



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

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

4th Sunday of Lent—March 15, 2015

Saturday March 14 6:00PM	Mary Brosch (82 nd Birthday) †Betty Stojanik; † Liberty & Henry Bartosh; † Francisca Luna
Sunday March 15 10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday March 17 8:00AM	† Agnes Stojanik; † Joseph & Donna Poplawski (Msgr. Joseph Deane)
Wed March 18 6:00PM	† Daniel Ray Kropp ; † Dorotha Mokry (Msgr. Joseph Deane)
Thurs March 19 10:00AM	<i>Will o Bell:</i> † Marie Repa
4:00PM	Adoration/Benediction
6:00PM	† Johnny Michalek; † Margaret Kaderka
Friday March 20 8:00AM	Family of Joe & Mary Michalek
7:00PM	Stations of the Cross NO MASS
Saturday March 21 6:00PM	†Henry & Angeline Dillard;†Raymond Mokry,Jr.;†Dorotha Mokry;†Allen, Joe& Hattie Jarosek
Sunday March 22 10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

We pray for Healing: Bennie Bartosh, Deacon John Thornton, Rey Perez, Jr., Bernice Huf, Arthur Palla, Donald Pacha, Nicole Geil, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, J.D. Shirocky, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Isabel Luna. * (Please contact office when the immediate need of prayer has passed.)

Welcome to our parish family: Camden James Roles baptized last weekend.

Offering: Sunday: \$3,628.00 Children: \$17.00 Building & Maintenance: \$1,021.00 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers March 21-22

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Terry Lee Pekar	EMHC: JoAnn Pavelka, Marilyn Gaydos, Deborah Hensel, Doc Pekar
	Music: Guitar Group	Servers: Colton & Colby Marek
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Ellen Wolf	EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Rita Marburger
	Music: Darve/Karen Horak	Servers: Kurt Kaderka, Dwayne Gaida

EMHC Route: Virginia Lee, Marilyn Gaydos, Margaret Vrana, JoAnn Pavelka

Religious Articles Store 6PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Esther Villarreal

Special collection This weekend we will take up the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection, which helps children, women and families around the world. The six worldwide organizations supported by the collection provide immediate humanitarian aid, pastoral support and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. This collection offers an opportunity for each of us to help Jesus in disguise. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services collection.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	March 15	: 12 NOON KC hamburgers
Tuesday	March 17	: 5PM Bingo Kitchen—Barbecue on bun, sausage wraps and chicken salad sandwiches and nachos
Wednesday	March 18	: NO RE CLASSES—Spring Break
Thursday	March 19	: 6:30PM Legion of Mary meeting (School)
		: 7PM Choir practice for Easter Saturday Vigil (All singers are invited to come)
Sunday	March 22	: 11AM KJZT Bingo Kitchen—Chicken Fajitas (Hall)

As you pray through these days of self-knowledge, Just pray, "Blessed Mother Mary, my mother, teach me to love your Son like you do. Amen." Repeat this simple prayer throughout the day. If you plan to attend the final consecration ceremony **on Wednesday, March 25 beginning with Mass** followed by the group consecration, please sign the sheet at the front entrance of the church so that preparations/materials can be made.

Parish

Easter Flowers: If you would like to help make our Church bloom for the Easter Triduum, please pick up an envelope from the Bulletin table and make your donation to the Easter Flower Fund by March 29.

Guitar Group will practice for Easter Tuesday March 24 and Monday 30 at 7PM in the Church.

The KCs are sponsoring a 5th Sunday fried chicken dinner on Sunday, March 29. All proceeds are to benefit the upcoming church painting project. ALL KC members are expected to donate their time, talent and treasure to this event. Volunteers from outside the membership are also asked to help out in the preparation and distribution of food, tea, & desserts as this benefits the entire parish. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Divine Mercy Novena (in song) will begin on Good Friday after the 3:00 PM stations. We will continue to pray/sing the Novena everyday for nine days concluding on Saturday at 3:00 pm, April 11th. We will be praying for God's Mercy on our church family, community and the world. Please join us daily at 3:00 PM in the Church. Sunday, April 12 it is the Feast of Divine Mercy of God. God's mercy endures forever!

Holy Cross Cemetery: It is time for the Christmas flowers and decorations to come off of the graves. Please remove them as soon as possible. Also, remember to secure the flowers in the receptacle both on the graves and on the mausoleum. Many of the flowers are blowing away in the high winds. Thank you for your help in keeping our cemetery beautiful. Mowing will begin again soon. Remember to limit your flowers/décor to only the receptacle provided.

SPRING CLEANING? – The SSCM Mission to McAllen would love to have any clothing items you no longer use for the Central American refugees fleeing violence and seeking asylum in the United States. Most needed are backpacks, men and boys clothing, women's bras, belts- both men and women's, warm clothing like coats and jackets, any size, and hats/scarves/gloves, rosaries, etc. To see the entire list please go to this web address: Catholiccharitiesrgv.org. **This list is also posted on the church's bulletin board.** Thrift store purchases are also appreciated. Know that you are blessed when a refugee steps on the bus looking forward to starting a new life with your clothes on their backs! Our next and last trip for a while will be in early April. Am now taking names of those interested in going to see firsthand what these donations mean to the refugees. Will decide on exact date according to peoples schedules. For more info, please call Deborah Spanel at [979-571-0461](tel:979-571-0461).

Next Food Pantry will be **March 19 from 12:00 – 4:30.** Please deliver your donations to the church by March 18. **What Can You Do?** March Pantry needs are: Pastas and Sauce; Cereal, soups, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, mustard, flour, sugar, dessert items, breakfast items especially hot cereals for the winter months such as cream of wheat and oatmeal, toiletry items (toilet paper; paper towels; shampoo; soaps and detergent) or **money**.

Area Events

Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill will have a fundraiser for the benefit of their Parish Religious Education Program on Sunday, March 22, 2015. Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the church followed by a BBQ Chicken meal, silent auction and raffle drawing in the Parish Activity Center. Meal 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (to-go plates available at drive-thru). Adult plates \$9 / Children's plates \$5.

Dying to Live Day of Spirituality at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center Ask yourself this, "Are you living today knowing that one day you will die or are you dying to live?" How do I *experience* the Paschal Mystery? How does it affect me on a day-to-day basis? How do I become aware of its presence in my life in a real way and not just something I know about? New perception comes from experience throughout our lives. Come and learn this cycle of dying for the purpose of living and see life in a new light. **Presenter:** Cheryl Maxwell "Max": Director of the Office of Worship and Secretariat Director for Formation and Spirituality at the Diocese of Austin Tuesday March 24: 9:30AM – 2:30PM \$35 per person; includes morning snacks and lunch.

St. Mary's Catholic School in Taylor offers a fully accredited Pre-K4 through 8th Grade faith-based education with fully qualified teachers and affordable tuition. Every day is an open house. Call to schedule your tour or request more information today. (512)365-1431 or visit the website: www.stmarystaylor.org. Information is available at the church entrance.

Message from our Pastor

Today's gospel reminds us of the main reason why God the Father, motivated by love for his creatures and the world, sent his only Son, Our Lord, to redeem us.

EXEGESIS:

Jesus says He must be "lifted up" like the wooden staff which Moses used in the desert to save the Hebrews. Thus "lifted up" refers not only to Jesus' suffering on the cross, but is also a phrase implying "glorification," i.e., triumphant reward through his approaching Resurrection-Ascension. John the Evangelist then makes a second reference to the Old Testament by reminding readers of the goodness of God who created the world through love. The "eternal life" which awaits those who believe in Christ has the aspect not only of time duration (called futuristic eschatology) but also the aspect of enriched quality or blessedness here and now (realized eschatology). John then calls upon his favorite theme of light vs. darkness to emphasize Christ as the Light of the world, who exposes darkness and evil.