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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

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Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter—May 25, 2014

(† Deceased/\*Living)

Saturday May 24 6:00PM

For the living and deceased members of SSCM

Sunday May 25 10:00AM

† Rafael & Mercedes Rivera; † Carolyn Konarik Kaiser; † Lillian & John David;

† Antonio Gonzales; † August Motloch, Sr.; † Anton Huf

Tuesday May 27 8:00AM

† Judy Pekar

Wed May 28 6:30PM

† Roger Crystal

Thurs May 29 6:00PM

† Johnny & Vlasta Michalek 4PM-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction

Friday May 30 8:00AM

† Jim Kopecky

Saturday May 31 6:00PM

For the living and deceased members of SSCM

Sunday June 1 10:00AM

†Anton Vanek; †Orpha McGarghan; † Tracy Gilliam

*We pray for Healing:* Don Kohring, Larry Tomasek, Stewart Remervo, Betty Pekar, Albina Teltow, Rafaela Trevino, Georgia Mikulencak, Frances Martinka, Ollie Rendon, Georgia Strmiska, Lela Kaderka, Jordan Nira, Alice Hajda, Patricia Stefek, Amber Pacha, Curtis Ging, Angie Pavelka, Loretta Remmert, Nettie Wall, Richard Williams.

*In thanksgiving for recovery:* Frank Krenek, Kay Karkoska

*We pray for the repose of the soul of Lillie Concha.* Rosary: May 30 7PM at Goodnight/Funeral: May 31 10AM at SSCM.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,369.00

Children: \$29.28

Thank you for your generous support!

#### Liturgical Ministers May 31-June 1

Saturday 6PM

Lector: Terry Lee Pekar

EMHC: Deborah Hensel, Lawrence Novak, Jaime & Cirila Gomez

Music: Traditional Choir

Servers: Brett & Neal Martinka

Sunday 10AM

Lector: Ellen Wolf

EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Virginia Loza Lee

Music: Teresa Caslavka

Servers: Delia, Anthony & Elaina Aleman

EMHC Route Bartlett Homes-Deborah Hensel

Bartlett Will O' Bell- Esther Villarreal

Granger Villa- Louis Repa

Granger Homes-Diana Kerlin

Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

**Special Collection** this weekend is for the Archdiocese of the Military which provides the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the U.S. Armed Forces. Envelopes are available at the bulletin tables.

**Flowers** (2 Gold on Main) In loving memory of Judy Pekar for her birthday from her family.

#### Parish

**Congratulations to our New Pastoral Council:** Deborah Hensel-Chairperson, Richard Cervenka, Chip Geil, Kathy Janke, Rosanne Naizer, John Pavelka, Billy Schwertner, Clarence Selucky, John Simcik, Ricky Steffek and George Strmiska.

**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](tel:512-859-2634) or email [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com).

### *Religious Ed*

#### **Vacation Bible School is coming soon....**

Are you handy with a paint brush? Are you artistic? Do you love crafting projects from Pinterest? We need your help!! We need your skills to transform the DPC into a wild, wacky, one-of-a-kind jungle habitat! If you are interested in helping, please email Virginia at [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com) or call [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634). We will set a date and time to work on the scenery when volunteers are available.

#### *Granger Food Pantry (Complete report in Foyer of the church)*

**GRANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE:** Pastor Judy Gotcher is once again leading the donation and volunteer efforts to assist the Granger elementary school children (Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) with back packs (filled with supplies) for the upcoming school year. The distribution of school back packs will be held in the latter part of July at the First United Methodist Church. School representatives were very appreciative of the supplies given out last year to the children. Please consider monetary donations for the purchase of the supplies. If interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Pastor Judy.

**What can you do? For the June Pantry please consider donating:** peanut butter and jelly, cake mixes, jello, pudding, breakfast items, cereal, oatmeal, toiletry items (toilet paper; paper towels; shampoo; soaps) or money. Also, consider donating bibles, prayer cards or devotionals. And please remember your PRAYERS ARE ESSENTIAL.

The next food pantry will be **June 19 from 12:00 – 4:30**. Please deliver your donations to the church or the church office by June 18.

**HOPE** (Healthy Options for the Elderly 55 and older) was distributed at the SSCM Parish Hall on May 13. Volunteers assisted with handing out food for 25 families. We made eleven home deliveries (thanks to Chip and John Simcik) to those that have no transportation. **NEXT HOPE distribution will be June 10th, 2014.**

### *Around the Diocese*

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill** invites you to their annual Polka Mass and Fried Chicken & Sausage Meal on Sunday, June 1. The Polka Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., with music provided by Fritz Hodde and the Fabulous Six and the St. Mary's Polka Choir of Taylor. A delicious Fried Chicken & Sausage meal will be served in the Parish Activity Center from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Adults: \$8.50 / Children: \$4.00. Drive-thru to-go plates available also. Stay for the afternoon and dance to more wonderful music by Fritz Hodde and the Fabulous Six (free-will donation).

**A Discernment Dinner for high school age Catholic men** will be held on the first Wednesday of each month (June 4) at 7 p.m. at St. William Parish Rectory in Round Rock. Young men with an openness to encountering Christ, discovering their identity, and their mission are invited to join others for dinner, evening prayer, a presentation and discussion. For more information, contact Father Alex Caudillo at [\(512\) 600-8154](tel:512-600-8154) or [fralex@saintwilliams.org](mailto:fralex@saintwilliams.org).

### *Message from Our Pastor*

#### **Dear Parish Family,**

In today's gospel, Jesus challenges and comforts his disciples. He promises them and all believers spiritual greatness: God the Father will send the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) to inspire us to practice divine love and to honor the divine indwelling in our souls. After all, the very essence of the Holy Trinity is the exchange of pure love among the three Persons. Our own formal reception of the Holy Spirit was at our Baptism and Confirmation.

#### **EXEGESIS:**

Not much can be said by way of exegesis because of the abstractness and the Sunday-to-Sunday repetition of content of some of these post-Easter gospel readings taken from John.

(1) Keeping Jesus' commandments is one way to show love for Him. Jesus here can mean the Old Testament's Ten Commandments, which He upholds in the gospels, but also the often-forgotten New Commandment which He gives at the Last Supper (not in today's gospel, of course): "Now a NEW commandment I give you: Love one another as I have loved you." When Jesus says this, He moves the criteria for love from a SUBJECTIVE one ("Treat/love others as you would want them to treat/love YOU") to an OBJECTIVE one ("Love others AS I HAVE LOVED YOU")--i.e., the new objective norm is ultimately self-sacrifice for others, because Jesus himself DIED for others.

*Fr. Chris*