emailing Theresa at sopocyt@gmail.com . Thank you. Theresa

The Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Will take place after the Wednesday morning Masses during Lent from 9:30-10:30 am and **First Friday, April 1st**.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Spring Craft Fair: Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 am-3:30 pm at 121 N. Union St., Ithaca. Crafters are needed; a luncheon is available. To reserve a table please call St. Paul Parish Office at 989-875-2852.

A Reflection of the Gospel from Living Liturgy 2022: The compassionate love of God in Christ is always ready to forgive sinners and welcome them home. This is the challenging truth that Jesus proclaims—to the consolation of the tax collectors and sinners, and the dismay of the Pharisees and scribes who were his audience. Jesus isn't preaching to faithful Jews; he preaching to a group of people whom the faithful Jews want nothing to do with. By physically aligning himself with sinners, Jesus delivers his message in a way that the Pharisees find threatening. They are used to avoiding sinners and keeping themselves "clean" by staying away from those who threaten their holiness. Jesus does not espouse this mindset. He goes into a crowd of sinners and shares a story of a sinner being accepted.

The parable begins with the "want" of the younger son, a demand to have his share of his inheritance. The father gives not only the younger son what he demands, but "divided his property between them"—that is, he included the older brother. The father is only concerned with being a loving father, and so he allows his younger son the freedom to reject his love. The wants of this boy lead him where he certainly did not intend to go when he left home: to enslavement to a Gentile boss in a Gentile pigsty, to starvation, and to physical and spiritual impoverishment. By looking after pigs, he makes himself ritually unclean, so squandering a second inheritance: his Jewish faith.

During Lent, the church calls us to remember the gifts of God that we have squandered and that have led us into the small or greater mess of our spiritual "pigsty." With great wisdom, the church also knows that we need this time of heightened awareness of our compassionate Father who embraces us in the outstretched arms of the Crucified.