

**DEC. 30 & JAN. 6, 2018**

**ST. CYRIL'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday 12/30 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

9:00 am +Robert Delich by the Olinskey Family

**Monday 12/31 – 7<sup>th</sup> Day of the Octave of the Lord - New Year's Eve**

6:00pm +Deceased members of St. Cyril's

**Tuesday 1/1 - New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

11:00am Mass at St. Ann's

**Wednesday 1/2 – St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**

6:00pm + Robert Delich by Katherine Novak

**Sunday 1/6 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 am St. Cyril Parishioners

NO ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

**Monday 1/7 – St. Raymond of Penyafort**

6:00 pm Our Lady of Peace Prayer Group

NO MASS

**Wednesday 1/9 – Christmas Weekday**

6:00 pm +Jacob Kriz Jr. by his Family

**Sunday 1/13 – The Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 am +Joe Topi on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**LECTORS**

12/30 Amy Salva

12/31 Volunteer please

1/6 Tom Topi

1/13 Stan Salva

**USHERS**

Volunteers please

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Dec. 16 and 23, 2018	\$3,400.00
Christmas Collection	1,214.26
Mass Stipends	55.00
Coffee Sales	50.00

**Please pray for the sick and suffering members of our parish:**

Jim Visnich, Dorothy Lucas, Ruby Tapko, John & Dorothy Cardenas, Emil Dykal, Jeff Workman, Jason Hale, Sophia Halastik, Karen Williamson, James Collins, John Mikula, Jason Julian, Dorothy Halastik, Patricia Cholak Weaver, Charles and Mary Lou Woods, Annie Moran, Suzanne Halastik, Bob Pinter, Jack and Beverly O'Renick, Michael Stefancik and George Beal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The 2019 calendars** are in back of church. St. Cyril's would like to thank Dignity Memorial for providing the calendars for us. Please pick one up.

**January 6, 2019 is Altar Society Sunday** with the rosary being said at 8:30 before Mass. No meeting will be held on the 6th.

**CCRC Sunday is also January 6.** The donation container is in back of Church. The proceeds go to help the needy families of Sugar Creek. Please be generous.....



**January 8, 2019 - Sugar Creek Community**  
Lunch will be held at noon at Mike Onka Hall. The City will provide soup, please bring a side dish or dessert. All are welcome to come for a meal with your neighbors..

**Altar Society dues** of \$1.20 per year will be collected on January 13 and January 20, 2019. All ladies of our parish are encouraged to join.

**Goodshop.com** is a way to raise funds for St. Cyril's. We just received our donation of \$15.18 earned by supporters who shopped online using Goodshop and Goodsearch from Oct. 2017 through Sept. 2018. When shopping online, searching the web, taking surveys, playing games and much more visit Goodshop.com or Goodsearch.com to see deals, see the donation and link to the store before shopping. Just select St. Cyril's to receive donation for each hit on these sites.

**MARRIED COUPLES**

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. The next Weekend in Kansas City is March 1-3, 2019. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.wwme4youandme.org> or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarz@prodigy.net).

**Bisop's Blog**

**Recently**, I was able to see the new film, *Free Solo*, which tells the true story surrounding Alex Honnold's June 3, 2017 climb up the face of "El Capitan," the 3200 ft sheer granite wall in Yosemite Valley in California ... *without a rope*. Yes, I said it, without a rope.. For those who have never seen El Capitan in person, it is probably the most imposing and impressive cliff wall in the world; a single slab of granite which climbers consider the center of their universe. Honnold's feat is almost incomprehensible, not simply from an athletic standpoint, but from the crazy danger involved in such a climb. A fall means death. He is the first and may be the only person ever to accomplish this climb. As he relates in his own words, "It's easy to be the first when you're the only one playing the game." The film recounts the preparation and challenges which he went through to prepare, and then shows the spine-tingling climb as he worked his way up the face of the granite wall in just under four hours. This alone is worth seeing, but the film goes further, pulling back the curtain on what makes someone like Alex Honnold tick. I won't spoil it, but it is a fascinating study of a child and a family who struggled to express love. He is not religious, yet one cannot but help reflecting on his life through religious eyes. Honnold's is the story of a man seeking meaning in a life virtually devoid of love—and in his case, he seeks meaning in perfection. This week we celebrated Christmas, the Nativity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In some ways, one could think of his coming into our world on a mission of salvation which would mean his own death, as the free solo of God. In this version, the motivation, the meaning, is already there—love. In fact, the free solo of Jesus Christ was to reveal God's saving love to the world and thereby reveal the true meaning of human life in this world and in the next. Jesus came to do something only he could do. This event is the central moment of human history and has forever changed our understanding of earthly realities. God took human flesh from the womb of the Virgin Mary so that we could see, hear and experience God in a body. So that we could touch him and encounter God with the experiential senses along with the mind. This free solo was to reveal God to us, but also so that God could give himself to us and for us. Jesus did something only he could do, climb upon a cross and be lifted up with all the sins of the world placed upon him. His free solo required his death so that those for whom he died could be freed from their sins and become Children of God.

Merry Christmas!

**Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.**  
Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph