



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Parish Hall: 500 West Davilla Street (512)859-2236 sscmhall@gmail.com

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 Nemec

Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 17, 2014

†Deceased/*Living

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
Tuesday Aug. 19	8:00AM	† Mary Kurtin Walker
Wed Aug. 20	6:00PM	† Betty Stojanik
Thurs Aug. 21	6:00PM	† Johnny Michalek 10AM Will o Bell † Stanley Vrana 4-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction
Friday Aug. 22	8:00AM	† Elizabeth Marek
Saturday Aug. 23	6:00PM	† Marie Hajda; † Margie Hajda; † Henry & Elizabeth Marek
Sunday Aug. 24	10:00AM	For the living and deceased members of SSCM

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

Offering: Sunday: \$3,990.00 Children: \$20.00 Building & Maintenance: \$1,166.00 Thank you for your support!

Liturgical Ministers August 23-24

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Diana Kerlin	EMHC: Deborah Hensel, Marilyn Gaydos, Henrietta Hajda, Doc Pekar
	Music: Guitar Group	Servers: Neal & Brent Martinka, Garret Repa
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Virginia Lee	EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Trish Lopez
	Music: Darve & Karen Horak	Servers: Marcus Belcher, Albert Martinez

EMHC Route: Carolyn Kaderka, Esther Villarreal, Bill & Mary Pavlat

Religious Articles Store: 6PM- Ofelia Lopez 10AM Rita Marburger

Special collection next weekend is for Bazaar expenses. Work list with items needed from each family is attached.

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

Flowers: (Main) For the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Georgia Mikulencak.

(2Gold) In honor of the 52nd Wedding Anniversary of George & Gail Heger.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Aug. 17	: 12 Noon KC Hamburgers (Hall)
		: 5:30PM Upper Room
Tuesday	Aug. 19	: 5PM YM Bingo Kitchen: BBQ on bun, sausage wraps, chicken salad sandwiches, nachos, desserts
Wed	Aug. 20	: 7PM RE registration
Saturday	Aug. 23	: 10AM Endowment meeting (DPC)
Sunday	Aug. 24	: 11AM Dirty BBQ Beef and Pork Sandwiches, Sausage Wraps/BBQ Plates \$9

Parish

Voting Results for 8AM Mass: 124 Yes/150 No

The new SSCM Endowment Board will meet on Saturday, August 23rd at 10 a.m. at the DPC. Thank you to our new members who have agreed to serve: Deborah Hensel (Pastoral Council Representative), Chris Nemec (Finance Board Representative), Ellen Wolf, James Huf, Bernie Fudge, Ashley Martinka, & Rosanne Naizer.

Volunteers are needed to help toast bread for the dressing for the Bazaar. We will be toasting on Monday, August 25th at the Hall starting around 8 AM. If you would like to help, please call JoAnn Pavelka (512-656-7162) or just show up that morning. Thank you in advance.

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. Each family is asked to donate one item for the dessert table or cake walk, one bingo prize and one auction item.

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. Please bring to the church or office by Wednesday August 20.

Thank you all so much for the loving prayers, cards, gifts and food items during my cancer treatments. This is so greatly appreciated. May God bless you for this special support and especially for the prayers. With all my love thank you again.
Betty Pekar

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 make sure we 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.

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.

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,

Today's gospel reminds us that Jesus' earthly mission was originally only to his fellow Jews in Israel. But whenever Gentile pagans approached Him, He never refused their requests for help, and even praised their faith in Him. And at his ascension, He ordered his followers to take the good news into all the world beyond Israel. The Canaanite woman in this reading reminds us of how we can be persistent in praying to Our Lord, and how the Church has the privilege and the duty to evangelize everywhere.

EXEGESIS:

Jesus and his apostles "withdraw," possibly for temporary rest from teaching and healing the Jewish crowds, to a region bordering Galilee (Northern Israel) which still has descendants of the pagan Canaanites. A bothersome, pleading woman intercepts Jesus. Although the woman is a Gentile Canaanite (not a Jew), she addresses Jesus by this Jewish title, "Son of David," to capture his attention. She asks Jesus to cure her daughter, but Jesus curiously ignores her. She is at a disadvantage, because she is not only a Gentile but also a woman alone in public. Clever and persistent, the woman sees this as her only chance for help for her daughter, so she begins pestering the apostles to do something. Tired of her pleading, the apostles themselves ask Jesus to help her.

Jesus replies that His mission is only to his fellow Jews, not to pagans as such. (This is consistent with his other actions in the gospels, in which He does deal with a few pagans but only coincidentally, not because He actively sought them out.) The woman now emphasizes the lofty title of "Lord" in addressing Jesus and again asks for his assistance as she kneels before Him. Jesus' reply to her sounds to us as haughty or dismissive, as if He is calling her a dog. But the word for "dogs" in Hebrew-Aramaic which He uses is not the one meaning ordinary barking, dirty, hungry dogs on the roads, but the word which means "puppy" or "pet dogs." The woman implicitly acknowledges this when she speaks about the custom of allowing the cherished pet dogs to eat scraps from tables.

Thus the woman has been forceful enough to engage in a respectful mini-debate with Jesus, the prominent Jewish teacher, in public. Jesus admires her courage and faith, and grants her request for a cure for her daughter.

Although Jesus in his earthly mission did limit his preaching within the borders of Jewish Israel, at the Ascension He would command his disciples to begin teaching "all nations." The early Christians understood this and eventually carried the gospel into all the Mediterranean world. If they would not have done this, would Christianity today be a religion found only in contemporary Israel?

Fr. Chris Ferrer – Pastor