



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Religious Education: Coordinator: Virginia Loza Lee 512-859-2634 sscmre@gmail.com

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.

Pastor: Very Rev. Chris Ferrer

(512)859-2224-Rectory

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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

Finance Council: Chris Nemeec

Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 3, 2014

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| Saturday Aug. 2 | 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 |
| Tuesday Aug. 5 | 8:00AM | † Joe B. Pekar |
| Wed Aug. 6 | 6:00PM | † Juanita H Perez (Birthday) |
| Thurs Aug. 7 | 6:00PM | † Robert Jezisek Anointing @ Mass 4PM-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction |
| Friday Aug. 8 | 8:00AM | † Johnny & Vlasta Michalek & Jeanette Carfer |
| Saturday Aug. 9 | 6:00PM | The Shirocky Family; †Alfred Vrana; †Frank Mikulencak; †Gilbert Strmiska; †Anton Martinka |
| Sunday Aug. 10 | 10:00AM | For the living and deceased members of SSCM |

We pray for Healing: Robert Cervenka, Barbara Polasek, Lorenzo Luna Duran, Helen Havelka, Isabel Luna, Andrea Bodiford*

Offering: Sunday: \$3,686.00

Children: \$19.51

Thank you for your support!

Liturgical Ministers August 9-10

Saturday 6PM Lector: Terry Lee Pekar

Music: Anne Shirocky

EMHC: JoAnn Pavelka, Louis Repa, Terry Pekar, Mark White

Servers: Colton & Colby Marek

Sunday 10AM Lector: Patsy Polasek

Music: Kathy Janke

EMHC: Griselda Steglich, Elena Castro, Theresa Valdez, Rita Marburger

Servers: Brian Polasek, Emily Polasek, Mary Unnasch

EMHC Route: Baldo & Rosa Degollado, Deborah Spanel, JoAnn Pavelka, Frank Pajestka

Religious Articles Store: 6PM-Gail Heger 10AM Rose Unnasch

Special Collection next weekend is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund.

Flowers: In loving memory of Joe B. Pekar for his birthday from his family.

Calendar of Events

Sunday Aug. 3 : 11:30AM KJT Hamburgers (Hall)

: 5:30PM The Upper Room

Tuesday Aug. 5 : 5PM Bingo Kitchen: "The Caring Place" Benefit-Hamburgers (See Announcement)

Wednesday Aug. 6 : 7PM Mary Study (School)

Thursday Aug. 7 : 6PM Anointing of the Sick at Mass

Saturday Aug. 9 : 8:30AM RE Teacher/Aide/Volunteer Retreat (RSVP by Monday-See Announcement)

Sunday Aug. 10 : 11AM Youth Ministry Hamburgers (Hall)

Parish

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 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 Bazaar is August 31: 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.

Raffle Tickets 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. Prize drawing at Bazaar Dance.

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.

Granger Community Food Pantry: 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.

The Caring Place will be the beneficiary of all proceeds from the "Tuesday Night Bingo" kitchen on August 5th. The Caring Place has been instrumental in providing the HOPE Program once a month for Granger and Northern Williamson County residents as well as donating surplus canned goods to our own Granger Community Food Pantry. A menu of hamburgers (single & double meat), cheeseburgers (single & double cheese), regular nachos, homemade desserts, tea and coffee will be offered. Serving begins at 5:30 pm at the Granger Recreation Center with Bingo starting at 7 pm. Harvesters, keep this in mind as a quick, convenient pick-up for supper in the field!!! Please come out and support this worthy cause!

Religious Ed

All Religious Education Teachers, Aides, Helpers and Volunteers are invited to a Teacher's Retreat given by the Dominican Sisters of Mary the Mother of the Eucharist on Aug. 9 from 10-4 at Eagles' Wings, Burnet. We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 8:30 to carpool. Please email Virginia at sscmre@gmail.com or call [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634) ASAP

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 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 5:30PM.

Area

An awesome family retreat is planned once again this year @ the Onion Creek Ranch in beautiful Buda, Columbus Day weekend October 10-13. The ranch is located half-way between Austin & San Antonio. Come and learn from other families and the outstanding dynamic speakers for this year, including: Fr. Nathan Cromly (CSJ), Greg and Julie Alexander (The Alexander House), Joe McDermott (NAPPA Gold Award winner), Matt Gill (Liturgical Music), and the Community of St. John. As you know, many of us want to fulfill our family vocation to: guard, reveal, and communicate love; but how do we do this while meeting life's daily demands? Do you want more out of family life, than just the busyness of school, chores and sports? Take a retreat, a FAMILY RETREAT! Your family will unite and grow closer to Christ! This is a popular retreat with limited space, please register early (beginning Aug. 2) @ YourHolyFamily.com/ctr2014/ or call [512.537.1638](tel:512.537.1638)

St. Stephens Catholic Church 3rd Annual Charles Davis Four Person Golf Scramble: Sept. 13, 2014 -entry fee \$90 Sign In 7:00 am – Beat the Heat 8:00 am Mill Creek Golf Club-Salado, Texas Contact Gene Martinka [254.535.4036](tel:254.535.4036)

Message from Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Jesus' care for the Church He will found in the gospel is indicated by today's gospel. He will feed his Church on his word and sacrament through history by having his apostles and their successors minister to great numbers of people.

EXEGESIS:

Because Jesus is in sorrow after hearing about the execution of his cousin and friend, John the Baptist, He withdraws to a private place for prayer. When He returns in a boat, and even though He is still sad, He is stricken with compassion for the crowd awaiting Him, and He begins to cure the sick.

He then performs the only miracle mentioned in all four gospels. He multiplies only five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over 5,000 people in the field. The story has a strong Last Supper/Eucharistic theme. The initial bread and fish total seven items, already a sacred number in Judaism, indicating something mysterious will happen. It is evening, the same time as the Last Supper. Jesus blesses and breaks the bread, the same as He will do the night before He dies. Matthew does not specifically mention the distribution of the fish, probably because it would no longer fit into the Eucharistic theme.

As at the Last Supper, Jesus prepares his apostles for their own ministry of feeding the Church on his own word and sacrament by having them give the food to the crowd. The twelve baskets of leftovers symbolize the special role of the twelve apostles in the early Church and the abundance of God's generosity. Even before Jesus multiplied the food, He had told the apostles for they themselves to feed the crowd, indicating He was training these men to take care of his followers.

Besides the Last Supper theme, an eschatological theme arises, symbolized also by the women and children who are not counted. That is, at the great Eucharistic banquet at the end of time, God will gather a great number of the blessed from everywhere to feast at his heavenly table.

Fr. Chris Ferrer – Pastor

Parish Bazaar, Sunday, August 31

7AM: BBQ to go at the Pit

11AM-until we run out: BBQ, Fried Chicken, Dressing and Trimmings

Adult Plates: \$10 Child Plates: \$5

Take out Plates available inside at the Kitchen Counter \$10/no special requests

11AM-12:30PM Drive Thru (\$10)

2-10PM: Chili Dogs, Nachos, Chicken Salad & BBQ Sandwiches available in Kitchen

12 Noon: Games

1:30PM Live Auction

7-11PM Dance by Fritz Hodde & the Fabulous Six (\$8)