



## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:darve.horak@gmail.com)

Marriage: Meet with Pastor six months in advance to set date.

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Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

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### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 5, 2014

Saturday	Oct. 4	8:00AM	† Cecilia & Louis Vrana
		6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	Oct. 5	10:00 AM	†Dorothy Phillips; † Joe B. & Judy Pekar; † Margie Hajda; †Betty Stojanik
Tuesday	Oct. 7	NO MASS	(Diocesan Convocation of Priests)
Wed	Oct. 8	NO MASS	(Diocesan Convocation of Priests)
Thurs	Oct. 9	4-5:45PM	Adoration/Benediction 10AM Granger Villa: † Isidore Kaderka
		6:00PM	Susan Strmiska and family and †Alfred Vrana
Friday	Oct. 10	8:00AM	†Hattie & Lad Stuchly; † Frank & Elizabeth Kollaja
Saturday	Oct. 11	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Msgr. Louis Pavlicek will be our Celebrant this weekend.)
Sunday	Oct. 12	10:00 AM	†Edward & Angeline David & Dorothy Mae Kopecky; †Sylvester Brosch, Sr.; Shirocky Family

*We pray for Healing:* Lydia Pekar, Lilly Jonse Meyer, Edith Kurtin, Robert Rister, Misty Gonzales, William Pedroza, Concha Martinez \*

Offering: Sunday: \$3,794.00 Children: \$13.00 Uganda: \$1,507.01 Thank you for your support!

#### Liturgical Ministers October 11-12

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Kate Strmiska	EMHC: Ronnie Steffek, Marilyn Gaydos, Jaime & Cirila Gomez
	Music: Anne Shirocky	Servers: Kyle Hamons, Volunteers needed
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Patsy Polasek	EMHC: Baldo & Rosalva Degollado, George Strmiska, Trish Lopez
	Music: Arthur Palla	Servers: Christopher, Nicholas & Thomas Hall

EMHC Route: Virginia Lee, Esther Villarreal, Mary Pavlat, Bill Pavlat

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

*Granger Community Food Pantry* collection for the October 16 distribution. Please bring items by Wednesday, October 15.

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

*Flowers (Main Altar front)* In loving memory of Nathan Huf (25<sup>th</sup> Birthday) from the Huf Family.

*(2 Gold Main Altar)* Flowers are for Respect Life.

*(Mary Altar)* In loving memory of Dorothy Simon Phillips from Sharon, Danny and DJ Stefek.

#### Calendar of Events

Sunday	Oct. 5	: 11:30AM KJT Hamburgers (Hall)
		: 2PM KJT Meeting (Hall)
Monday	Oct. 6	: 7PM KC meeting (Hall)
Tuesday	Oct. 7	: 5PM Bingo Kitchen—Hot Dogs, Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Nachos
Wed	Oct. 8	: 6PM Upper Room
		: 7PM Religious Education
Sunday	Oct. 12	: 11AM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen (Hall)

## *Parish*

Did you know that our **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** visit approximately 60 people each week who are in the nursing homes or homebound? Please have a family member contact Rosanne Naizer [512-859-2542](tel:512-859-2542) or the parish office if you need to add someone to the list who recently may not be able to attend church due to an illness or accident.

**October is Respect Life Month.** Remember to donate any spare pocket change to your Baby Bank and help foster a greater respect for the sanctity of life. Return your filled Baby Bank on Sunday, October 26. For more information, contact Diana Kerlin, Pro-Life Committee Chairperson (512) 859-2308.

**Respect Life Rosary** Please join us on the evening of Saturday, October 4 right after the evening Mass. We will gather around the Respect Life monument located on the South side of the Church.

**Turkey & Dressing Dinner** - the KJZT is sponsoring the Turkey & Dressing Dinner on October 19 and we need ALL Parishioners to help us continue this long standing tradition. The proceeds will go towards the interior painting of our church in preparation for the 125th Anniversary celebration. It has been approved to use the Picnic & Bazaar work list for this event. If you would like to work a particular shift, please put your name on one of the sign-up sheets located at all entrances of the church or e-mail Kathy Janke at [kathy.janke@yahoo.com](mailto:kathy.janke@yahoo.com) (or) call Kathy at [254-527-4577](tel:254-527-4577). We are also accepting any monetary donations to help defray the cost of the turkeys. You may put the money in the Sunday collection basket marked "Turkey Donation".

**Volunteers are needed** to help toast bread for the dressing for the Turkey Dinner. We will be doing this on Monday, October 13 at the Hall starting at 8 AM. If you can help with this, please call JoAnn ([512-656-7162](tel:512-656-7162)) or just show up that morning. Thank you in advance!

**Granger Community Food Pantry:** Sixty one families were served in September. SSCM donated 287 pounds of food and \$218. Knights of Columbus donated \$300. Items needed are peanut butter and jelly, cake mixes, jello, pudding, dessert items, breakfast items, cream of wheat, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce, pasta, toiletry items or money. Your prayer is always appreciated. Full report at entry of church.

## *Religious Ed*

Thank you to all who bought sweets last week to support Youth Ministry. The parish will be in our prayers on our trip to the Regional Catholic Youth Conference.

## *Area Events*

**Westphalia Picnic and Homecoming October 12** from 11AM to 6PM at the Church of the Visitation Parish Hall (144CR3000. Lott 76656)

**Eagles Wings Retreat Center:** November 4-Spirituality of Simplicity (\$35 Lunch included) 9:30-2:30. Presenter Cheryl Maxwell. Come and join us for a day as we discover new ways to balance our lives and fill our days with Light, laughter and peace which will allow us to run the race of life at a more meaningful speed.

## *Message from Our Pastor*

In today's gospel, Jesus uses a parable again to criticize the leaders of the Jews for their refusal to accept Jesus as God's truly sent Son. Jesus warns them that their own hypocrisy and wickedness will not go unpunished. We today also must be alert to hear and accept Christ's teaching and sacrifice.

EXEGESIS:

This parable by Jesus is usually seen as his judgment of the rejection of Him and his preaching by the leaders of the Jewish people. The vineyard is Israel itself. The vineyard owner (God) sends his servants (prophets) to collect the vineyard's produce (faith and good works) from the vineyard's tenants (Jewish leaders). But the tenants kill the servants one after another. Then the owner sends his own son, thinking that the tenants surely will respect the son; but the tenants kill him too. (Unlike in Mark's gospel, where the tenants first kill the son, then throw him outside the vineyard, in this Matthew reading the tenants first throw the son outside, then kill him. This change represents what is happening in the early Church when Matthew is writing his gospel a couple of decades after Mark. Matthew wants the son better to represent Jesus who first was taken outside the city walls of Jerusalem [outside the vineyard] and then killed.)

The tenants think they can acquire the son's inheritance, because Jewish law allowed tenants of property to inherit its income if no male heir remained. When Jesus asks the Jewish leaders, "What will the owner of the vineyard do?" they answer that the owner will kill the wicked tenants and will lease his vineyard to new tenants. In giving their answer, the leaders do not realize they are pre-judging themselves for killing THE Son (Jesus) on Calvary in the near future. Interestingly, Jesus does not conclude his parable by saying that the vineyard owner himself actually has the wicked tenants killed in revenge.

This parable is not meant to say that the Jews themselves as a people will have their inheritance (their original covenant with God) cancelled. The Church teaches that the covenant between God and the Jews is still valid and has yet to be fulfilled in some mysterious manner at the end of time.