



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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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

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 1, 2015

Saturday Jan. 31 6:00PM †Henry Rozacky, Jr.; † Alfonse, Betty, Ted & Nicholas Stojanik ; † Nathan Huf

Sunday Feb. 1 10:00 AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Tuesday Feb. 3 8:00AM †Robert Jezisek ; † Isabelle Cameron

Wed Feb. 4 6:00PM †Frances & Paul Repa; † Lydia Pekar

Thurs Feb. 5 4:00PM Adoration/Benediction

6:00PM † August Motloch, Sr.; † George Strmiska, Sr. Healing Mass

Friday Feb. 6 8:00AM † August A, Gus & Garry Kaderka

Saturday Feb. 7 8:00AM † Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:00PM †Henry & Angeline Dillard; † Agnes Stojanik; † Daniel Ray Kropp

Sunday Feb. 8 10:00 AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

We pray for Healing: Bernice Huf, Arthur Palla, Hannah Frank, Donald Pacha, Gail Heger, Nicole Geil, Kevin Carr, Connie Lopez, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, Mary Motloch, J.D. Shirocky, Julie Kaderka, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Isabel Luna. *

We pray for the repose of the soul of Joe 'Angel' Sifuentes.

Offering: Sunday: \$ 4,298.00

Children: \$24.00

Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers Feb. 7-8

Saturday 6PM Lector: Ronnie Steffek EMHC: George & Kate Strmiska, Beatrice Perez, Doc Pekar

Music: Volunteer Servers: William & Nicholas Novak

Sunday 10AM Lector: Theresa Valdez EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Carolyn & Harold Kaderka

Music: Kathy Janke Servers: Kurt Kaderka, Audrey Messex

EMHC Route: Kate Strmiska, Ann Hall, Louis Repa, George Strmiska

Religious Articles Store: 6PM -Hortense Svehlak 10AM – Rose Fischler

Flowers (Main) In loving memory of Amy Wolf (Birthday)from her family.

(2 gold on Main) In loving memory of Henry Rozacky, Jr. from his family.

Special collection this weekend is for the Catholic Higher Education. *Next weekend* the special collection is for our parish building and maintenance.

Calendar of Events

Sunday Feb. 1 : 12 noon KC hamburgers

Monday Feb. 2 : 7PM Knights of Columbus meeting (Hall)

Tuesday Feb. 3 : 5PM bingo kitchen-- BBQ Sandwiches, Fajita Wraps, Nachos and Fries

Wednesday Feb. 4 : 6PM Upper Room for High School Students

: 7PM RE Classes

Thursday Feb. 5 : 6:30 Pastoral Council special meeting

Saturday Feb. 7 : 8:30AM First Saturday Bible Study (DPC)

Sunday Feb. 8 : 11AM Youth Ministry hamburgers

Parish

The Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner will be held at the SSCM hall on Saturday, Feb 7. Social hour begins at 5p with dinner and fellowship to follow. All current KC members, their families, and widows of deceased members are cordially invited. Any owed dues may be also paid at this time.

KJT Society #28 will sponsor a Fried Pork Steak Dinner on Sunday, February 15th after the 10 AM Polka Mass. Serving for the dinner begins at 11 AM at SSCM Hall. Plates are \$9.00 (no Children's plates). All proceeds benefit the restoration of our church with a matching grant from the KJT Home Office. Parishioners are asked to donate sweets to sell with the meal. Thank you!!

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. Beginning February 20th, please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Each day of prayer, representing one year in the life of Christ is done privately in our own homes using the consecration preparation prayer book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by January 31st to receive your FREE copy of the Monfort prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you.

Poinsettias are available for adoption in the Main Entrance of the Church. Please take one if you want.

Pictures still needed: Please look through your pictures of weddings, etc. for shots taken of the entire front of the inside of the church 1916-1991. We are working on finalizing the plan for the restoration and need as much information as we can gather.

Elemental Christianity – Mission to Mc Allen

Three parishioners made the journey to McAllen on Jan. 20 to deliver the donations so generously given by members of SSCM and others during the past month. They helped with the eighty immigrants which had come to the shelter that day. The leaders there reported that over 15,000 immigrants have been served since last June. It was decided that the SSCM mission group would focus on collecting the items that are always in short supply at the center. Most desperately needed are boy's jeans, size 6-18. Also needed are boys and ladies socks; bras, sizes 34b and 36b; typical size backpacks; boys and girls shoes, both size 7; and men's shoes size 8 and 9. Items can be left at the church office or under the DPC carport. Those who have donated or helped in any way can rightly feel that they are fulfilling the biblical request to clothe the naked. Those who also donated money to help with expenses have also enabled the volunteers to "feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and welcome the stranger" – Mathew 25:35-36. Once a truck load of donations have been collected, a call for volunteers will be made. For more information please call Deborah Spanel at 979-571-0461.

Area Events

Holy Trinity Corn Hill is hosting Elite Medical Imaging on Saturday, February 7. Elite Medical Imaging (EMI) will offer a variety of preventative health screenings at a reduced cost. An EMI representative will join us this weekend (January 31/February 1) and will be available for appointment sign-ups and to answer questions.

Czech Mass - Vítame Vás na Corn Hill: The annual Czech Mass in honor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic, will be held on, Friday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill. All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. Come and pray with us in Czech and celebrate your Czech heritage.

Please join us on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 for a special "Festival," sponsored by the Missionaries of Hope, a non-profit organization established to provide education and healthcare to the desperately poor children of Pakistan—who have neither hope nor any future. The Festival will be held at the Holy Family Parish Activity Center in Lexington (1027 FM 696) -- from 12:00 noon until 4 p.m. The event will feature a delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. Guests can bid on specialty items at the Silent Auction – and browse an exotic Bazaar filled with unique items from Pakistan. Tickets are \$9 (adults) and \$4 (children). Please contact Virginia Lee ([512-426-9795](tel:512-426-9795)) for more information.

The third annual Austin Catholic Men's Conference will be held Feb. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. William Parish in Round Rock. Featured speakers include **Jesse Romero**, a contributing author to the book "*Welcome Home*" and a full-time bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist, and **Charlie Aeschliman**, a former Navy SEAL who compares the total commitment required to become a SEAL commando with Christ's call to holiness. There will also be time for reflection, prayer and fellowship with other men. The cost is \$39 online, \$20 for college students or younger, or \$45 at the door.

For more information, contact Robert Tunmire at RTunmire@gmail.com or (254) 744-4199.

Visit www.CatholicArmorOfGod.com for complete information about the conference.

Come join us for the 2015 Spiritual Renewal Conference sponsored by the Diocese of Austin Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCRA). This year's theme is "Holy Fire" The Holy Spirit is the source of new life and change. God has given us His Spirit so that we can experience intimacy with Him and enjoy all He has for us. The Holy Spirit is the source of our deepest satisfaction. Do you desire more? The Holy Spirit is God's permanent presence with us. (John 14:16, 17); The Holy Spirit enables us to understand and experience all God has given us. (1 Corinthians 2:12): *A genuine new spiritual life (John 3:1-8), ** The assurance of being a child of God (Romans 8:15, 16), *** The infinite love of God (Romans 5:5; Ephesians 3:18,19). International Evangelist Maria Vadia, Fr. Charlie Garza & Fr. Robert Becker. Friday, Feb. 27, 7-10pm and Saturday, Feb. 28, 8:30am-10pm San Jose Catholic Church Parish Hall. 2435 Oak Crest Ave. Austin. TX 78704 Conference details and registration at www.ccraustin.org or call (512) 563.7851

Message from Our Pastor

The Jesus in Mark's gospel is something like John Wayne or Clint Eastwood--a strong, good, but mysterious man who speaks directly and with authority, who goes from one town to another expelling the bad guys and helping people. In today's gospel, Jesus begins his public ministry in that fashion.

EXEGESIS:

In Jesus' time, any qualified layman, not only the ordained scribes (rabbis), could preach in a town's synagogue. The congregation is astonished by Jesus' preaching because, unlike the scribes who would constantly quote from the written law, tradition, and other scribes, Jesus teaches directly by appealing to his own personal knowledge and authority. A man possessed by a demon apparently interrupts the service. The demon(s) in the man alternate by calling itself in the singular and the plural, because demons sometimes alternate as individuals or as groups. When the demon addresses Jesus as "of Nazareth," it is an indication that Jesus, newly started in his public ministry, is to be fully identified for the sake of the spread of his message. "I know you are the Holy One of God!" declares the demon. This is not the demon immediately subjecting himself to Jesus as the Son of God. Rather, in the Jewish culture, for person A to master person B's full name and identity implied that person A could more easily gain control over person B. Thus the demon here is trying to control Jesus. But at the same time, the demon is expressing fear ("Have you come to destroy us?"), because it knows that the kingdom of God is arriving. Jesus proceeds to rebuke the demon and exorcise the man. The congregation watching this is now also impressed by Jesus' healing power, because, unlike typical healing by others which relied upon special ritual or magic, Jesus heals directly and simply by his spoken word.