

Connection
St. Cyprian Catholic Church
Riverview, Michigan
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April 14, 2019



RANDOM THOUGHTS
DIFERENTES PENSAMIENTOS
from Father Bill Promesso

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Before the liturgical renewal of the church in the 1960s, Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday were two different celebrations. One recalled Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the praise of the crowd. The other chronicled the punishment meted out by the Roman authorities who were in cahoots with the religious leaders to get rid of Jesus. The crowd figures largely in this too. But now we recall both events at one Mass and move quickly from the glory to the agony.

If it had happened to any other person it would be sad and disturbing, perhaps getting a few minutes on the nightly news, a posting on Facebook or a few Instagram or Snapchat photos. But it happened to God! Yes, God was at once welcomed and then soon enough rejected and killed. The same crowd that waved palm branches also shouted for his crucifixion. God is welcomed then God is denied.

I suspect that this pattern is present in many of our lives. We want to be good children of God and followers of Jesus Christ when it's easy (the palm branches were an element of an awesome party!) but like Peter, we step away from Christ when things get rough (Peter was afraid he'd suffer a similar fate).

Both parts of our relationship with God are placed before us today. Rejoice or reject? Once we see the

Sacred Triduum

The three days of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as counted from sunset to sunset.

Holy Thursday, April 18

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm

Reception of Holy Oils

Washing of Feet & Eucharistic Feast

followed by **Adoration** at the Altar of Repose
until **Night Prayer** at 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 19

The Passion and Death of Christ

1:00 pm

The Passion according to John

Veneration of the Cross

Holy Communion

Holy Saturday, April 20

Blessing of Easter Foods

11:00 am in church

The Easter Vigil Liturgy

8:30 pm

Light & Word

Initiation & Eucharist

Easter Sunday, April 21

The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am & 11:00 am



from our Pastoral Minister

This weekend, through the Palm Sunday liturgy, we will enter into the holiest week of the year. At the beginning of Luke's Gospel we hear the account of the last Supper, when Jesus gives the complete gift of Himself to us through his Body and Blood. The reality and truth of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is meant to lead us to a deeper and ever-increasing intimacy of his love, peace and mercy. As the catechism states, the Eucharist is *"The source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."* (CCC 1324) The passion Jesus willingly undertakes for the salvation of our souls will be remembered in the liturgies and traditions of the Paschal Triduum, which immerse us into the Paschal Mystery of Christ. The Paschal Triduum is actually a single liturgical event with three distinct parts: the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday service and the Easter Vigil.

"The history of the Triduum is significant in the Church. By the second century, Christians celebrated the great Easter Vigil, an event which began the night of Holy Saturday, continuing until dawn on Easter morning. During this vigil, Christians commemorated salvation history, awaited the return of Jesus and celebrated the resurrection of Jesus at dawn on Easter Sunday. At the vigil, catechumens, after a three year period of catechesis, were baptized and received first communion. At that time, the Easter Vigil was the most important celebration of the liturgical year. Eventually Christians expanded this celebration to a three-day commemoration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection known as the *Triduum*, Latin for three days. Since the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Easter Vigil and the Triduum have regained their position of prominence in the Western Catholic liturgical calendar." - © All Saints Press, 2019

This week I encourage you to set aside your regular routine and dedicate more time each day to the reading of the Passion of Christ in the gospel's, reflecting on the redemptive suffering of Christ and allowing the

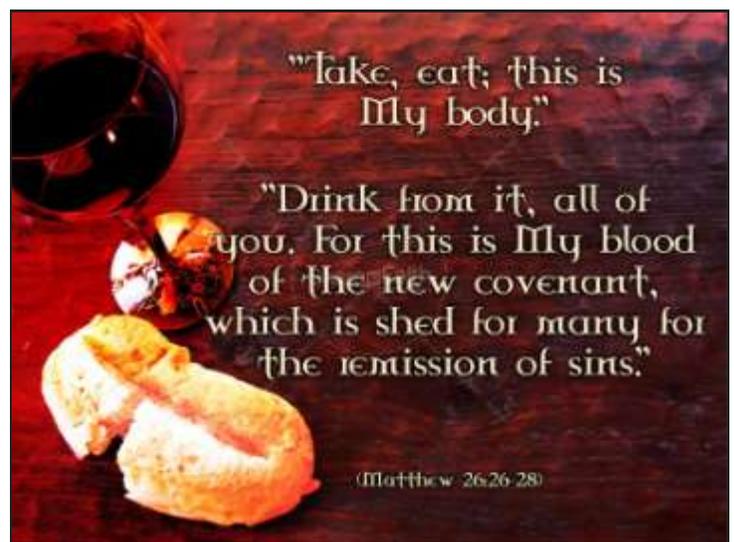
Holy Spirit to lead you into new areas in your prayer time to prepare your heart. This way we will each be more fully aware of the divine graces, mercy and forgiveness we have received from God and express our profound thanks and gratitude for His divine love. May we all continue to journey with each other all the way to Calvary, pray for the renewal of the Church throughout the world, so that we will be able to share in the glory and joy of the Easter season.

"During Holy Mass, I saw the Lord Jesus nailed upon the Cross amidst great torments. A soft moan issued from His Heart. After some time, He said: I thirst. I thirst for the salvation of souls. Help me, my daughter, to save souls. Join your suffering to my Passion and

Volunteers Needed!

In the summer of 2010, the Knights of Columbus stepped up and took over coordinating the maintenance of our parish grounds. They have informed us that they will be unable to continue this ministry. *We thank them for their service to the parish and are deeply grateful for the care they have given to our parish grounds these past 10 years.*

We are now looking for volunteers to assist in groundskeeping — mowing, weed whipping, edging, spring/fall cleanup, etc. Daryl Bartl will be coordinating our lawn and grounds care going forward; if you are interested in assisting, please contact Daryl at (734) 556-5928.



Our Earthy Home

12 Reasons to use Eco-Friendly Bags

A plastic bag can take from 15 to 1,000 years to break down, depending on environment.

- Birds, turtles, and countless other sea animals die each year from ingesting plastic. The animals confuse floating bags and plastic particles for edible sea life such as jellyfish and plankton. Once ingested, the plastic blocks the digestive tract and the animals starve to death. Other animals drown after becoming entangled in plastic waste.
- According to the Environmental Protection Agency, which has been collecting plastic bag statistics for more than a decade, roughly 2% of plastic bags are recycled in the United States. The rest are left to live on indefinitely in landfills or decompose in our oceans, where they leech toxins into the water and soil.
- The United States uses about 100 billion plastic bags per year, with the average person using between 350 and 500.
- Public agencies in California alone spend more than \$300 million on cleaning up coastal litter every year.
- Plastic bags are made from petroleum products and natural gas, both non-renewable resources, and their manufacture helps to drive up gas prices.
- It takes 12 million barrels of oil to produce the plastic bags that the U.S. uses every year.
- More than a dozen nations have banned or taxed disposable bags in the past five years.
- Custom reusable grocery bags come in a wide variety of stylish shapes and prints.
- Some grocery stores offer discounts to customers who bring reusable bags.
- If every person in New York City used one less grocery bag, it would cut waste by 5 million pounds and save \$250,000 in disposal costs.
- *One person using reusable bags over their lifetime would remove more than 22,000 plastic bags from the environment.*

Source: <https://www.reusethisbag.com/articles/25-reasons-to-go-reusable/>

What you can do

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Thank You!

Thank you to our anonymous donor! The generous donation of a new digital baby grand piano will help keep our rehearsals on track and can even bring a new dynamic sound to other Liturgical events. We truly appreciate the thoughtful contribution to the St. Cyprian Music Ministry program. As a volunteer-powered ministry, we can help bring an uplifting experience and better connection to Christ through our music in the Liturgy. Having the right tools and properly functioning instruments help make us better at what we do and provides quality music for the Parish. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated!



Holy Thursday April 18th

Travel to these Downriver parishes for an experience of spending an hour with Jesus.

Sacred Heart Church, Grosse Ile
Mass at 7pm with Adoration until 12am

St. Cyprian Church, Riverview
Mass at 7pm with Adoration until 10pm

St. Joseph Church, Trenton
Mass at 7pm with Adoration until 12am

St. Pius Church, Southgate
Mass at 7pm with Adoration until 10pm

Gather for the Mass of the Lord's Supper and then begin the Sacred Triduum with a pilgrimage to each of these parishes for some time in Adoration as we reflect on the agony of our Lord in the garden. Bring family



St. Cyprian Ladies Guild Salad Lunch

Voted
"BEST
Salad Luncheon
Downriver!"

Includes a variety of
over 100 homemade
salads, rolls, beverages
and dessert

Tickets available in the
Parish Office
Walk-ins welcome!

Tables reserved for
large groups by calling
Beverly at
(313) 806-7351

Thursday
May 2, 2019
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Admission \$8.00



St. Cyprian Church
Social Hall

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Our Earthly Home (Continued from page 3)

to help?

The efforts of governments and retailers will go to waste if we, the consumers, don't contribute to the effort of reducing plastic bag usage.

- Start by bringing your own Eco-Friendly bags.
- Patronize businesses that support the effort to reduce plastic bag usage.
- Spread awareness by not accepting plastic bags from retailers.
- Let's start educating our children about the plastic bag problem so they will continue the efforts and go

“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”



Emergency Response Planning

The parish has a preliminary Emergency Response Plan, and is working on developing evacuation routes. In light of what seems to be continued attacks on houses of worship, we are looking at everything with a critical eye.

One change we will be making is restricting access to the balcony except during masses with large attendance. The balcony gates will be regularly locked beginning the weekend of April 26/27. We are taking this action to help ensure the safety of the parish community.

We are continuing the process of forming emergency response teams that would be present at each mass. You **do not** need to have a medical or public safety background to participate. We also need people who can spring into action, follow directions and assist professionals, as well as those who are experienced emergency responders. If you are interested, please contact me at dtraeder@stcyprian.com or by phone: 734-283-1366 x113 and provide the following information:

- Contact information (name, email, phone)
- What mass you usually attend
- If you have any medical/law enforcement training, or have been on emergency teams at

No Rummage Sale This Year

Because we are now leasing all classrooms, we no longer have the space to hold our annual rummage sale. Please do not bring items to the parish this year. Instead, consider donating to the following places where your donations will also provide a benefit to the community:

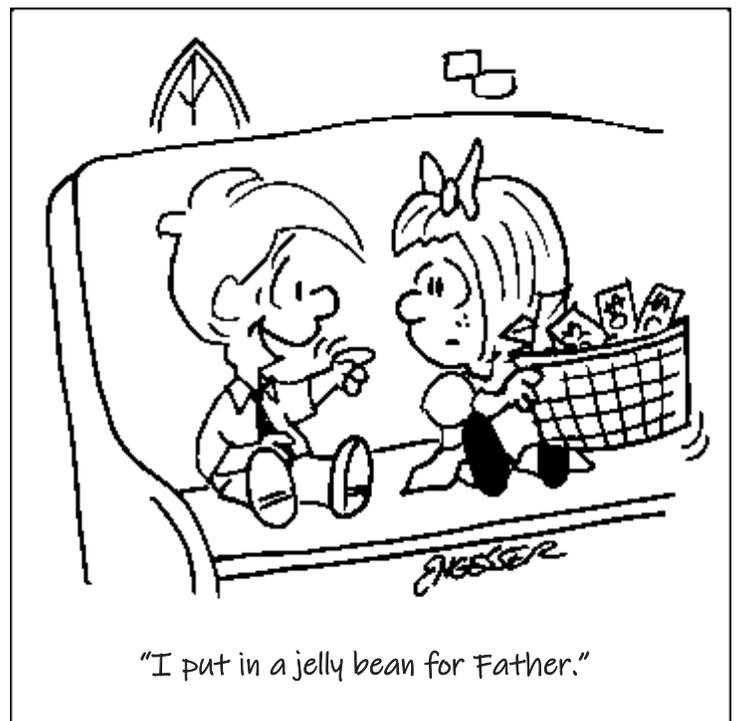
St. Vincent de Paul Society

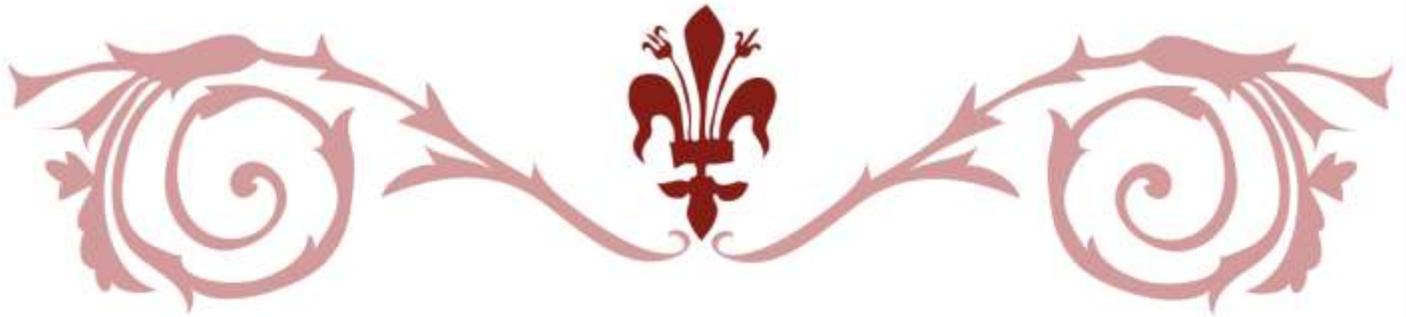
You can donate clothing and shoes in the blue SVDP collection bins at the west end of the St. Cyprian parking lot. Household and other items can be donated at 3000 Gratiot Avenue in Detroit, or call 313-393-2930 for pickup of large items. All purchases help SVDP provide others with emergency services, food, shelter, energy assistance, camp for children, and much more.

Salvation Army Store, 14275 Eureka in Southgate
Donated items are sold at Family Stores, and the proceeds are used to fund Adult Rehabilitation Centers where those struggling with drugs and alcohol find help, hope and a second chance at life.

Step Thrift Store, 15413 Dix-Toledo in Southgate
This is a donation center and thrift store that works with adults with disabilities to give them job/skills training for the workplace.

Please do not donate items that you would not pass on to a friend. Thrift centers will dispose of anything that





Saturday, May 11
After 5 PM Mass
\$10 per person



Menu

Steak (or Chicken),
Salad, Baked Potato,
Beverages and Dessert

Tickets: Available after mass
or contact Mark Lauer (313)402-4278
or Larry Masserant (734)512-9410

Basket Raffles



Join us in the St. Cyprian Parish Social Hall!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Riverview Council #13980
St. Cyprian Parish, Riverview, MI



 God so loved the world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

What you need:

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible




John 3:16

What you do:

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.



Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)



Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)



Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)



This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)



Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)



Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)



Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)



While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)



This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)



These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)



These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)



Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins

Journey to Jerusalem

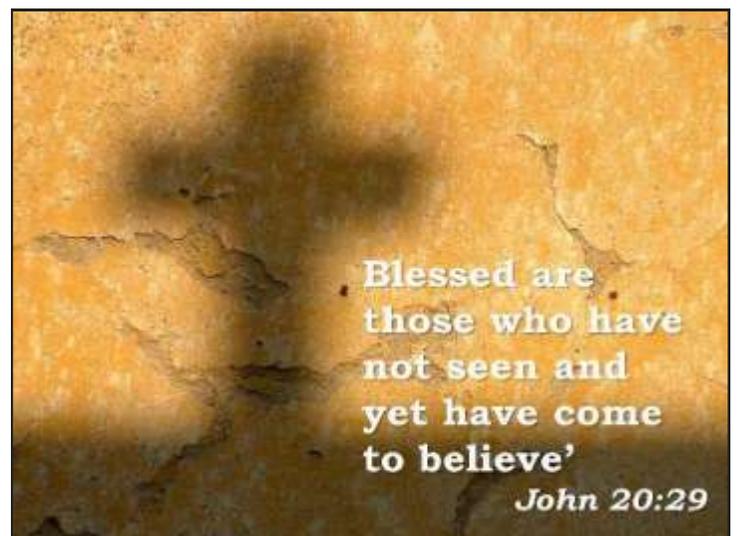
Report #5

Another great week as we journeyed 6,441 miles plus 420 miles left over from last week for a total of 6,861 miles. We used 6,808 miles; leaving us 53 miles with which to start next week.

Leaving Kottayam, India, we headed across the Arabian Sea to our first stop in Aksum, Ethiopia where we hear a story when we visit the Church of Our Lady Mary of Zion that if it is not true, it should be. The original church was built in the 4th century and was rebuilt in the 10th and 16th centuries after being destroyed. Additional rebuilding and expansion were done in the 17th century. A newer church was built (completed in 1964) during Haile Selassie's reign as emperor so both men and women may worship in the church. Only men may enter the original church because the only woman that may enter is Mary in the form of the Ark of the Covenant. And now the story: St. Mary of Zion claims to contain the original Ark of the Covenant. Reportedly, the Ark was moved to the Chapel of the Tablet adjacent to the old church because a divine 'heat' from the Tablets had cracked the stones of its previous sanctum. Emperor Haile Selassie's wife, Empress Menen, paid for the construction of the new chapel. According to tradition, the Ark came to Ethiopia (some accounts say the Ark was stolen from Jerusalem and a replica left in its place) with Menelik I after he visited his father King Solomon. Only the guardian monk may view the Ark, in accordance with the Biblical accounts of the dangers of doing so for non-Kohanim. This lack of accessibility, and questions about the account as a whole, has led foreign scholars to express doubt about the veracity of the claim. The guardian monk is appointed for life by his predecessor before the predecessor dies. If the incumbent guardian dies without naming a successor, then the monks of the monastery hold an election to select the new guardian. The guardian then is confined to the chapel of the Ark of the Covenant for the rest of his life, praying before it and offering incense. A countervailing position was provided by a British soldier who forced his way into the church during World War II to see the Ark and stated it was only a replica. This brings to mind John 20:29 when Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." If God changed water into wine, maybe He made the Ark look like a replica to fool the invader showing disrespect for the holy place. The question before our group was: Do we believe without seeing or must we see to believe?

Our second stop was not really a stop, but more like a pilgrimage across Africa to the Atlantic. We carried our eagles to give them a rest after they have carried us for so long. Ethiopia is believed by some accounts from the scientific community to be the northern part of the region that is the location for our both our female and male Most Recent Common Ancestor. Other accounts support South Africa as the location. The timing varies, but most accounts put the range at 120,000 to 150,000 years ago. Is it not cool to think that all of us are really related if we go back far enough? Because we are all brothers and sisters we discussed during our pilgrimage brothers and sisters from the Bible: From Genesis – Cain and Able; Shep, Ham, Japeth, and Yam (sons of Noah); Jacob and Esau (sons of Isaac); Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, and Dinah (children of Jacob – there were other daughters but only Dinah is named); From Exodus – Aaron, Miriam, and Moses; Gershom and Eliezer (sons of Moses); From the Gospels – Martha, Mary and Lazarus; the Prodigal Son and his brother; James and John (disciples); and Simon (called Peter) and Andrew (disciples). There are many others, of course, but we have reached the west coast of Africa.

Getting aboard our eagles once again we head for our third and last stop in Mindelo, Cabo Verde (Cape Verde). Cabo Verde was discovered and colonized by Portuguese explorers in the 15th century, establishing the first European settlement in the tropics. An ancillary effect of Portugal colonizing the 10 islands is that the country is over 90 per cent Catholic. While in Mindelo we visited Pró-catedral Nossa Senhora da Luz (Pro-Cathedral of Our Lady of the Light). Built in 1862, it is one of the oldest buildings of Mindelo. However, the church has been enlarged recently, leaving only the



Liturgy Schedule for April 21
Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord
 Minister Schedule also available at www.stcyprian.com

		9:00 AM	11:00 AM
ALTAR ASSISTANT		Shirley Ellerbrock	Dan DeAngelis
GREETERS		Dennis Gorkiewicz, Holmes Family	Joan Keith, Margaret Krohn, Georganne Miller, Matosh Family
LECTORS		Donna & Matt Ray	Rosemary Krach Todd Stasik
ALTAR SERVERS		Clint Switzer	Ines Ucros

Readings for the Week of April 14

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Lk 19:28-40;
 Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
 Lk 22:14—23:56

Monday Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15 and 17;
 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
 Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Is 52:13—53:12;
 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
 Jn 18:1—19:42

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24,35; Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11;
 Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Is 55:1-11, Is 12:2-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32c4:4;
 Ps 19:8-11; Ez 36:16-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3-4; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord



"BEHOLD,
 YOUR
 KING
 IS COMING
 TO YOU."
MATTHEW 21:5, ESV



This week we are in need of the following items: soup, canned vegetables and canned meats.

*Thank you
 for your support!*

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection 4/7/19	\$15,534.45
Total Collection 7/1/18 to present	\$468,286.16
Needed Weekly	\$11,435.00
Needed 7/1/18 to present	\$467,735.00
Over (Under) for Year	\$551.16

Religious Formation



April 15 Class Grades 1-8

April 22 NO CLASS Easter Break

April 29 Last Class with Mass

Stacey Sutowski-Shurtz,

Director of Elementary Catechesis and Youth Ministry



Ladies Guild
 \$500 Scholarship
 Applications Available

The St. Cyprian Ladies Guild College \$500 Scholarship applications are now available in the parish office for female graduating high school seniors. Qualifications: must be the daughter, stepdaughter, granddaughter, step-granddaughter, great-granddaughter or step great-granddaughter of a current Ladies Guild member in



Catherine Adanti, Nathan Adanti, Catherine Auelua, Kevin Boroniec, Larry Brown, Timothy Casey, Jeannie Chizick, Rita Cook, Tina Dalton, Melinda Davis,

Hudson Demick, JoAnn DeJaeger, Carol Flanary, Sophie Gloskey, Paul Hall, Geraldine Hemphill, Lester Hodges, Tom Hoover, RoseMary Howell, Mike Johnson, Debbie Malkowski, Kevin Mance, Theresa Matt, Sharon Michalak, Rob O'Brien, Mike Palazzolo, Janet Razmek, Jim Root, Carol Burbo Shirk, Bonnie Smith, Martha Walsh, John Wasielewski, Judy Zilka, Olive Zonzini, Stella Zonzini.

Liturgy Intentions

Donations have been made for the purchase of bread and wine in honor of the following:

April 20, 8:30pm Liturgy

- † Bryce Cancillari from Yvonne Cancillari
- † Earl Cancillari from Yvonne Cancillari

April 21, 9am Liturgy

- † Blanche Gallagher from Charlene & Leo Kay
- † Mary Holdinski from Bob & Mary Janulis
- † Jerry Kruso from Friends
- † Mike & Mary McInchak from Rose Sebestyen
- † Ernesto Zeppa from Family

April 21, 11am Liturgy

- † Alice Fountain from Virgie Ann O'Connor

Soup Bowl Painting Pick-up

The bowls, plates and mugs that you made from Pottery Creations are available for pick up. Please contact Stacey at 734-283-1366 x118 or sshurtz@stcyprian.com to make arrangements.

This Week

Monday, April 15

6:15pm Religious Education grades 1-8

Tuesday, April 16

6:30pm St. Vincent dePaul meet in hospitality room

Wednesday, April 17

10:00am Bible Study meet in St. Nicholas room

10:15am Crafters meet in social hall

10:00am Pantry distribution in social hall

7:00pm Liturgical Choir meet in music room

7:30pm AA meet in social hall

Friday, April 19

10:00am USDA/TEFAP distribution from pantry

Sacred Triduum Schedule

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WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday at 9:00am

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am & 11:00am