



## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Youth Ministers: Wendy & Mark White [hafa\\_adai65@hotmail.com](mailto:hafa_adai65@hotmail.com)

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](mailto: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](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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent—March 16, 2014

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

Tuesday March 18 7:00AM † Frank & Emilie Jezisek

Wed March 19 7:00AM † Lucy Frank & Catherine Louise Mikulencak

Thurs March 20 6:00PM † Bernie Luna, Jr. 4-5:40PM ADORATION

Friday March 21 6:30PM † Emil Matula (Mass & Stations of the Cross)

Saturday March 22 7:00PM † Joe & Agnes Stefek; † Joe & Mary Michalek; † Frank Mikulencak

Sunday March 23 10:00AM † Rafael & Mercedes Rivera; † Alfred Vrana; † Ed & Marcella Zrubek & Allen Jarosek

*We pray for Healing:* Frank Krenek, Angie Pavelka, Alice Hajda, Loretta Remmert, Doris Nesrsta, Nettie Wall, Dorothy

Maresh, Richard Williams, Dennis Pokorny, Aspen Michalik, Ella Mae Zbranek.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,293.00 Children: \$28.00 Missions: \$1,369.93 Building & Maintenance: \$1,198.00

#### Liturgical Ministers March 22-23

Saturday 7PM Lector: Pat Greger

Music: Guitar Group

EMHC: Henrietta Hajda, Louis Repa, Mark & Wendy White

Servers: Neal & Brett Martinka, Garret Repa

Sunday 10AM Lector: Rose Unnasch

Music: Darve & Karen Horak

EMHC: Baldo & Rosa Degollado, Elena Castro, Griselda Steglich

Servers: Marcus Belcher, Albert Martinez

EMHC Route Bartlett Homes-Wendy White; Bartlett Will O' Bell- Mark White

Granger Villa-Margaret Vrana; Granger Homes-Theresa Valdez; Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

**RE Store** 7PM: Hortense Svehlak 10AM: Rose Fischler

**Special collections: March 15-16:** This weekend we will take up The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection, which helps children, women, and families around the world. The six worldwide organizations supported by the collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, pastoral support, and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. This collection offers an opportunity for each of us to help Jesus in disguise. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services collection.

**Granger Food Pantry** collection is this week. Pantry is March 20. Please bring items by 1PM Wednesday.

#### Calendar of Events

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

: 12noon KC hamburgers (Hall)

: 4:30PM KJZT Meeting (Hall)

Tuesday March 18 : 5PM Youth Ministry bingo kitchen-Taco salad, soft taco, Spanish rice, super nachos, nachos

Wednesday March 19 : 7PM RE classes

Friday March 21 : 6:30PM Mass & Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 22 : 8AM Biblical Walk through the Mass (Begins with Registration and Breakfast at the DPC)

Sunday March 23 : 11AM KJZT Hamburgers (Hall)

## *Parish*

***Congratulations to all the Confirmation students*** who received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on Sunday at Corn Hill. They were: Anthony Aleman, Logan Hernandez, Maegan Hodde, Kurt Kaderka, Jonathan Lee, Colton Marek, Guillermo Martinez, Grace Martinka, Wyatt Messex, Dalton Murry, William Novak, and Jonathan Ramirez. .

***Sr. Casilda Hyzak, CDP***, 93, the eighth of ten children born to John & Marie Hyzak of Granger, died on 2/7/14 at McCullough Hall Nursing Center in San Antonio, TX. She was a nun in the order of the Sisters of Divine Providence, serving a long ministry, mostly as a librarian at various locations in Texas, Oklahoma, & Louisiana. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Theresa Mazoch of Corpus Christi and many nieces & nephews. Anyone interested in making a donation in Sister Casilda's memory is welcome to contact the Congregation of Divine Providence, 515 S. W. 24th Street, San Antonio, TX 78207

## *Religious Education/Youth Ministry*

***On March 26 and April 9*** Religious Education will begin with Mass at 6:30 followed by Stations of the Cross and class. Classes will end at **8:15**. Please note the later time

## *Around the Diocese*

***"Contemplating the Presence of God in our Daily Lives,"*** a day of reflection, will be held March 22 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Participants will take time to reflect on personal aspects of their lives that help identify who they are as a child of God. The cost is \$35 per person. To register, contact Cedarbrake at [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:2547802436) or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

***The diocesan Pastoral Plan survey*** is now available on the diocesan website at [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org). This survey will provide significant input in the development of the new Pastoral Plan because of its broad availability to the Catholic population. To access the survey, visit [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org), complete it and then invite as many others as possible to do the same. Most importantly, please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our diocese in this process as we plan for the future.

## *Message from Our Pastor*

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. This weekend we congratulate those of Sts. Cyril and Methodius and Holy Trinity parishes who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit be with them always to lead and guide them in the life of faith. During the season of Lent we are invited to "let go" of things that hinder our relationship with God and with one another. But, even though we may know what we are to "let go" of, we seem to be unable or unwilling to "let go". We cling to many things and as long as we cling to these things we are unable to cling to God. Attached to this bulletin is an article about forgetting the past. Oftentimes our past hinders our future. It has become an obstacle to us, preventing us from moving forward in our life of faith and in our relationship to God and to one another. We hold resentment and anger deep within us. The time has come for us to "let go" of this if we really want to live in the freedom of God's kingdom. I invite you to read this bulletin insert and pray about what it is you are holding on to that is bringing unnecessary misery and pain, that which keeps you from living a life of joy. Ask the Lord to help free you from whatever it may be so that you can drop it from your hands and fully embrace the love of God.

In today's readings God calls Abram (Abraham) to leave the land of his upbringing and to go to a new land where he will be blessed and made into a great nation. In faith Abraham does as the Lord asks of him, not knowing where the Lord will take him and his family. Abraham had great trust in God. Can you imagine doing something like this, leaving everything behind to go and do what God is asking of you? In today's Gospel Jesus asks the same thing of Peter, James and John. He invites them to go with Him up the mountain to pray. They do as Jesus asks of them and after a long and tiring journey up the mountain they experience the glory and grandeur of God as Moses and Elijah appear before them and speak to Jesus. In our own life of faith we may not know exactly where God is taking us. The road of life may be long and difficult. We may find it very exhausting to the point where we think we are not able to continue. But, by faith, we know that if we continue to do what God asks of us and we continue to walk with Him by leading a life of faithfulness, then we will see His glory and grandeur at the end of life's journey. Pray that you will have enough trust and faith in our Lord to be able to follow Him in through all the ups and downs of this life so that you may be with Him forever in the life which is yet to come.

Jesus wants us to experience His presence and His love in a very unique and personal way. All we have to do is to make ourselves available to Him so that this may happen. We make ourselves available by spending time in prayer with Him, by attending Mass, by going to confession, and by participating in various devotions such as the Stations of the Cross. If we do not do these things, if we do not accept His invitation and go to the mountain top with Him, then we will never experience what He has for us. Try to be faithful to your prayer life, to attending Mass every week, and, attending weekday Masses when possible, to making a good confession and by attending the Stations of the Cross. Spend time with our Lord, both alone and in unity with one another, and you will have a unique experience of His love for you. Come to the Stations of the Cross every week during this season of Lent and do all you can to help yourself to grow in the love and life of Jesus. God has given us so much and continues to give us all we need, and more, so that we may live a life of love and joy. Open yourself to what God is giving to you. Don't close the door in His face. May this season of Lent be all that it is meant to be for you and your family.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář