



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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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

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Deacon: John Thornton

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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

Finance Council: Chris Nemeec

Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday—April 12, 2015

Saturday April 11	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish	
Sunday April 12	10:00AM	†Robert Jezisek; † Cecilia Vrana; † Joe B. Pekar	
Tuesday April 14	8:00AM	†August Motloch, Sr.; † Johnnie and *Dollie Hajda	
Wed April 15	6:00PM	†Agnes Stojanik; † Joe Provaznik	
Thurs April 16	4:00PM	Adoration/Liturgy of the Hours/Benediction	<i>10AM Will o Bell: † John Kurtin</i>
	6:00PM	† Orpha & Jack McGarghan; † Isabelle Cameron	
Friday April 17	8:00AM	† Joseph & Donna Poplawski, † Emil, John & Rose Knappek	
Saturday April 18	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish	
Sunday April 19	10:00AM	VJ Hajda (92 nd Birthday) †Anton Huf; † George, Frank & Annie Vrana; † John Castro; † Edwin & Marie Repa	

We pray for Healing: Betty Jackson, Minnie Perez, Josh Hughes, Ann Pease, Larry Maresh, Monica Horak, Bennie Bartosh, Deacon John Thornton, Arthur Palla, Donald Pacha, Nicole Geil, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana (Please contact office when the immediate need of prayer has passed.)

We pray for the repose of the soul of J.D. Shirocky. May he rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday & Easter: \$7,882.75 Children: \$31.00 Good Friday: \$796.00 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers April 18-19

Saturday 6PM Lector: Pat Greger EMHC: Mike Vrana, Paula Marak, Henrietta Hajda, Terry Pekar

Music: Volunteer Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez, Mikayla Skrhak

Sunday 10AM Lector: Ellen Wolf EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Greg Gonzalez

Music: Guitar Group Servers: Christopher, Nicholas & Thomas Hall

EMHC Route: Griselda Steglich, Esther Villarreal, Mary Pavlat, Bill Pavlat

Religious Articles Store 6PM: Cara Finn 10AM: Kay & Darwin Karkoska

Special collection this weekend is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generous support.

Special collection next weekend is for Seminarian and Priest Formation.

Granger Community Food Pantry collection begins for April 16 distribution. Please bring items to the church or parish office by Wednesday, April 15.

McAllen Mission Trip is scheduled for Saturday April 18. Please bring donations to the DPC by Thursday, April 16.

Calendar of Events

Sunday April 12 : 11AM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen—Hamburgers

Monday April 13 : KC meeting 7PM

Wednesday April 14 : 7PM RE Classes

Thursday April 16 : 7-8:30PM EIM Refresher Workshop (See Announcement)

Saturday April 18 : 9AM Liturgical Ministers meeting (Church)/ 10AM Pastoral & Finance Council meeting (DPC)

Sunday April 19 : 12 noon KC hamburgers at Bingo

Parish

An Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Refresher Workshop will be held *Thursday, April 16 at 7:00pm in the DPC* –**please arrive promptly as late arrivals will not be permitted entrance.** All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to attend an EIM Refresher workshop every three years. Please login to your EIM account (use the Alternate Login option if needed) to pre-register to attend an EIM workshop. Please do not bring children to an EIM workshop. If you have any concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at [\(512\) 949-2447](tel:512-949-2447) to make an alternative arrangement to receive your training. Such inquiries shall remain confidential.

Saturday, April 18: 9AM All Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion, Musicians and Singers will meet in the Church for a meeting about our Sunday liturgy. 10AM Pastoral and Finance Councils will meet in the DPC for updates to the restoration of our church.

Help needed: Volunteers to help with Funeral Dinners are needed. This is a beautiful ministry in our parish and if you would like to be on the list of volunteers please call the Parish Office 512-859-2223 or email sscmchurch@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to make our Altars Bloom for the Easter Season. Jimmy & Debra Cavanaugh, Richard & Helen Cervenka, Jennifer, Barney, Riley & Brodie Fudge, Jerry David, Nell Delgado, Mr. & Mrs. Jaime Gomez, Wesley & Henrietta Hajda, Theresa & VJ Hajda, Ann Hall, George & Gail Heger, Lillie Huf, Henrietta & Bernard Hyzak, Kathy & Scott Janke, Helen Jezisek, Bernice Jezisek, Harold & Carolyn Kaderka, George & Linda Knapek, Mr. & Mrs. Joe D. Knapek, Ofelia Lopez, Rosa Luna, Eugene & Paula Marak, Rita Marburger, Regina Mayer, Gregoria Medina, Jerry & Frances Michalek, Wm & Mildred Michalik, Georgia Mikulencak, Trisha & John Miller, Rosanne & Johnnie Naizer, Sybil Naizer, Lad & Thelma Naizer, Arthur & Dorothy Palla, Terry & Betty Pekar, James & Pam Pekar, Daniel & Hilda Perez, Beatrice & Obaldo Perez, Gilbert & May Belle Repa, Louise Rozacky, Clarence & Joanne Selucky, Anne & Alan Shirocky, Ronnie & Peggy Steffek, Howard & Anna Stojanik, Margaret Strmiska, EJ & Leah Rae Strmiska, Mary Ann Strmiska, Therese Strmiska, Hortense Svehlak, Margaret Vrana, Ellen Wolf. (In Memory or In Honor List posted on bulletin board)

Area Events

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12. Celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy at St. Helen Catholic Church in Georgetown from 3:00-4:00pm with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

KJT State Family Day, April 25, 2015 at KJT Activity & Fraternal Center. All members and their families are invited to come enjoy a BBQ Chicken meal and a day of fun, including laser tag & Video games for the children and attendance prizes throughout the day. Registration begins @11:30, meal served from 12:30 – 2:00pm. RSVP by April 17th at [1-800-245-8182](tel:1-800-245-8182) or info@kjt.net

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese has CANCELLED "Spring Music Festival" April 25, 2015

Prayer and Temperament Day of Spirituality Have you ever struggled with your prayer life? Do you ever wonder why some people seem to have it so easy when it comes to prayer? Join us for a presentation on Spirituality & Temperament and discover how your personality can enhance your prayer life. Discussion will include an understanding of the four basic personality types and the varying prayer styles that accompany each one. Presenter: NoIa Flores; MA in Theology with over 20 years of experience in a wide variety of ministries. Gifted presenter at both the parish and Diocese level. Tuesday April 21: 9:30AM – 2:30PM \$35 per person; includes morning snacks and lunch.

WANTED: Kairos Cookies are needed by Sunday, April 26. Please deliver to St. John Lutheran Church in Bartlett Monday – Thursday 9AM -2PM. Remember to package cookies in large ziplock bags by the dozen and label with the kind of cookie packed and for "Kairos" FMI: Dorothy Marwitz 254-657-2369 or Cynthia Gersbach 254-527-3850

Message from our Pastor

In today's gospel, the resurrected Christ gives the Holy Spirit in a special manner to the apostles. Then He acknowledges with Thomas the need which some have for physical evidence to bolster their sagging faith; but Jesus also praises those who continue to believe without the benefit of physical proof.

EXEGESIS:

The fear and confusion triggered by the Resurrection in the apostles and disciples are tempered by the comforting word of "Peace!" by the angels at the tomb and now by Jesus himself in the locked room. Jesus bestows upon the ten gathered apostles (Judas is dead, and Thomas is absent) the promised Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins. Later at Pentecost the Spirit in its fullness will be given to the entire young Christian community.

When John the evangelist calls the now-present Thomas "Didymus," which means "the twin," readers are reminded of a parallel (twin story) between Thomas and Mary Magdalene from the previous verses. Both Mary and Thomas seek to embrace the resurrected Jesus, and He responds to each one differently. With Thomas, Jesus uses the opportunity to modify the traditional definition of belief as commitment to that which is unseen. Jesus does this by allowing Thomas physical proof of his resurrected body, thereby permitting Thomas to believe. Then Jesus returns to the traditional definition by praising those (John's readers and us today) who have not seen but still believe.