



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Youth Ministers: Wendy & Mark White hafa_adai65@hotmail.com

Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st Saturdays 8:30AM; Wednesdays 7PM (FMI: Virginia Lee)

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:15-5:45PM/Thursday 4:30-5:30PM 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.

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—June 22, 2014

(† Deceased/*Living)

Saturday June 21 6:00PM For the living and deceased members of SSCM
 Sunday June 22 10:00AM † John & Lillian David; † Lad & Hattie Stuchly; † Margie Hajda; †Edward Sevcik
 Tuesday June 24 8:00AM † Betty Stojanik
 Wed June 25 6:30PM † Bill & Billy Orrck
 Thurs June 26 6:00PM † Henry & Angeline Dillard 4PM-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction
 Friday June 27 8:00AM † Jack Griffith
 Saturday June 28 6:00PM For the living and deceased members of SSCM
 Sunday June 29 10:00AM † Joseph & Donna Poplawski; † Joe & Martha Kaderka Family; †Fred Strmiska;
 † Ed & Marcella Zrubek & Allen Jarosek

We pray for Healing: Emilie Martinka, Andrea Boniford, Bernard Stefek, Larry Tomasek, Stewart Remervo, Betty Pekar, Rafaela Trevino, Ollie Rendon, Lela Kaderka, Jordan Nira, Amber Pacha, Angie Pavelka, Loretta Remmert, Nettie Wall, Richard Williams. ☆

We pray for the repose of the souls of Janie Kaderka Marling and Stanley Vrana. May they rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,363.11 Children: \$31.00 Thank you for your generous support!

Liturgical Ministers June 28-29

Saturday 6PM Lector: Terry Lee Pekar EMHC: Ronnie Steffek, Terry Pekar, Kate Strmiska, Paula Marak
 Music: Traditional Choir Servers: Brett & Neal Martinka, Mikayla Skrhak
 Sunday 10AM Lector: Patsy Polasek EMHC: Bill & Mary Pavlat, Griselda Steglich, Elena Castro
 Music: Darve & Karen Horak Servers: Jake & Kurt Kaderka, Ernie Valdez
 EMHC Route Bartlett Homes-Carolyn Kaderka Bartlett Will O' Bell- Barbara Hill
 Granger Villa-Deborah Spanel Granger Homes-Ronnie Steffek Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

Religious Articles Store: 6PM Mark & Wendy White 10AM Lillian Pacha

Special Collection this weekend is for *Peter's Pence*. This collection supports the charitable works of the Holy Father and provides emergency assistance to those most in need, including victims of oppression, natural disaster and war.

Altar Flowers: (Main Front) In loving memory of Frank J. Mikulencak, Jr. and Lucy Frank from Georgia Mikulencak.

Calendar of Events

Sunday June 22 : 11AM Dirty's BBQ Bingo Kitchen
 : 4:30PM KJZT meeting (Hall)
 Monday June 23 : 8:30AM Bible Study (DPC) / 7PM Yoga (DPC)
 Tuesday June 24 : 5PM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen—Taco salad, soft taco, Spanish rice, super nachos, nachos, desserts
 Wednesday June 25 : 7PM Mary Study (School)/7-9PM Upper Room open for teens
 Thursday June 26 : 6:30PM Hall setup for the picnic—Volunteers needed
 Sunday June 29 : Parish Picnic—Fried Chicken Dinner, Silent Auction, and Battle Dance

Parish

Our Parish Picnic is June 29. Fried Chicken Dinner 11AM-2PM. Silent Auction, entertainment and children's activities 12-2PM. Battle Dance 3-9PM. Each family is asked to bring a sweet for the dessert table; silent auction items and 2 Liter Sodas (bring to Hall Saturday morning from 8AM -2PM). The work list is on the bulletin tables.

RAFFLE -- At this year's Bazaar, we will be holding a Raffle. We would like to begin selling tickets at the June Picnic. If you or your organization is able to donate a prize, please let me know - email caral.finn1122@gmail.com OR call Joanne at the church office 512-859-2223. Please join in and help make this Raffle a success for our Parish! Thank you! For the donations as of 6/20: Claude & Bettye Carpenter for a History of our Parish Quilt, Angee & Jennifer Lane for the 32" Flat Screen TV and Dan & Ellen Wolf for the \$100 Gift Card, KJT Society #28 for a \$500 Gift Card.

The Finance Council of SSCM is accepting nominations and volunteers that are willing to serve a five year term to fill one position. Please turn in your nominations to the church office by **July 11, 2014**. If you have any questions you can either contact Joanne Selucky or Chris Nemec at 512-818-1244.

Group rate Magnificat \$34.95 per year. If you would like to receive the group rate subscription please contact Joanne at the Office. New subscriptions begin October 2014 with payment due September 1. However we do have a few extra copies available immediately.

Catholic Night at Round Rock Express, Monday, August 18 at 7:05PM. Order tickets by August 4. Online: www.rrexpress.com/august18 Passcode: catholic. By Mail: Flyers available in foyer of the church.

Religious Ed

Get ready for a peek at the unique! At Weird Animals VBS, kids discover that Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind. Weird Animals is a habitat filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch. We'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life-something we call God Sightings. VBS will be held July 7-11th from 6:00-8:30pm. To register your child for this life-changing adventure go to osv.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/sscmrevbs (best way to register). Registration forms can also be found in the back of the church. Please register early to ensure all supplies are ordered. A good-will offering of \$10 will be accepted to cover supplies and T-shirt. For questions call Virginia at [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634) or email sscmre@gmail.com.

Upper Room: All High School Students incoming Freshman to outgoing Seniors are invited to the "Upper Room" beginning on June 11 from 7:00-9:00 pm every Wednesday night. The "Upper Room" is the new Teen Recreation Center located in the old SSCM School library. All teens are welcomed to come and hang out with their friends during the summer. We will provide a safe and fun environment for our teens. *The "Upper Room" will be closed for VBS on July 9th.*

Bible Studies

The Bible Timeline Finale - August 2 - 8:30 - 2:30 (1st Saturdays) -- We are concluding with a finale of the Bible TimeLine Series with DVD presentation from Jeff Cavins. The Church (1, 2 & 3) Anyone interested in attending future bible studies may want to attend this finale to get the flavor of the sessions. All are invited, just let us know if you plan on attending and bring a snack to share.

Beginning in September:

The Gospel of Matthew - Join Us on the 1st Saturdays beginning September 6th and ending August of 2015, 8:30 - 12:30 for The Gospel of Matthew a DVD presentation from Jeff Cavins. Cost is \$30.00. *The Gospel of Matthew is about The King and His Kingdom*, a Catholic Bible study that presents the Gospel account in a way that brings the history of Christ to life. Witness for yourself how Jesus fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament. Experience how Christ demonstrates His authority and Divinity through his miraculous ministry. And recognize the power and importance of The Church, the Mass, and the Sacraments established by Christ.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom (By Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer) Consider joining our study of the Book of Acts beginning September 8th from 8:30-10:30 every Monday for 24 weeks. Cost is \$30.00. Step Three in *The Great Adventure Bible Study Program, Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*, builds on *The Bible Timeline* and *Matthew* by showing how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world. The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth. The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative.

Message from Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

In today's gospel, Jesus describes in stunning terms what we call the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist. He means that the consecrated bread and wine are literally and really his body and blood! The Jews around Him, who shared his language and cultural context, understood Him perfectly, and naturally they debated how they could consume his flesh and blood. (Some people today--e.g., Protestants--fail to take Jesus' words literally.) How Jesus would accomplish this would be through the marvelous concept of mystical-sacramental presence in the Eucharist. Moreover, the Eucharist would be a primary way for Christ and God the Father to dwell in those who believe this, and believers would eventually be given eternal life for their faithfulness.

EXEGESIS:

- (1) John the evangelist harkens his readers back to the prologue (opening) of his gospel when he has Jesus saying, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." In his prologue, Jesus is the living Word (spiritual and physical nourishment) who was with God the Father at the Creation.
- (2) John frequently uses "the Jews" in his gospel. Unlike Matthew, Mark, and Luke, who usually say "some Jews" or "the Jewish leaders," John speaks about "the Jews" in a blanket term. This is because by the time John is writing his gospel, the last one written in the late first century, the Christians have completely separated themselves from the larger Jewish community.
- (3) The Jews hearing Jesus speak about eating his flesh and drinking his blood debate among themselves as to how this would be possible. In other words, these Jews, who speak Jesus' language and share his same cultural context, understand that his words on this are to be taken literally. Contrast this to some people today (e.g., Protestants) who say that his words are merely symbolic. Jesus makes a reference to the manna which the Jews' ancestors under Moses ate in the desert during their forty years of wandering. In contrast to the manna, which did nourish the Israelites but with very limited benefits, Jesus' own manna of his body and blood will nourish his disciples with extreme benefits.
- (4) What do the body and blood of Christ bring us? Nothing less than physical-spiritual nourishment and, most importantly, eternal life, if we remain faithful to Him through his Church. John here indicates what is called a "present eschatology," i.e., God lives here and now in the souls of those who are devoted to the Eucharist; and a "future eschatology," i.e., God will grant eternal life in the future to the faithful.

Fr. Chris Ferrer – Pastor