

## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Holy Rosary 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

Reconciliation: 30 Minutes before every Mass /Thursday 5-5:40PM during Adoration

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

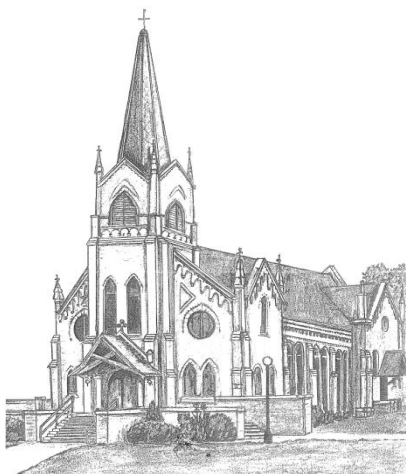
Healing Mass: First Thursday of every month

Baptism: Class held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after 10AM Mass. (Registration required)

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

Marriage Prep required: Darve & Karen Horak 512-859-2646 or [darve.horak@gmail.com](mailto:darve.horak@gmail.com)

Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.



**Pastor: Rev. Stephen Nesrsta**

Deacon: John Thornton

Administrator: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

Finance Council: Chris Nemecek

Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 16, 2014

Saturday Feb. 15 7:00PM Pro Populo-For the SSCM & HTC Parish Families

Sunday Feb. 16 10:00AM † Robert Cervenka (A)/Polka Mass

Tuesday Feb. 18 7:00AM † Orpha McMarghan

Wed Feb. 19 NO MASS

Thurs Feb. 20 4-:40PM Adoration/Benediction

**5:00PM** †Barnie (B) & B.R. Luna

Friday Feb. 21 7:00AM †Otilie Maresh; † George Vrana (B)

Saturday Feb. 22 7:00PM †Henry Rozacky; † Frank Mikulencak; Frank & Marie Michalek Family

Sunday Feb. 23 10:00AM † Joe E. Stefek; † Joyce Ann Northup; †Mary Kurtin Walker

*We pray for Healing:* Dorothy Maresh, Richard Williams, Dennis Pokorny, Aspen Michalik, Johnnie Naizer, Ella Mae Zbranek.

*We pray for the repose of the souls of Anton Huf and Vince 'Jim' Marek (Funeral Feb. 18 10AM).*

Offering: Sunday: \$4,257.00 Children: \$16.10 Parish Building & Maintenance: \$1,038.00 Thank you for your generosity.

#### Liturgical Ministers for February 22-23

Saturday 7PM Lector: Deborah Hensel EMHC: Marilyn Gaydos, Doc Pekar, Louis Repa, Jaime Gomez

Music: Guitar Group

Servers: Mikayla Skrhak, Kyle Hamons

Sunday 10AM Lector: Wendy White

EMHC: Trish Lopez, Virginia Lee, Rita Marburger, Rene Rey

Music: Darve/Karen Horak

Servers: Kurt & Jake Kaderka, John Unnasch

EMHC Route Bartlett Homes-Deborah Hensel; Bartlett Will O' Bell- Esther Villarreal

Granger Villa-Louis Repa; Granger Homes-Diana Kerlin; Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

**RE Store** 7PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Rita Marburger

**Granger Food Pantry:** Please bring donations to Church or Parish Office by 9AM February 20.

**Flowers:** (Main) For all living and deceased members of KJT #28 in honor of our patron Sts. Cyril and Methodius.

(Main gold) In loving memory of George Vrana's birthday from his family.

(Side gold) In loving memory of Robert Cervenka from his parents & sister, Richard & Helen Cervenka and Jennifer & Barnie Fudge and children.

#### Calendar of Events

Sunday Feb. 16 : 10AM Polka Mass followed by Fried Pork Steak Dinner (NO Drive thru)

Monday Feb. 17 : 8:30AM Bible Study: Matthew: The King and His Kingdom (DPC)

: 7:30PM Yoga Year III (DPC) New time/ New Teacher

Tuesday Feb. 18 : 5PM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen: Taco Salad. Soft tacos, Super nachos, Nachos, Spanish rice

Wed Feb. 19 : 7PM RE Classes

Thurs Feb. 20 : 5PM Mass/4-4:40PM Adoration & Benediction

Sunday Feb. 23 : 11AM KJZT Bingo Kitchen: Chicken Fajitas (Proceeds benefit the Junior KJZT members pay for camp)

#### Holy Trinity Mass Schedule

Tues 2/18 6PM

Wed 2/19 7:30PM CCE

Thurs 2/20 7AM

Fri 2/21 6PM

Sat 2/22 7:30AM & 5PM

Sun 2/23 8AM

## *Parish*

**All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** will be commissioned next weekend, Feb. 22-23 at both Masses. Please attend the Mass of your choice.

**KJT Society #28 will sponsor a Fried Pork Steak Dinner on Sunday, February 16th after the 10 AM Polka Mass.** Serving for the dinner begins at 11 AM at SSCM Hall. Adult plates are \$8.50 and Children's plates are \$5.00. All proceeds benefit Missionaries of Hope and the Granger Food Pantry with a matching grant from the KJT Home Office. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser. Parishioners are asked to donate sweets to sell with the meal.

**Card of Thanks:** To all my family, friends and especially Rosanne and Johnnie Naizer. Thank you, for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, food and visits during my knee surgeries. The long time spent in rehab and finally home. I appreciate all of you and it helped make my recovery easier. *Helen Jezisek*

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** are announced for the third time for **Victoria Capetillo** and **Kevin Vanek**, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

## *Religious Education & Youth Ministry*

**Our Confirmation Candidates** attended the "**Gifts of the Holy Spirit**" retreat at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center this weekend. They explored all the ways that the Holy Spirit helps us love as God loves. They were 12 amongst 80 students from around the diocese. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare for Confirmation.

**If you would like to purchase raffle tickets for our March 2 Raffle and Mexican Dinner**, please see any RE student. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle baskets or would like to work a shift at the Mexican Dinner please email Virginia at [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com) or call the office at [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634). All help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support and generosity.

## *Bible Study*

**March 22, 2014: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass (IN ONE DAY)**, Dr. Edward Sri takes us on a unique tour of the Liturgy. Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this book explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and explains their profound significance. Registration forms are in the main foyer of the Church or online [www.sscmchurch.org](http://www.sscmchurch.org). **Please register by March 7.**

## *Around the Diocese*

St. Louis Parish in Austin will present a parish mission featuring **John Michael Talbot March 6-8** at 7 p.m. each evening. Talbot is a Contemporary Christian musician and author of 26 books. Tickets are not required, but a love offering will be collected each evening. For more information, contact St. Louis Parish at [\(512\) 454-0384](tel:512-454-0384).

## *Message from Our Pastor*

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. Sometimes people ask me why Easter is so late this year. Well, it is because of the moon. In the year 325 the Council of Nicaea decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon of Spring. The date can vary within a four week period depending on when the first full moon of Spring occurs. The Spring Equinox is on March 20 and the first full moon after the Spring Equinox will be on April 15. So, the first Sunday after that full moon will be on April 20. The Church could change the way the date of Easter is calculated, but, since we have calculated the date of Easter this way for almost 1700 years there doesn't seem to be any need to change it now.

Today's Gospel is taken from the Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7 in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus emphasis that He came not to abolish the law or the prophets but to fulfill them. In this Gospel passage Jesus re-emphasis the need for all of us to be faithful in keeping the Ten Commandments. Jesus goes on to explain the meaning of some of these Commandments and He even puts more requirements on the ways that they should be followed. The Ten Commandments are just as relevant today as they were at the time of Jesus and even as far back as to the time of Moses. We are expected to keep and to live them today. Our first reading from the Book of Sirach states: "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;". Those who live according to the Commandments are living according to the way of God. Many people choose to ignore the Commandments and they break most of them. What about us? Are we keeping the Commandments and living according to their teaching as Jesus asks of us? We will be held accountable to God for the way we either choose to live the Commandments and be faithful to them or to the way we have chosen to ignore them and thus break them. Our prayer to God should be what we find in today's Responsorial Psalm 119: "Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart." May God give you all you need to live a life of faithfulness to His commandments and to all of His teachings that He has given us through His Catholic Church.

May all of you have a most blessed week. Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář