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SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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

Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st Saturdays 8:30AM (FMI: Virginia Lee)

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

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

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

Healing Mass: First Thursday of every month

Nursing Home Masses: Granger Villa 2nd Thursday/Will O Bell 3rd Thursday (Subject to change)

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.

Ascension of the Lord—May 8, 2016

Saturday	May 7	8:00am	† Asuncion Luna (DPC)
		6:00pm	Living and deceased members especially Mothers of SSCM Parish (Hall)
Sunday	May 8	10:00am	All Mothers (Hall)
Tuesday	May 10	12:00pm	† Johnny & Vlasta Michalek, Jeanette Carfer (DPC)
Wednesday	May 11	6:00pm	† Tim Martinka; the Petty Family (DPC)
Thursday	May 12	4:00pm	Adoration/4:30-5:30pm Confession/Evening Prayer/Benediction (DPC)
		6:00pm	†Annie & Anton Vanek (DPC)
Friday	May 13	8:00am	†Bernice Vrabel; † Henrietta & Pete Wolf (DPC)
		10:00am	Granger Villa: † Mary Labaj (Note change of date)
Saturday	May 14	6:00pm	†Frank Jezisek; † JD Shirocky; †Edith Kurtin; †Betty, Alfonse, Ted & Nicholas Stojanik (Hall)
Sunday	May 15	10:00am	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Hall)

A Memorial Service for Dr. Susan Skrovan will be held Saturday, May 14 at 10am at the Parish Hall. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Granger Community Food Pantry at 18571 State Highway 95, Holland, TX 76534

Offering: Sunday: \$4,173.15 Children: \$15.00

Liturgical Ministers May 14-15 (Anyone interested in serving as Lector, Music or Server please contact the Office.)

Saturday 6PM Lectors: Terry Lee Pekar/Pat Greger Servers: Volunteers

Music: Guitar Group EMHC: JoAnn Pavelka, Henrietta Hajda, Mike Vrana, Louis Repa

Sunday 10AM Lectors: Seniors Servers: Kurt Kaderka, Dwayne Gaida, Andrew Vrabel

Music: Guitar Group EMHC: Mary Pavlat, Greg Gonzalez, Harold & Carolyn Kaderka

Route EMHC: Virginia Lee, Ann Hall, Beatrice Perez, JoAnn Pavelka

RE Store is open after weekend Masses in the south west corner of the Hall.

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

Granger Community Pantry: Please bring items and cash donations to the Parish Office or weekend Masses by Wednesday, May 18. Thank you for your generous support. Hope Distribution is Tuesday May 10 at the Hall.

WEAR RED to Mass next weekend for Pentecost!! Come Holy Spirit!!

Calendar of Events

Sunday	May 8	: Happy Mother's Day!/No Bingo
		: 10am Youth Ministry Mother's Day Cake sale
Tuesday	May 10	: 6pm Finance Council (Rectory)
Saturday	May 14	: 7pm Youth Ministry Taco dinner after 6pm Mass
		: 7:45pm Pentecost Vigil until 10pm
Sunday	May 15	: 11am KC Hamburgers/2pm KC Bingo

Parish

The 2016 Pentecost Vigil will be celebrated throughout the World on the night before Pentecost. SSCM will participate in this vigil after the 6:00 PM Mass on Saturday, May 14th in the Hall. After Mass, at 7:45 with Adoration followed by Praise and Worship Music, The Legion of Mary Rosary group, Scripture Readings and Prayers and Silent Adoration. We will conclude at 10:00 pm. We encourage all to wear RED in honor of our Holy Spirit.

Taco Plate Sale: Youth Ministry will be selling taco plates that include 2 homemade tacos, rice, beans and tea for \$8.00 on Saturday, May 14 after the 6PM Mass. All proceeds will cover cost for the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference. Thank you for your support.

Senior Mass: All graduating High School and College Seniors are invited to participate in the Senior Mass on Sunday, May 15 at 10AM. Please wear your cap and gown. We will meet in the Parish Hall Dining Room at 9:40AM. Cookies and punch will be served afterwards. If you would like to participate, please contact Virginia at sscmre@gmail.com or 512-859-2634.

We are currently collecting pictures to create a history book of our parish as we celebrate 125 years. If you have any pictures particularly of the early Church, please leave at the Parish Office or call Darve Horak 512-818-5064 for pickup. Scanned pictures can be emailed digitally to darve.horak@gmail.com. All pictures must be received by May 15. Due to space, not every submitted picture will be used.

Our traveling Blessed Mother Mary is now available for dates beginning throughout the rest of the year. Please sign up at the south entrance of the hall. Thank you to all who have invited her into their homes so far. May you all be showered with many blessings!

Refinishing of Sacred Vessels, Candlesticks, Candelabras, Crosses & Tabernacles: Thanks to everyone's generosity ALL the refinishing is covered. Candlesticks: Esther & Ramon Villarreal, George & Gail Heger, Alice Hajda, Ricky & Susan Steffek

Diocesan and Area Events

All students that have attended/graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School are invited to our very first Alumni Reunion to be held in our gym on Saturday, May 14th at 6:00 PM. Come celebrate with old friends! Contact Shannon Carroll for more information at 352-2313.

FCCLA is sponsoring a Zumbathon on May 21st in the school cafeteria. It is from 10am-12pm / \$10 a person.

St. Stephen Catholic Church-Salado will host the Fr. Charles Davis Charity Classic Golf Tournament on May 20th, 2016 – Sign-in at 11:00 am-Shot Gun start at 12:00 pm at the Mill Creek Golf Club-Contact Josh Bratton [254 493-4651](tel:2544934651)

Ladies: Save the Date— August 27— Catholic Women's Conference "The Face of Mercy" 8am-3:30pm @St. Helen's Georgetown. For more information or to register go to www.austindiocese.org/face-of-mercy

Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton

For information or to register, contact Cedarbrake (254)780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org

Starting Anew, a retreat that acknowledges the pain of divorce, but also looks to build new dreams and restore hope, will be held June 3-5 at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton. The cost for the retreat is \$210 for a private room, \$170 for a shared room and \$95 for commuter rate; all meals are included.

Desert Solitude, a silent retreat, will be held June 10-15 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Intentional silence, centering prayer and daily Mass will be included. Participants can choose to stay three, four or five nights. Cost ranges from \$300 to \$430 depending on length of stay.

"The Cup of Life," a day of reflection, will be held June 22 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Those thirsting for a more intimate life of prayer will find a wellspring of enrichment in "The Cup of Life" by Sister Joyce Rupp. Participants will explore the book and the "cups" that fill our lives. The cost is \$35, which includes lunch.

ROAR II Progress Report ~ We have exceeded our goal! 127+%

135 of 400+ parish families (Businesses) have answered the call. Pledged: \$135,280.68 (\$125,705.68 paid)

99 Pledges Paid in Full Fundraisers thus far: \$39,133.43 Memorials and Donations: \$16,425.33

\$150,000-190,839.44= (\$40,839.44) OVER our goal when all pledges are fulfilled

Only authorized personnel will be allowed into the church until the restoration is completed in July.

The first Mass celebrated in the new church occurred on Christmas Eve, 1916, to an over-flow crowd. The formal dedication was held on April 24, 1917, and was conducted by Bishop Gallagher of Galveston. Prophetically, the Czech address on that auspicious occasion was delivered by Rev. John Vanicek of Fayetteville who a scant 10 years later would assume the pastorship of this very parish and guide it through the long period of its immense growth. (2)

In the interim, the parish prospered and grew. Other fraternal organizations came into being to join the KJT organized in 1895. The KJZT, Katolicka Jednota Zen Texaschych (Catholic Union of Texas Women). No 18, dedicated to St. Helen, was established on April 22nd 1906. St. Cyril's KJT No 53 was founded on March 22, 1909, followed by the KD, Katolicky Delnik (The Catholic Workman) on May 14, 1911. All were distinguished by their unusually large memberships. It was an era of expansion and well-being.(2)(9)

(Taken from: A Narrative History of the Congregation by Loretta Skrovan Mikulencak, Granger, Texas)