



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Religious Education: Office now located in the School

Coordinator: Virginia Lee 512-859-2634 sscmre@gmail.com

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Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:15-5:45PM/Thursday 5-5:30PM during Adoration/By Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 4:00-5:45 PM concluding with Benediction

Healing Mass: First Thursday of every month

Baptism: Class Required/Darve Horak 512-859-2646 or darve.horak@gmail.com

Marriage: Meet with Pastor six months in advance to set date.

Marriage Prep required/Darve & Karen Horak 512-859-2646 or darve.horak@gmail.com

Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

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 Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek
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Fourth Sunday of Easter—May 11, 2014

(† Deceased/*Living)

Saturday May 10 6:00PM For the living and deceased members (especially Mothers) of SSCM
 Sunday May 11 10:00AM All Mothers (Card Intentions)
 Tuesday May 13 8:00AM † Emil Matula
 Wed May 14 6:30PM † BR & Bernie Luna
 Thurs May 15 6:00PM † Evelyn Pekar 10AM Will o Bell 4PM-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction
 Friday May 16 8:00AM † Frank Mikulencak
 Saturday May 17 6:00PM † John Jezisek; † Antonio Gonzales; † Vince Marek; † Henry & Angeline Dillard
 Sunday May 18 10:00AM For the living and deceased members of SSCM

We pray for Healing: Albina Teltow, Rafaela Trevino, Georgia Mikulencak, Frances Martinka, Ollie Rendon, Georgia Strmiska, Lela Kaderka, Jordan Nira, Alice Hajda, Patricia Stefek, Amber Pacha, Curtis Ging, Kay Karkoska, Frank Krenek, Angie Pavelka, Loretta Remmert, Nettie Wall, Richard Williams.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Johnny Michalek who was called to his heavenly home on Thursday.

We welcome to our Parish Family Mykelin Holly and Chloe Hill baptized this weekend.

Offering: Sunday: \$5,055.00 Children: \$2.00 Thank you for your generous support!

Liturgical Ministers May 17-18

Saturday 6PM Lector: Diana Kerlin EMHC: Terry Pekar, Louis Repa, George & Kate Strmiska
 Music: Volunteer Servers: Colton & Colby Marek, Mikayla Skrhak
 Sunday 10AM Lector: Seniors EMHC: Baldo & Rosalva Degollado, Harold & Carolyn Kaderka
 Music: Kathy Janke Servers: Jake & Kurt Kaderka, Mary Unnasch
 EMHC Route Bartlett Homes-Kate Strmiska Bartlett Will O' Bell- Barbara Hill
 Granger Villa-Deborah Spanel Granger Homes-George Strmiska Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka
 RE Store: Saturday: Ofelia Lopez Sunday: Esther Villarreal

Special Collection this weekend is for the Parish Building & Maintenance Fund.

Granger Community Pantry Collection: Please bring items to Parish Office by Wednesday, May 14.

Flowers: (Main Gold Vases) For all mothers from the Altar Society. Roses are from Respect Life Ministry. (Mary) In loving memory of Levina Pechal & Elizabeth Volek from the Frankie Volek Family.

Calendar of Events

Sunday May 11 : Happy Mother's Day
 Monday May 12 : 7PM Yoga (DPC)
 Tuesday May 13 : 5PM Youth Ministry Bingo kitchen- Taco salad, soft taco, super nachos, nachos, rice, desserts
 Thursday May 15 : 7PM Pastoral Council reorganization meeting (DPC)
 Sunday May 18 : 10AM Senior Mass (All High School and College Grads)
 : 12 noon KC hamburgers (Hall)

Parish

KJZT #18 will be serving Chicken Fried Steak lunches Sunday, May 25 starting at 11:00 to help the Granger Fire Department purchase much needed equipment. There will also be a drive-thru line.

Save the Date: Our Parish Picnic is June 29. It will have a new look this year. Fried Chicken Dinner 11AM-2PM. Silent Auction, entertainment and children's activities 12-2PM. Battle Dance 3-9PM. We will not be having the usual games this year so you are only being asked to bring a sweet for the dessert table and silent auction items (bring to Hall Saturday morning from 8AM -2PM). The work list will be available in June. Jolene Volek is in charge of scheduling.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to know more about your faith? A new RCIA class is forming. If you are interested, please call Virginia at 512-859-2634 or email sscmre@gmail.com.

Senior Mass: All High School and College graduating students are invited to participate in the Senior Mass on May 18 at the 10:00am Mass. Please meet at the DPC at 9:45 to line up. Cookies and punch will be served after Mass. All are invited to attend.

Religious Ed

Thank you!! A BIG thank you to the parents, teachers, students and parishioners who came out to help move Religious Education last Wednesday. We were able to do accomplish most of the preliminary work needed to prepare for next year. Thanks again for giving of your time and talents to the Religious Education Children.

RE Listening Session: The Religious Education Listening Session has been postponed, because of lack of attendance. I really would like to hear from you. I will be scheduling another session before the beginning of the school year. However, you do not have to wait until then. If there is anything you would like to see different or have any concerns, please call me at [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634) or email sscmre@gmail.com. All opinions are important to me. Virginia Loza-Lee, DRE

Upper Room: Do you have a ping pong table, air hockey table or foosball table in good condition, sitting in your garage not being used? If so, we would love to take it off your hands and put it to use. We are needing these items along with a Wii game system, teen Catholic or inspirational books, a sofa in good condition, candy, a couple of board games, or anything else you might have lying around you think a teen might enjoy. We are forming a recreation center we are calling the "Upper Room" for our High School students. We hope to make a place where they can spend time in a safe, fun, Catholic, and caring environment. If you would like to make a donation, please call Virginia at [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634) or email sscmre@gmail.com. Thank you.

Bible Studies

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins June 11 Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* beginning June 11 at 7:00 and continuing every Wednesday until August 6. The cost for course materials is \$35. For more information or to register for the study, call Virginia Loza-Lee at [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634) or email sscmre@gmail.com.

Freedom Is A Powerful Word: *Freedom to Love* is a powerful, five-part study based on the Theology of the Body. It is specifically intended for young adults and college students and is presented by popular author and expert Christopher West. In it he lays out a convincing and refreshing road map to living a life of authentic freedom and love. In this study, you will learn: What the Theology of the Body is and how it can change your life; How to live a life of freedom; What real love looks like; The difference between love and lust; That contraception does not lead to freedom; That God has a plan for your future; ...and much more. The concepts in this study will change everything, including your worldview. This DVD and workbook study will be held on June 11 at 7:00. The cost is only \$20 and includes all course materials. For more information and to register, contact Virginia Loza-Lee at sscmre@gmail.com or [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634).

Around the Diocese

A men's discernment dinner for single, Catholic men ages 18 and older will be held on the second Wednesday (May 14) of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Borromeo House in Austin. Men with openness to a priestly vocation and discernment are invited to dinner, evening prayer, and a presentation on discernment. For more information, contact Father Brian McMaster, diocesan Vocation Director, at (512) 949-2430 or (512) 450-4073.

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center

A Healing Hearts Retreat will be held May 23-25 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This weekend is for women who have suffered any kind of sexual trauma. Call Beverly Collin at [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) for confidential information or to register.

Desert Solitude, a silent retreat with Centering Prayer as the focus, will be held June 6-11 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Daily Mass and spiritual direction will be available. Cost varies as to how long each participant stays. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

"Back to Ordinary (Time) -- Now What?" a day of reflection, will be held June 18 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Holy Cross Father Bill Wack, pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Austin, will discuss simple steps to deepen spirituality and bring faith to the center of life. The cost is \$35 per person. For more information or to register, call [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) or email cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

Message from Our Pastor

I am the Good Shepherd" says Jesus in today's gospel. Shepherds in the time of Jesus were usually poor, gentle, humble men who needed patience and commitment to duty to care for their flock. But some of them would abandon their post at the sight of thieves or wolves. Jesus shows concern for his sheep (his followers), and He will always protect and feed them, because He is the model shepherd. But his followers must be ready to pass through the gate of the sheep field, that is, to listen and to follow only Him. Let us pray to be able to hear and respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Some basic exegetical points from the Gospel's message:

1.) Jesus says only the shepherd and his sheep are to walk through the gate of the low wall which keeps the sheep inside but in open air. Thieves and wolves like to jump over the wall to steal or eat the sheep. The sheep are trained to respond only to their shepherd's voice.

(2) So the shepherd has the duty to protect his sheep. But contrary to popular belief today, the role of shepherd in Jesus' time was not a prestigious one; it was considered lowly, dirty work performed by simple men or boys. Thus Jesus is identifying himself with humility, gentleness, and poverty in describing himself as the Good Shepherd. "Good" in the gospel here does not mean simply "effective" or "good at doing something," but means "model or prime example." As Good Shepherd, Jesus is ready to give his life to protect his sheep. Ordinary shepherds in those days often would run away at the sight of a wolf or thief and would abandon their flock.

(3) Jesus considers the Pharisees to be the bad (untrustworthy, selfish) shepherds of the Jews. So too must anyone else to be Jesus' disciples have to walk through the gate with Him.

(4) Practical applications can easily be made with analogies of the gate and the sheep field as the Church or at least Christianity; the good shepherds today as the Pope, bishops, and pastors ("pastor" itself is rooted in "pasture" and thus "shepherd"). Secularism and enemies of the Church are the wolves and thieves today.

Fr. Chris



Blessings for all the Mothers of the World.