



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 Cervenka

3rd Sunday of Lent—March 23, 2014

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

Tuesday March 25 NO Mass

Wed March 26 6:30PM † Mabel Cantrel (Mass & Stations of the Cross)

Thurs March 27 6:00PM † Mary Knappek (A) 4-5:45PM ADORATION

Friday March 28 7:00AM † Henrietta & Pete Wolf

Saturday March 29 7:30AM † Anton Martinka

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

Sunday March 30 10:00AM † Orpha McGarghan; † Mary & Daniel Merka; † Patrick White

We pray for Healing: Curtis Ging, Kay Karkoska, Frank Krenek, Angie Pavelka, Loretta Remmert, Doris Nesrsta, Nettie Wall, Richard Williams, Dennis Pokorny, Aspen Michalik, Ella Mae Zbranek.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Stojanik. Funeral Mass Monday March 24 @ 10AM.

Offering: Sunday: \$3,871.00 Children: \$19.00 CRS: \$1,106.00 Thank you for your generous support!

Holy Trinity Mass Schedule

Tues 3/25 6PM

Wed 3/26 7AM

Thurs 3/27 7AM

Fri 3/28 6:30PM (Stations)

Sat 3/29 5PM

Sun 3/30 8AM

Liturgical Ministers March 29-30

Saturday 7PM Lector: Lawrence Novak

Music: Traditional Choir

EMHC: Mike Vrana, JoAnn Pavelka, Terry Pekar, Paula Marak

Servers: Kyle Hamons, Mikayla Skrhak

Sunday 10AM Lector: Theresa Valdez

Music: Darve/Karen Horak

EMHC: Rita Marburger, Trish Lopez, Mark & Wendy White

Servers: Delia, Anthony & Elaina Aleman

EMHC Route Bartlett Homes-Baldo Degollado; Bartlett Will O' Bell- Rosalva Degollado

Granger Villa-Deborah Spanel; Granger Homes-JoAnn Pavelka; Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

RE Store 7PM: Mark & Wendy White 10AM: Lillian Pacha

March 29-30 School envelope: Please put your School donation envelope in the regular collection next weekend.

Donations will be used for the upkeep and utilities of the school building.

2013 Annual Reports are available at the bulletin tables.

Next weekend: Father Tom Poisson will be visiting our parish to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Calendar of Events

Sunday March 23 : 11AM KJZT Hamburgers (Hall)

Tuesday March 25 : 5PM Bingo Kitchen-Degollado's Enchiladas

Wednesday March 26 : 6:30PM RE Mass and Stations of the Cross/ RE classes follow until 8:15PM

Saturday March 29 : Cross Catholic Outreach presentation at all Masses (Fr. Thomas Poisson)

Sunday March 30 : 11AM 5th Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner (Drive thru available)

Parish

5th Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday, March 30 beginning at 11AM. at the Parish Hall. Drive thru is available for \$8 adult plates only. Dine in: Adults: \$8 Children: \$5. Parishioners are invited to help by working and bringing desserts.

The KC's wish to thank all who supported their fish fry last Friday. Special thanks to Circleville Store for donating ten boxes of fish. Please mark your calendars for the next fish fry on Friday, April 11.

Many thanks go to Greg Steglich for his service to the Parish and the Knights of Columbus in managing the Hall.

Card of Thanks: Dear Parish Family, A heartfelt thank you for the prayers, thoughts, cards, phone calls and food during my time of knee replacement surgery and recovery. *Dorothy Maresch & Family*

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

Message from Our Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation such a beautiful experience last Sunday. Thank you also to everyone who put together the reception and who cleaned up afterwards. I was very proud of all of you.

Today's gospel is the story of Jesus meeting the woman of Samaria at the water well. In those days men would not have approached a woman alone and they would not have spoken to her. The fact that Jesus talks to her and asked her for a drink of water would have been very scandalous. But, Jesus teaches us what is really important. Helping the woman was more important than the laws that were against such an encounter. Jesus wanted to give her the "living water" of the Spirit. Donald Schwager writes, *"The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it. "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water" was also a symbol for the Jews of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do you thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within you?"*

Hippolytus, a second century Christian writer, explains the significance of the Holy Spirit's work in us: "This is the water of the Spirit: It refreshes paradise, enriches the earth, gives life to living things. It is the water of Christ's baptism; it is our life. If you go with faith to this renewing fountain, you renounce Satan your enemy and confess Christ your God. You cease to be a slave and become an adopted son; you come forth radiant as the sun and brilliant with justice; you come forth a son of God and fellow-beir with Christ." (From a sermon, On the Epiphany)

Basil the Great (c. 330-379) speaks in a similar manner: "The Spirit restores paradise to us and the way to heaven and adoption as children of God; he instills confidence that we may call God truly Father and grants us the grace of Christ to be children of the light and to enjoy eternal glory. In a word, he bestows the fullness of blessings in this world and the next; for we may contemplate now in the mirror of faith the promised things we shall someday enjoy. If this is the foretaste, what must the reality be? If these are the first fruits, what must be the harvest?" (From the treatise, The Holy Spirit)

We receive this "living water" every time we receive the Sacraments, especially in Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation (Confession) and the Eucharist. When we receive the Sacraments we receive a special grace of the Holy Spirit. In addition to this Jesus wants us to meet Him at the well as often as possible to receive the food and drink that brings us eternal life, His Body and Blood that we receive at Mass in Holy Communion. Even though Jesus invites, many do not come. They reject what Jesus has to offer saying that they do not need it. So they live in their own little world without being fed and nourished by our Savior. It is no wonder that they continue to be misguided and do not understand what Jesus teaches since they are not accepting His invitation every week to be with Him and receive Him. If we reject Jesus' invitation now then we will not be able to accept His invitation at the time of death. We all need to pray a little more for those who do not come to Mass and we also need to pray that our faith will not falter. Ask for the Spirit to be with you each day.

Don't forget to attend Stations of the Cross every week during Lent with your family. Come and pray the Way of the Cross and walk with our Lord in His suffering so that you can experience the resurrection with Him. Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

2014 Lent Penance Services

Wednesday, March 26	7PM	St. Joseph, Manor
Sunday, March 30	5PM	Holy Trinity, Corn Hill
Monday, March 31	7PM	SSCM, Granger
Monday, April 7	7PM	St. Helen, Georgetown
Tuesday, April 8	7PM	St. John Vianney, Round Rock
Wednesday, April 9	7PM	St. William, Round Rock
Thursday, April 10	6:30PM	St. Patrick, Hutto
Sunday, April 13	7PM	St. Mary, Taylor
Monday, April 14	1-6PM	St. William, Round Rock

SSCM (Fr. Chris Ferrer) & HTC (Fr. Stephen Nesrsta) Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 17 @ 7PM	Good Friday, April 18 @ 7PM
Holy Saturday, April 19 @ 8PM	Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 8AM & 10AM