



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 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.

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 Cervenko

1st Sunday of Lent—March 9, 2014

Saturday March 8 7:00PM † Vlasta Michalek & Jeanette Carfer; † Frank Mikulencak; † Robert Jezisek

Sunday March 9 10:00AM † Frances Vrabel; † George, Sr. & Thomas Strmiska.; † Dennis Martinka

Tuesday March 11 7:00AM † August Motloch, Sr.

Wed March 12 6:30PM † Antonia Knapek (Mass & Stations of the Cross)

Thurs March 13 NO MASS or ADORATION/10AM Granger Villa

Friday March 14 7:00AM † Florian 'Fred' Strmiska

Saturday March 15 7:30AM † Louis & Rosie Hajda/10:00AM Treatment Center

7:00PM Pro Populo-For the Parish Families of SSCM & HTC

Sunday March 16 10:00AM † Francisca Luna; † Orpha McGarghan; † Lorenzo Duran

We pray for Healing: Loretta Remmert, Doris Nesrsta, Nettie Wall, Dorothy Maresh, Richard Williams, Dennis Pokorny, Aspen Michalik, Ella Mae Zbranek. *We pray for the repose* of the soul of George Nesrsta.

Holy Trinity Mass Schedule

Tues 3/11 6PM

Wed 3/12 7:00AM

Thurs 3/13 7AM

Fri 3/14 6:30PM (Stations)

Sat 3/15 5PM

Sun 3/16 8AM

Offering: Sunday: \$4,418.00 Children: \$13.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Liturgical Ministers March 15-16

Saturday 7PM Lector: Diana Kerlin EMHC: George & Kate Strmiska, Ronnie Steffek, Beatrice Perez

Music: Volunteer

Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez

Sunday 10AM Lector: Deborah Hensel

EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Rita Marburger

Music: Guitar Group

Servers: DJ Stefek, Sarah Arellano, Mario Gonzalez

EMHC Route Bartlett Homes-Kate Strmiska; Bartlett Will O' Bell- Barbara Hill

Granger Villa-John Pavelka; Granger Homes-George Strmiska; Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

RE Store 7PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Esther Villarreal

Special collections: March 8-9: Parish Building and Maintenance Fund **March 15-16:** Catholic Relief Services.

Granger Food Pantry collection is this week. HOPE is Tuesday March 11 and Pantry is March 20.

Calendar of Events

Sunday March 9 : 11AM Youth Ministry Hamburgers (Hall)/Daylight Savings Time Begins

Tuesday March 11 : 7:30PM Finance Council

Wednesday March 12 : 6:30PM Mass & Stations of the Cross

Friday March 14 : 5PM KC Fish Fry

Sunday March 16 : 8AM Confirmation at Holy Trinity Corn Hill

: 12noon KC hamburgers (Hall)

: 4:30PM KJZT Meeting (Hall)

Parish

Granger Lions Club will sponsor their annual Chili Supper on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at the parish hall. Serving is from 5-8 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 and are available from any Lions Club member or at the door.

KC s will host a fish fry on Friday, March 14. Serving begins at 5 pm. Adult plates \$8.50 and children \$5. Everyone invited.

A BIG Thank You to all who came out in the cold weather and supported the Religious Education Program at the Mexican Dinner. Because of your continual support it was a success. A BIG thank you to all the workers as well. "Many hands make light work." It was truly a blessing to have so many volunteers work so well together.

The raffle prize winners were: Angie Gilbert-\$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card, donated by Eugene & Paula Marak, Chris Nemecek-\$100 Visa Gift Card, donated by Granger KJT Society #28, Anne Shirocky \$100 H-E-B Gift Card donated by Granger KJZT, Claude Carpenter-Youth Bicycle donated by Mark & Wendy White, Mary Unnasch-\$50 Walmart Gift Card donated by Obaldo & Beatrice Perez, Georgia Carranza-\$25 Red & White Gift Card donated by Bernard Luna Family, Joanne Selucky-\$25 H-E-B Gift Card donated by Sam & Deborah Hensel, Esther Villarreal Children's Basket, Valerie Senior-Kitchen Basket, Janis Marek-Date Night Basket, Kathy Martinka-Sports Basket. Once again, thank you for your support.

Card of Thanks: We want to send a heartfelt thank you to Father Stephen and Deacon John Thornton for the beautiful Mass and Rosary Service. We would also like to thank the Guitar Group for the beautiful music. A special thank you to Ronnie Steffek for playing the beautiful Czech music before the Mass. Thank you to all our family and friends for the cards, flowers and Mass intentions. May God bless you all. *Bernice Huf and Family*

Around the Diocese

All are invited to a parish mission with Brother Francis Therese of the Community of Saint John on March 16-19 at Saint William Parish in Round Rock. The parish mission is entitled "Born Again Catholic" and is based on John 3(1-15). Each day will include Mass, Holy Hour, and talks by Brother Francis on topics ranging from Conversion, Purification, Illumination, and Configuration. Registration is not required. The parish mission is free. For details and the complete schedule, please call [512-255-4473](tel:512-255-4473) or visit www.saintwilliams.org/born-again.

Message from Our Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. This week most of the schools will be on Spring Break. Even though we will not have Religious Education classes on Wednesday, I encourage parents to come with their children to the Stations of the Cross and Mass at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evening.

Please pray for all of our youth who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday in Corn Hill. Pray that their hearts will be open to the Spirit dwelling in them and in leading them in their life of faith.

This past week we began the holy season of Lent. Lent is a forty-day period of time before the Easter Triduum in which we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday when we are marked with ashes to signify that we are sinners and that we want to repent. In other words, we really desire to change our life and to do better in living as disciples of Jesus. There are three aspects to the season of Lent and they are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Increased prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, fasting helps us to gain a spiritual hunger for our Lord and helps us to gain self-control of our appetites and desires, and almsgiving helps us in our need to live as Jesus did in service to other people. These help to prepare the Christian to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Lent helps to remind Christians of their sinfulness and the need to return to their baptismal innocence.

During the Lenten season we as Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross every week, usually on Wednesday or Friday, as we meditate on Jesus being arrested in the Garden, brought before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, carrying His cross, being crucified and then buried. By meditating on these last events of Jesus' life we come to have a greater appreciation of the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead so that we can truly celebrate Easter with abundant joy.

As we live the Season of Lent we may want to see how this holy season can strengthen our family life. Think of ways in which you can celebrate this season as a family...i.e., pray together at home as a family, attend Mass on the weekend and, when possible, during the week as a family, attend Stations of the Cross as a family, read the Bible together as a family, go to confession together as a family, and I am sure there are many things you can do as a family to make this season more meaningful to you. Every good Catholic will do everything possible to help them and their family to grow in faith and in their relationship with our Lord Jesus. Every good Catholic will try to attend Mass every weekend and will try to attend Stations of the Cross to help their family to grow in union with Christ and with His Catholic Church. Let us all support one another in faithfully living our faith.

In today's first and second reading we hear how sin came into the world through Adam and Eve in their act of disobedience to God. Ever since then we have struggled with being obedient to God, we struggle to keep His Commandments. As today's Psalm 51 says we cry out to God, "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." We continually fall into sin and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. There are ways that God has given us so that we can avoid giving in to the temptation of sin. In today's Gospel we heard how Jesus was in the desert for forty days spending time in prayer and fasting. Even though He was strong spiritually since He is the Son of God, Jesus still needed to discipline his human body so that it would be strengthened against the temptations of the flesh. As we heard in the Gospel, Jesus was tempted by the devil and He resisted those temptations. These forty days of Lent are meant to help us be strengthened spiritually and physically so that we can be prepared for everything that the devil might throw at us in ways of temptation. May we respond to Jesus' invitation and do all that He asks us to do so that we are prepared for all that awaits us in life.

May the Lord bless you all with a spiritually renewing Season of Lent. Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář