



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:15-5:45PM/Thursday 4:30-5:30PM during Adoration

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

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 4, 2015

Saturday Oct. 3 8:00 AM † Margie Hajda
6:00 PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday Oct. 4 10:00AM † Louis Cervenka; †Nathan Huf, Johnny & Antonia Knappek; †Joe B. & Judy Pekar; †John Kurtin

No Masses Tuesday, October 6 thru Thursday, October 8: All Priests of the Diocese will be attending the Convocation.

Friday Oct. 9 8:00 AM † Agnes Stojanik; (living) Pat Mikulencak
Saturday Oct. 10 6:00 PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday Oct. 11 10:00AM † Sylvester Brosch, Sr.; †Ed & Angeline David & Dorothy Kopecky; †Johnny Michalek;
† JD Shirocky

We pray for Healing: Dennis Montgomery, George Remerdo, Robert Degollado, Nicole Geil, Linda Mazoch, Dlouhy, Bernice Vrabel, Cecilia Stefek, Brianna Rivera, Alice Hajda, Shirley Volek, Josh Hughes, Edwin Matysek, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana. Welcome to our Parish Family, Eliseo Manuel Torres and Alaina Grace Unnasch baptized September 27.

Offering: Sunday: \$3,385.00 Children: \$23.00 Remember to pick up your BABY BANKS

Liturgical Ministers October 10-11

Saturday 6PM Lector: Vrana Family Servers: Aaron & James Arellano-Cortez
Music: Kathy Janke (All choirs invited to join) EMHC: Vrana Family
Sunday 10AM Lector: Patsy Polasek/Wendy White Servers: Brian, Emily & Evan Polasek
Music: Volunteer EMHC: Theresa Valdez, Darve Horak, JoAnn Pavelka, Mark White

Route EMHC: Deborah Hensel, Barbara Taisler, Margaret Vrana, Paula Marak

Special collection next weekend for our Parish Building & Maintenance Fund.

Granger Food Pantry collection this week. Distribution is on October 15.

Flowers on Mary Altar: In loving memory of Nathan Huf for his birthday from James, Jamie & Tatym Huf.

Calendar of Events

Sunday Oct. 4 : 11AM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen
Monday Oct. 5 : 7PM KC meeting (Hall)/7PM Yoga (DPC)
Wednesday Oct. 7 : 7PM Religious Education Balloon Rosary (Hall)
Saturday Oct. 10 : 6PM Presentation of the 2015 Lumen Gentium Award to Margaret Vrana
Sunday Oct. 11 : 11:30AM KJT Bingo Kitchen—hamburgers

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary

The Legion of Mary invites your family to sign up to have the travelling statue of Blessed Mother Mary come to your home where she will stay for a week. During that week you are encouraged to gather your family around her and pray the rosary. A family that prays together, stays together. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church. If you have any questions, call Theresa Valdez (254) 657-2374. (The statue will travel as long as she is invited to your homes.)

Religious Education invites all to unite in pray and honor our Mother Mary during the Balloon Rosary and throughout this school year. We have dedicated this school year to learning more about and praying the rosary. We will begin with the rosary at the SSCM Parish Hall parking lot on Wednesday, October 7 beginning at 7:10. At the end, we will launch a balloon rosary. It was a very moving experience last year. We will then follow with monthly rosaries. Watch the bulletin for times and come pray with us.

Respect Life Rosary – To “Respect Life” is a lifetime obligation and a lifetime privilege. We are asked to love and honor the life of every man and woman born and unborn. Each and every one of you in our Parish is invited to join together for an evening candlelight rosary so that we may pray for the renewal of family life and respect for all life. Please join us on the evening of Saturday, October 17 right after the evening Mass. We will gather at the Respect Life monument located on the South side of the Church.

Parish

Turkey & Dressing Dinner - The Turkey & Dressing Dinner will be on Sunday, October 25. The KJZT will organize it, BUT we need ALL Parishioners to help us out so that we can continue this long standing tradition of our delicious Turkey & Dressing Meal. This is a Parish Fund Raiser...the proceeds will benefit our Parish, going towards the ROAR II Pledge Drive, thus helping us meet our goal of \$150,000. We are asking for help in various ways: We need cornbread bakers, toast makers, turkey preppers, turkey deboners, dessert bakers & kitchen workers for several days and shifts. If you would like to work a particular shift, please put your name on one of the sign-up sheets located at all entrances of the church or e-mail Kathy Janke at kathy.janke@yahoo.com (or) call Kathy at 254-527-4577. We are also accepting any monetary donations to help defray the cost of the turkeys. You may put the money in the Sunday collection basket marked "Turkey Donation".

Volunteers Needed: We will be toasting bread for the dressing for the upcoming Turkey Dinner on Thursday, October 15th at the Hall. We will start around 8 AM. If you can come help, please just show up that morning. Thank you in advance!!

Religious Education

Parents, please drop your child off at the Parish Hall on Wednesday October 7, the school will not be opened. We will be reciting a rosary and be launching a balloon rosary. Please stay and join us in prayer.

It is not too late to join us Monday Mornings for the Bible Study, **WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY**, Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart with Jeff Cavins. We begin Monday, October 5, 2015 and every Monday through Thanksgiving from 8:30-10:30 in the DPC. This is an 8 week study that can open our eyes to obstacles in our Christian walk. Do you ever struggle with anger, fear, loneliness or hopelessness? Do you ever feel enslaved by shame, envy or your appetites? Learn the practical ways to overcome. The cost is \$20.00. If interested in joining please contact Mary Geil 512.576.7371 or at email address mgeil58g@gmail.com.

Area Events

St. Mary's Taylor 11AM Polka Mass and BBQ Chicken Dinner is on Sunday, October 18. Dinner is served 11AM to 1PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, HWY 79 East. Dine in or Take out: \$10. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters.

GRANGER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY September 2015--Families Served – 62

Cash Donations received for Food Pantry = \$231.00 TOTAL Granger Pit Stop - \$50.00, Knights of Columbus - \$300.00, SSCM - \$181.00 & 207 pounds of food, 130 pounds of corn meal Granger Brethren - 50 pounds of food We could use lots of canned goods and breakfast items in the pantry. Thanks for your continued support. Next Food Pantry will be October 15th.

HOPE was held on September 8th. Total of 25 families received HOPE food with 8 home deliveries. We had 4 volunteers assisting. Next HOPE will be October 13th.

ROAR II Progress Report

We are 86% of the way there! Get those pledges in today!

96 of 400+ parish families have answered the call. (Update did not occur last weekend/Adjustment made this week.)

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly. You may drop your pledge/payments in the collection basket.

Pledged: \$99,965.00 [Paid as of October 2, 2015: \$61,880.00] 51 Pledges Paid in Full

Fundraisers thus far: \$21,165.30 Memorials and Donations: \$7,685.00 \$150,000-128,815.3=\$21,184.70 needed to reach our goal

Message from Our Pastor

In Jesus makes clear what is the origin and purpose of marriage, a teaching which much of society today rejects. The Church today, in its marriage-preparation classes and in its marriage-annulment procedure, remains faithful to this teaching.

EXEGESIS:

Some Pharisees again probably want to corner Jesus. They suspect that He will condemn divorce, and if He does, He will come into conflict with King Herod's family who had many divorces. So instead of replying only on his own authority, Jesus quotes Scripture to which the Pharisees are devoted. He explains that Moses allowed divorce because of "the hardness of your hearts." We would expect Jesus to say "your ancestors' hearts," but his twist of words implies that it is the hearts of these Pharisees in front of Him which are hardened.

He proceeds to pronounce an absolute condemnation of divorce. In that Jewish society, a man could divorce his wife for almost any reason and without the intervention of a third party such as a judge. It is unusual that Jesus also rejects a women divorcing her husband, because that transaction was almost impossible (history mentions only a few Jewish women initiating a divorce). Mark might have added this particular prohibition on the woman as the initiator because Mark was writing for his audience in Rome, and Christians there were influenced by pagan Roman law which did allow the woman to divorce. Thus Jesus harkens back to the original will of God as found in Genesis: one man and one woman bound in a permanent union of marriage. And when He adds, "What God has joined together," He is indicating that marriage is a divine as well as human institution.