



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 (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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 27, 2014

Saturday July 26	6:00PM	For the living and deceased members of SSCM
Sunday July 27	10:00AM	† Fred Strmiska; † Vince Marek; † Johnny A. & Antonia Knapak; † Henry & Angeline Dillard
Tuesday July 29	8:00AM	† Johnny L. Michalek
Wed July 30	6:00PM	† Lillie & * Willie Cervenka
Thurs July 31	6:00PM	* Martha Cervenka 4PM-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction
Friday Aug. 1	8:00AM	† Emilie Martinka
Saturday Aug. 2	8:00AM	† Clinton Butler

6:00PM For the living and deceased members of SSCM
 Sunday Aug. 3 10:00AM † Tracy Gilliam; † Mary Lou Carpenter, Carla D. Carpenter, Albert & Otilie Cervenka

We pray for Healing: Lorenzo Luna Duran, Helen Havelka, Isabel Luna, Elena Juarez, Peggy Steffek, Fr. Robert Becker, Andrea Bodiford, Larry Tomasek, Stewart Remervo, Betty Pekar, Rafaela Trevino, Ollie Rendon, Lela Kaderka, Jordan Nira, Amber Pacha, Loretta Remmert, Richard Williams. * (Please let us know when you can be taken off the prayer list.)

We pray for the repose of the soul of Delma Flores Martinez and Edward Pausewang.

Congratulations to Daniel and Carolyn Kropp on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,239.00 Children: \$17.00 Thank you for your support!

Liturgical Ministers August 2-3

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Pat Greger	EMHC: Paula Marak, Lawrence Novak, Doc Pekar, Ronnie Steffek
	Music: Traditional Choir	Servers: Nicholas & William Novak, Jose Campos
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Darve Horak	EMHC: Michelle Messex, Jolene Volek, Bill & Mary Pavlat
	Music: Teresa Caslavka	Servers: Audrey Messex, Dwayne Gaida
EMHC Route	Bartlett Homes-Griselda Steglich	Bartlett Will O' Bell- Barbara Hill
	Granger Villa-Frankie & Shirley Volek	Granger Homes-Paula Marak
		Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka
<i>Religious Articles Store:</i>	6PM-Kate Strmiska	10AM Krystal Juarez

Calendar of Events

Sunday	July 27	: 11AM Dirty BBQ Bingo Kitchen: BBQ Beef and Pork Sandwiches, Sausage Wraps/BBQ Plates \$9
		: 4:30PM KJZT meeting (Hall)
Tuesday	July 29	: 5PM Bingo Kitchen: Soft Tacos, Hot dogs, Nachos, Frito Pies
Wednesday	July 30	: 7PM Mary Study (School)
Saturday	Aug. 2	: 8:30AM First Saturday Bible Timeline Study Conclusion (DPC)
Sunday	Aug. 3	: 11:30AM KJT Hamburgers (Hall)
		: 5:30PM The Upper Room

Your input is requested: We will be taking a census about the need for the reinstatement of the 8AM Mass on Sunday. **We will vote on this at the Masses August 9 & 10.** A ballot will be handed out for your vote. Please take time until then to pray about your vote and the true need to bring the 8AM Mass back to our Parish.

Parish

Parish Bazaar is August 31:

If you would like your name to appear on a specific shift please contact Jolene Volek @ 512 426-2695.

Donations are now being accepted for the meat at the bazaar. If you would like to make a donation, contact the parish office or Johnnie Naizer 859-2542 or drop in the collection basket marked BBQ donation.

Finally they really are!!!! Raffle Tickets Now Available at the entrance of the church (by the bulletins). Simply place sold tickets in an envelope marked "Raffle" and place in the collection basket. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00. Thanks to all the donors: Claude & Bettye Carpenter (History of SSCM Quilt & 24" Bicycle), KJT (\$500 VISA Gift Card), Angee & Jennifer Lane (32" Flat Screen TV), and Dan & Ellen Wolf (\$100 HEB Gift Card). Prizes will be awarded at the Bazaar.

Looking for some extra income: The KCs are now accepting applications for the position of hall manager. There are 3 key components to this position: Facilities mgmt, event mgmt, & financial mgmt. Your level of involvement in regards to these areas is negotiable. Please email sscmhall@gmail.com or stop by during bingo for more information.

The KCs would like to thank Beth Novak for her excellent service as hall manager.

Granger Community Food Pantry: Thank you SSCM for your generous support of the Pantry. Sixty-one families were served this month. SSCM donated \$730 and 241 pounds of food, KC's \$300, KJT \$100, Granger Pit Stop \$50, Brethren Church \$65 and 50 pounds of food, Granger Villa \$500, Granger Lions Club \$100, St. John Lutheran \$100. For the *August Pantry* please consider donating the following: peanut butter and jelly, cake mixes, jello, pudding, breakfast items, cream of wheat, cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce, pasta, toiletry items (toilet paper; paper towels; shampoo; soaps) or **money**. Also, consider donating bibles, prayer cards or devotionals. Full report is available in the foyer.

Religious Ed

Religious Education is always in need of loving adults (Grandparents encouraged!) who'd like to teach and share our Catholic Faith with the youth and children of the parish. Please consider volunteering as a catechist, even if you don't have children old or young enough to participate. Ask yourself: "Is God is calling ME to be a catechist?"

Your commitment as a catechist means:

- We will train and support you in the use of the materials we provide that form the basis of each class
- You spend some time looking at the material for the next lesson so you know what you are teaching
- You are present for each catechetical session
- You are willing to let God use you to both teach, and to learn, about our Catholic faith with a small group

If you do not feel you are called to teach, we need volunteers for two hours once a month to do parking lot duty, you might want to substitute or be a teacher's aide, you may want to help with the "special" events we have throughout the year, or you may want to help with the administrative part.

If you are interested in helping in any way or would like more information, please call Virginia at [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634) or email sscmre@gmail.com

The Upper Room will now meet on Sunday! To kick off our first Sunday, Holy Trinity's Youth Group will be joining us. Come make new friends on Sunday, Aug. 3 at 5:30.

Message from Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Elsewhere in Matthew, Jesus says, "Seek first the kingdom of heaven, and all these other things will be given to you." In today's reading, He tells more parables from ordinary, everyday events in life, which involve persons who search for something valuable. Like King Solomon who sought wisdom, we should seek both it and the understanding needed to appreciate the parables, which serve as symbols of and gateways to the kingdom of God. We can become "scribes of Christ."

EXEGESIS:

Jesus tells more parables which focus on work and money or valuable things. In today's gospel, the person who finds the treasure in the field, the merchant seeking fine pearls, and the fisherman with his net are all engaged in searching. That which they seek is symbolic of the kingdom of God, which is so precious it causes these persons (and us) to take risks (of faith) to find it. But like the fisherman, we have to be prepared to encounter obstacles such as "bad fish," which we can temporarily overcome, realizing that the ultimate separation of the good and the evil will be done at the "end of the age." Thus Jesus elsewhere in Matthew advises his disciples to "Seek first the kingdom of heaven, and all these other things will be given to you." The joy which the parable people experience, and the wisdom which King Solomon seeks, can become ours.

Jesus praises his followers (and us) who understand his parables. They become like the learned scribes of Judaism, who knew how to interpret old beliefs and practices in light of the new, and new ones in light of the old. We then realize that Christ himself becomes the definitive fulfillment and interpreter of the old and new revelations of God.

Fr. Chris Ferrer – Pastor