



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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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

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

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Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica—November 9, 2014

Saturday Nov. 8	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday Nov. 9	10:00 AM	† George Strmiska, Sr. & Thomas Strmiska; † Elizabeth Marek; † Vince Marek; and The Georgia Mikulencak Family
Tuesday Nov. 11	8:00AM	† Emil & Martha Bohac
Wed Nov. 12	6:00PM	† Albin Bohac
Thurs Nov. 13	4-5:45PM	Adoration/Benediction 10AM Granger Villa: † Emilie Martinka
	6:00PM	† Vlasta Kallus
Friday Nov. 14	8:00AM	† Orpha McGarghan
Saturday Nov. 15	6:00PM	† Alfred Vrana; † Robert Gonzales; † August Motloch, Sr.; † Viola & Joe Sevcik
Sunday Nov. 16	10:00 AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

All Souls intentions will be prayed for at all Masses during the month of November.

We pray for Healing: Bryce Tubbs, Ronald Womack, Matthew Lee, Perri Perez and son, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Lilly Jonse Meyer, Edith Kurtin, Robert Rister, Misty Gonzales, William Pedroza * ☺

We pray for the repose of the soul of Lydia Pekar. May she rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,687.50 Children: \$18.01 Thank you for your generous support!

Liturgical Ministers November 15-16

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Ronnie Steffek	EMHC: Doc Pekar, Terry Pekar, Paula Marak, Kate Strmiska
	Music: Volunteer	Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez, Mikayla Skrhak
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Theresa Valdez	EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Trish Lopez
	Music: Guitar Group	Servers: Christopher, Nicholas & Thomas Hall
EMHC Route: Wendy White, Mark White, Deborah Spanel, Paula Marak		
Religious Articles Store: 6PM -Gail Heger 10AM -Theresa Valdez		

Special collection today is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund. This is also CSA Sunday. Please return your donations or pledges using the envelope you received in the mail or pick one up at the bulletin table.

Special collection next Sunday is for the Christmas Meal for the homebound.

Granger Food Pantry is in need of donations to be able to provide Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. Envelopes are in the back of the church and can be placed in the offering. Please return by November 16th. All donations are greatly appreciated. Next Pantry date is November 20 any food items need to be in by noon November 19th.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Nov. 9	: 11AM Youth Ministry Hamburgers (Hall)
Wednesday	Nov. 12	: 6PM Upper Room
		: 7PM Religious Education
		: Last day to order kolaches
Saturday	Nov. 15	: Kolache bake (Hall)
Sunday	Nov. 16	: 12 noon KC hamburgers (Hall)
		: 4:30PM KJZT meeting (Hall)

Parish

Veterans Breakfast sponsored by the Granger American Legion Post 282 and Granger Knights of Columbus Council #4457 will be held Tuesday, November 11th at the SSCM Parish Hall from 6-8AM. All Veterans and spouses are invited.

Kolache Bake, Nov. 15 -\$10.00 doz. Advance orders only. Please call Kay Karkoska @ 512-859-1001 or email: dkkarkoska@gmail.com to place your orders before Wednesday, Nov. 12.

McAllen Mission: due to weather and a scheduling conflict, the trip to McAllen has been postponed till the week of November 16. Thank you for your generous support and donations. The church office will continue to collect donations through Friday, November 14. For more information please call Deborah at 979-571-0461.

THANK YOU to the KC's for their generous contribution of \$1,000.00 toward the Turkey/Dressing Dinner hosted by the St. Helen's KJZT. Your continued support of all functions is greatly appreciated. Once again Thank You and GOD BLESS YOU ALL from the Granger St. Helen KJZT #18

Congratulations to Callen Hajda for receiving High Honors at St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School.

Area Events

The Bartlett High Sophomore Class will be taking pre-orders for pork tamales from November 3rd thru November 14th. Cost \$10/dozen. Your money is due when orders are placed. Please make checks payable to: BISSD. The tamales will be available for pick up on DECEMBER 6, 2014 BETWEEN 10:00AM-12PM at the Bartlett HS cafeteria. Contacts are Patricia Luna [254-368-4795](tel:254-368-4795) or Theresa Beyer-[254-760-0029](tel:254-760-0029). Thank you in advance for your support.

St. Stephen Salado will host Turkey Bingo-November 16th, 2014 2 pm – 5pm 601 FM Road 2268 Salado, Texas.

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton

The cost for each day is \$35, which includes lunch. To register, call [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) or e-mail cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

“The Gift of Transition” -- Cheryl "Max" Maxwell, the director of the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Austin and the Secretariat Director for Formation and Spirituality, will give “The Gift of Transition” retreat on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Change is a natural part of life that can often be filled with uncertainty, anxiety and pain. This retreat will examine these times and offer the opportunity to re-evaluate our purpose through the eyes of faith.

Evangelization in the Spirit of Pope Francis will be held Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Paulist Father Bruce Nieli will reflect on “The Joy of the Gospel” and how we are called to spread the Good News to others through word and deed.

SSCM Kolache Bake Sale Work List

Chairpersons: Marilyn Gaydos and George Strmiska

Friday: Fruit Filling and Preparation

8:00 AM: Angie Pavelka, John Pavelka, Ann Hall, Frankie Volek, Shirley Volek, Rudie Berger

Saturday:

1st Shift: 4:30 AM: Kate Brown, Frances Michalek, Timothy Michalek, Raymond Maresh, JoAnn Pavelka, Nelson Hall, Frank Pajestka, Ricky Steffek, Harold Kaderka, Michael Gorubec, Sharon Steglich

Bakers 7:30-11:00 AM: Margaret Vrana & Diana Kerlin

11:00 AM- End: Crystal Greger, Deborah Hensel & Kelly Gaydos

Kolache Sales: 8:00 AM-1:00 PM: Kay & Darwin Karkoska

1:00 PM-End: George & Gail Heger, Elizabeth Steglich

2nd Shift: 6:30-10:00 AM: Susan Steffek, Rosy Degollado, Janice Novak, Cirila Gomez, Theresa Hajda, Esther Villarreal, Helen Cervenka, Shirley Hall, Patricia Luna, Griselda Steglich, Henrietta Hajda, Wesley Hajda, Callen Hajda, Shirley Volek, Frankie Volek, Catherine Strmiska, Margaret Strmiska, Anne Shirocky, Georgie Strmiska, Pam Pekar, Debra Cavanaugh, Ellen Wolf, Risa Pajestka, Ann Hall, Betty Pekar, Patricia Miller, Jake Miller, Ronnie Steffek, John Simcik, Karen Simcik, Lillie Huf

3rd Shift: 10:00 AM-1:30 PM: Brenda Gonzales, Mildred Michalik, Bernice Jezisek, Tina Lopez, William Pavlat, Mary Pavlat, Therese Strmiska, Linda Knapek, Virginia Knapek, Rosanne Naizer, Peggy Steffek, Rebecca Skrhak, Mikayla Skrhak, Barbara Taisler Hill, Melissa Vrabel, Ronnie Vrabel, Jeanette Vrabel, Kathy Janke, Eugene Marak, Paula Marak, Pat Greger, Joanne Selucky, John Maresh, Dorothy Maresh, Monica Rychlik, Loretta Remmert, Gloria Stefek, Shelly Repa, May Belle Repa, Zach Strmiska, Kyle Janke, Maranda Nemec

4th Shift: 1:30 PM-end: Leonard Stojanik, Rose Unnasch, Mary Unnasch, Pam Wagner, Darve Horak, Karen Horak, Patsy Polasek, Brian Polasek, Emily Polasek, Cara Finn, Victoria Finn, Theresa Valdez, Beatrice Perez, John Pavelka, Ofelia Lopez

Volunteers are always welcome. If your name is not on the list, please consider donating your time to this fundraising event. To add your name or change your assigned time, call George Strmiska @ 512-859-2796.

Message from Our Pastor

In today's gospel, Jesus shows his righteous anger in criticizing the misuse of his Father's Temple by crass or corrupt businessmen. The house of God is to be a holy house of prayer and worship! But for his disciples and us Christians, even the great Temple will be surpassed by the focus and holiness of his own body and soul at the Resurrection.

EXEGESIS:

The Cleansing of the Temple in John is a good example of differences between the earlier synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) and the last-written Gospel of John. The synoptics place the Cleansing toward the end of their gospels, so that this event becomes a primary motivation for the Jewish leaders to begin their final plot to kill Jesus. But John places the Cleansing at the beginning of his gospel, so that he can use the Raising of Lazarus toward the end of his; this allows the Lazarus story to be the catalyst for the Jewish leaders to begin plotting, and allows Lazarus to be an immediate prefiguration of the resurrected Jesus. The Cleansing in John near the time of Passover indicates that, according to John, Jesus' public ministry lasted no more than two years, whereas it lasted three years according to the synoptics.

We sometimes yearn to see basic emotions expressed by Jesus in the gospels. Here we see righteous anger in Him as He criticizes the businesses surrounding the Temple which was dedicated to the worship of God. Every Jewish male age 19 and up had to pay a special tax at the Temple once a year, so money changers were there to handle the currency of Jews from nearby countries. And handlers sold birds and animals for sacrifice in the Temple. But Jesus was aware of the commonly known corruption among these businessmen who often cheated the naive and poor rural folk when exchanging money or charging for sacrifices. Note, however, that even in his physically charged anger, Jesus shows a subtle and interesting restraint or compassion. How? Whereas He drives the brute animals out of the Temple precinct, so that some of them will be difficult or impossible to retrieve, and He overturns the tables, thereby scattering and losing the money all over the ground, the doves He does not release into the air. Rather, He tells the owners simply to remove them intact in their cages. Why? Because the doves, not the other animals, were the only things the poorest people could afford to sacrifice. The doves will not be lost into the air. Thus Jesus is showing his compassion for the honest poor here, while at the same time reminding his viewers of the Old Testament symbolism of the dove for God's peace and blessing.

Jesus also uses this opportunity to use the Temple, the great symbol of God's presence among his people, as the symbol also for his future resurrection which will be the even-greater demonstration of God's power and blessing for humankind.