



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.

Pastor: Very Rev. Chris Ferrer

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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 10, 2014

†Deceased/*Living

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

Tuesday Aug. 12 8:00AM † George Vrana

Wed Aug. 13 6:00PM † Mary Merka

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thurs Aug. 14 7:00PM For the living and deceased members of SSCM 10AM Villa †Emilie Martinka NO Adoration

Friday Aug. 15 7:00PM † Living and Deceased members of KJZT

Saturday Aug. 16 6:00PM For the living and deceased members of SSCM

Sunday Aug. 17 10:00AM † Orpha McGarghan; † Emil Matula; †August Motloch, Sr.; †Frank and *Georgia Mikulencak

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

Offering: Sunday: \$3,896.00

Children: \$15.00

Thank you for your support!

Liturgical Ministers August 16-17

Saturday 6PM Lector: Ronnie Steffek EMHC: Jaime & Cirila Gomez, Beatrice Perez, Kate Strmiska

Music: Volunteer

Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez

Sunday 10AM Lector: Ellen Wolf

EMHC: Harold & Carolyn Kaderka, Baldo & Rosa Degollado

Music: Guitar Group

Servers: DJ Stefek, Sarah Arellano, Mario Gonzalez

EMHC Route: Mark & Wendy White, Beatrice Perez, Diana Kerlin

Religious Articles Store: 6PM-Cara Finn 10AM Kay & Darwin Karkoska

Community Food Pantry collection is this week. Please bring items to church or office by Wednesday, August 20.

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

Flowers: Aug. 15 (Main) In honor and in memory of all living and deceased members of the KJZT.

Calendar of Events

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

: 5:30PM Upper Room

Tuesday Aug. 12 : 5PM Bingo Kitchen: Enchiladas, Nachos, Frito Pies

Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday

Thursday Aug. 14 : 7PM Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday Aug. 15 : 7PM Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday Aug. 17 : 12 Noon KC Hamburgers (Hall)

Parish

KJZT Members will attend Mass on August 15 in honor and in memory of all the living and deceased of KJZT.

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.

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.

Tuesday's night's fundraiser for The Caring Place was another huge success! With \$375 in donations and kitchen revenue of \$625, the Granger Community presented \$1000 to The Caring Place! None of this would have been possible without all of you. Once again we were overwhelmed by the number of people who came to work, the large number of donated desserts (99% homemade!), the generous monetary donations, those of you who came for supper, and of course, the generosity of the Knights of Columbus for providing the facility, beverages, paper goods and other miscellaneous supplies at no cost throughout the event. On behalf of The Caring Place, I thank you and pray that God will bless each of you in a special way for your kindness and generosity. Karen Simcik, The Caring Place Board Director

Religious Ed

School is just around the corner. Practices have begun. Back to school shopping is in full swing. Our vacations have been taken. Let's not be sad, let's rejoice! Another exciting year to learn about God's love and our awesome Catholic Faith is about to begin. Religious Education registration will be Aug. 20 at 7:00pm at the SSCM School. We will have treats for the kids. By registering your child early, we are able to have all the necessary supplies and books for the new year. *Parents of 10th and 11th graders*, there will be a meeting on Aug. 27 at 7:00 pm in the school. An overview of Theology of the Body, the program your child will be learning, will be presented. Please try to attend.

The Upper Room will meet on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 5:30PM.

Bibles Studies

If interested in joining either or both, please contact Mary Geil at mgeil@eccwireless.net or Virginia at sscmre@gmail.com
Cost of each Study is \$40 which you may pay at first meeting.

THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW presented on DVD by Jeff Cavins. This series will begin September 6, 2014 through April 4, 2015 in the DPC. Three DVD talks with Jeff Cavins and group discussion will be covered each 1st Saturday from 8:30 - 1:30. Spend just one morning a month to learn what the New Testament Gospel Matthew has to say to us. Witness for yourself how Jesus 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.

EVERY MONDAY FOR ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM Beginning September 8th from 8:30-10:30 for 24 weeks we will dive into the Book of Acts. If you wanted to learn more about the Holy Spirit and how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in this world, this study is for you. 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,

The Church today (the apostles in the boat) is still threatened today by storms (secularism, atheism, persecution, etc.). Jesus still makes his appearance in mystical and sacramental ways to save the Church and to encourage faith in Him. The task of Peter (the popes) in heading the boat (the laity) and the apostles (bishops and priests) is still a great challenge. But fear and lack of trust in Christ should not overwhelm us in our own spiritual lives.

EXEGESIS:

Jesus again engages in private prayer in the evening. Meanwhile, his apostles are caught in a Sea of Galilee storm in the early morning. The sea (really a lake) is shallow, so storms often erupted unexpectedly. Jesus then approaches the apostles' boats by walking on water toward them. The frightened Peter leaves the boat to try himself to walk on water and begins to sink before Jesus saves him.

This gospel reading has elements of the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension events and the other story of Jesus' calming of the lake storm--with focus on Peter as the chief apostle. "It's a ghost!" the apostles shout, the same cry they have in another gospel story in which they see the resurrected Jesus on the lakeshore. Jesus tells them not to fear, just as the angels at Jesus' Easter tomb constantly tried to calm the women there. As the frightened Peter had denied knowing Jesus on Good Friday, here he still doubts or denies it is the Lord {"If it is you, command me to come to you"}, even though Jesus has just told him (and the others) that it is certainly He walking on water.

There is no physical reason why Peter would want to leave the boat to try to reach Jesus. So it is his personality, characterized by spontaneity and strong love for the Lord, which motivates him here. Jesus appreciates Peter's faith but also knows that Peter, as he did before, will temporarily fail to trust strongly enough in Him. Jesus' saving of Peter from drowning symbolizes his ultimate forgiveness of Peter's denials of Him.

Sea storms in Jewish thought always represented moral evil. Thus Jesus here represents the power of God in controlling suffering and evil, and his saving of Peter symbolizes his saving of all believers. In the older version of this story (in Mark), the event ends with the apostles simply expressing awe and confusion. But in this later version by Matthew, the apostles express full faith in Jesus as Son of God, indicating the growth of faith by the early Christians when the gospels are being written. Moreover, when Jesus says to Peter, "Why did you doubt?", the particular verb for "doubt" is found only again at the Ascension where Matthew says the apostles both believed and doubted in the ascending Christ. This symbolizes the struggle among the early Christians in clarifying their faith in the human-divine Jesus who had lived among them.

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)