

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:

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.

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022



Sun Dec.4	Second Sunday of Advent
10:30 am	People of St. Cyril
Mon Dec. 5	No Mass
Tues Dec. 6	No Mass
Wed Dec. 7	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
9:00 am	Rose Chapko by family
Thur Dec. 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am	St. Peter Parish in Chesaning
7:00 pm	St. Cyril Parish
Fri Dec. 9	No Mass
Sat Dec. 10	No Mass
Sun Dec. 11	Third Sunday of Advent
10:30 am	People of St. Cyril

† Tithes & Gifts † November 27, 2022

37-Envelopes	\$1,110.00
Loose:	16.00
Children:	.00
3-Special Needs:	35.00
Total:	\$1,161.00
Amount needed each week	\$2,383.00
+/- For Year Ending 6/30/23.	(\$12,325.19)

Roof-\$30
Christmas Flowers-\$225.00
Arch Diocese Military-\$30

Greeters for December	Greeters for January
Terry & Toni Ornelas	Bob & Janet Garcia
Mary Jane Borneman	Robert Surdock
Money Counters	Ushers for December
Theresa Sopocy	Joan Smolka, Annie Mikulka
Helen Stehlik	Rosemary Houska
Family of the Month-Dec.	Knight of the Month-Nov.
Jim & Lori Porubsky	William Chapko Sr.

Sacristans:
December 8-Margaret Horak
December 11-Sonja Homer
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
December 8-Carol Chvojka
December 11-Duane Schneider
Lectors:
December 8-Sonja Homer
December 11-Duane Schneider

Stewardship Message: We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Faith Formation: We enjoyed a wonderful Advent Celebration at our December 4th class. Thank you to the parents for providing us with a wonderful breakfast. The children enjoyed fun centers and made cards for the shut ins, colored an Advent wreath and heard the Nativity Story. We hope you enjoy the rest of the Advent Season. Theresa

Worship Commission: The next Worship Commission meeting is Wednesday, December 14th at 10:30 am following Adoration. We will be decorating the church for Christmas after Mass on Sunday, December 18th. Please consider staying after church to help decorate and make this time go quickly. We want to thank Toni Ornelas for chairing the Worship Commission, we will miss her guidance and continue to pray for her granddaughter Isabelle.

The Elsie Area Food Pantry: Is participating in a Reverse Advent Calendar. Simply set aside one of the food items each day of Advent and bring them to church and place them in the box in front of St. Joseph's Altar. The list is at all entrances. All food items collected will be donated to the Elsie Area Food pantry. This is an opportunity to help your friends and neighbors in need. Thank you. Worship Commission

Elsie Community Christmas Boxes: Each year the local schools in connection with area churches try to provide some type of Christmas giving to the families in our area who are in need. Our list is divided up between all churches involved. This is the list St. Cyril has been asked to help furnish. The flyer is included in this bulletin. Monetary donations and gift cards would be greatly appreciated and can be given to Denise Denovich or Margaret Horak. They can also be put into the collection basket marked "Christmas Boxes". Our deadline is **Sunday, December 11th.** There are boxes by the Mary altar for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. St. Cyril Christian Service Commission.

Blood Drive **ZCJB Hall/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive:** Is Wednesday, December 28th from 12:00 pm until 4:45 pm at the ZCJB Hall. Please eat and drink something before donating. Be a hero! Donate!

2023 Church Calendars: Are available for you to bring one home. They are at all entrances of church.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Shut-Ins: Chris Becher, Raymond Wieber, Josephine Strpko Baker, Jim Korienek, Diane Loznak, 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, Shelby Porubsky, Shirley Tesarik, Linda Boring, Trevir Kral, John Chvojka, Rose Wolfe, Jerry Horak, Gale & Marcella Baese, Ron Betts, Joanne Sisco

Christ's Mission Appeal 2022-23: Our assessment for the 2022-23 appeal is \$26,464.00. As of November 22, 2022 \$8,580.00 has been pledged which brings the balance to \$17,884.00. Please prayerfully consider your pledge. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Saginaw.

Dear friends of God,

I want to thank you for the care and love you have shown me and my family with the passing of my Uncle Bobby. He was my last living blood aunt or uncle and it feels strange with that generation gone. I want to share the homily that I gave as we celebrated by uncle's life.

"One of my first Christmas Eves as a priest, I look out into the congregation at midnight mass and saw the beautiful face of Uncle Bobby. After mass, I walked directly to him and gave him a loving hug. I asked about Aunt Pat and I encouraged him to stay the night since it was so late. He said no; he needed to get back home. He did offer me some help in the direction of my homily in his "Maksym kind of way". Something to the effect of it being *&#%! . And you know what? He was right. I spoke of Christmas being a celebration that pointed to Easter. Jesus came to die for our sins. I was right but also missing the point. And Uncle Bobby pointed me in the right direction.

Jesus was born for us to share God's life with us every moment of our lives. God is with us the moment we are conceived in our mothers' womb and God is with us at every moment whether we know it or not through our deaths and into our resurrections. This all began for us the moment that Jesus was born for you and me. God was with the Maksym family when they were traveling from Poland to Germany during the Second World War. God was with them when their youngest child was born. (I still can't pronounce Uncle Bobby's given name). God was with them when the Maksym's were refugees coming to America. God was with them when Uncle Bobby and my dad acclimated to become Americans learning English. God was with Uncle Bobby when we told Babcia that an "E" was for "excellent" in school. God was with him when he raised his pigeons. God was with Uncle Bobby when he met the love his life, my Aunt Pat. God was with Uncle Bobby the years he worked at the gear and axle plant. God was with Aunt Pat and Uncle Bobby when they had their children. God was even with them when they lost the cousin I would never know. God was with them when they raised Rob and Rich. God was with them in the good times and the bad. God was even with Uncle Bobby when he sang karaoke. I'm still trying to see Uncle Bobby up there singing at a karaoke bar. God was with Uncle Bobby when he had that damn stroke. God was with Uncle Bobby when he struggled. God was with Uncle Bobby when he "f bombed" the dude down the street. God was with Uncle Bobby as began to struggle even more. God was with Uncle Bobby when he began to head to heaven last weekend. God was with Uncle Bobby as he opened his eyes for last time. God was with Uncle Bobby as God took him to heaven. Uncle Bobby is with God now. And God is with us right now.

In a month we will celebrate Christmas with a tear in our eyes. We will celebrate Emmanuel. Remember O' come, O' come Emmanuel? Emmanuel means, "God is with us."

Uncle Bobby was right that snowy Christmas 20 years ago. Christmas, our day of God becoming one with us, is far more than my crappy homily. I love you Uncle Bobby.

Much love,

K. Ken