



## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

*Serving God's People and building His Kingdom since 1891*

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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.

Marriage Prep required/Darve & Karen Horak 512-859-2646 or [darve.horak@gmail.com](mailto:darve.horak@gmail.com)

Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

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Deacon: John Thornton

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 16, 2015

Saturday Aug. 15	8:00AM	Living and deceased members of the KJZT ( <i>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> )
	6:00 PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Fr. Jonathan Raia)
Sunday Aug. 16	10:00AM	† Marie Hajda; † August A, Gus & Garry Kaderka; † John & Christina Vrael; † Frank & *Georgia Mikulencak (Fr. Jonathan Raia)
Tuesday Aug. 18	8:00 AM	† August Motloch, Sr.; For the health of Anton Sladeczek
Wed Aug. 19	6:00 PM	George & Gail Heger (53 <sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary); † John & Germilla Pavlasek
Thurs Aug. 20	10:00AM	Will O Bell: Mary Walker
	4:00 PM	Adoration/Liturgy of the Hours/Benediction
	6:00 PM	† Johnny & Vlasta Michalek & Jeanette Carfer
Friday Aug. 21	8:00AM	† Agnes Stojanik; In thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Saturday Aug. 22	6:00 PM	† Margie Hajda; † August Svehlak, Jr.; † Elizabeth Marek; † Orpha & Jack McGarghan
Sunday Aug. 23	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

*We pray for Healing:* Effie Pekar Skrhak, Danny Stefek, Sr., Mary Labaj, Ann Thompson, Alice Hajda, Heidi Ehrhardt, Edwin Matysek, Anton Sladeczek, Nina Ash, Curtis Ging, Bernice Vrael, Roselle Fischler, Minnie Perez, Josh Hughes, Ann Pease, Larry Maresh, Bennie Bartosh, Deacon John Thornton, Nicole Geil, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana.

*We pray for the repose of the soul of Ofelia Razo. May she rest in peace.*

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Offering: Sunday: \$4,075.00	Children: \$23.00	Building & Maintenance: \$1,083.00	Thank you
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#### Liturgical Ministers August 22-23

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Terry Lee Pekar/Kate Strmiska	Servers: Colton & Colby Marek
	Music: Guitar Group	EMHC: Terry Pekar, Mike Vrana, George & Kate Strmiska
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Jolene Volek/John Unnasch	Servers: Kurt Kaderka, Dwayne Gaida
	Music: Darve & Karen	EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Rita Marburger, Greg Gonzales

Route EMHC: Mark & Wendy White, Mary Pavlat, Rosanne Naizer

Religious Articles Store 6PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Rita Marburger

**Special collection next weekend** is for the expenses for the Parish Bazaar. Expenses are usually \$12,000+

**Food pantry collection** for August 20 distribution: The pantry is very low on everything. Thank you for your support.

**Flowers:** (2 Gold Main) In honor of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary of George & Gail Heger (Aug. 19). Congratulations! (Main Front) In honor and memory of KJZT members.

#### *Calendar of Events*

Sunday	Aug. 16	: 12 noon Bingo Kitchen--KC hamburgers : 4:30PM KJZT meeting (Hall)
Monday	Aug. 17	: 7PM Yoga Year V (DPC)
Tuesday	Aug. 18	: 5PM YM Bingo Kitchen-- BBQ on bun, sausage wraps, nachos, chicken salad sandwiches, desserts
Wednesday	Aug. 19	: 7PM Religious Ed Registration : 7:15PM Confirmation Meeting
Sunday	Aug. 23	: 11AM Bingo Kitchen (Dirty Barbeque)

#### *Parish*

**KJZT Meeting:** August 16th @ 4:30 PM at the Hall. Please plan to attend. We need to discuss our upcoming Turkey Dinner which will be in October.

#### **Parish Bazaar:**

**We will be toasting bread** for the dressing for the Bazaar on Tuesday, August 25th at the Hall starting at 8 AM. Anyone who would like to help is more than welcome. Please call JoAnn (512-656-7162) or just show up that morning. Thank you in advance!!

**Each family is asked to donate one** item for the desserts or cake walk, one bingo prize (\$5-7) and one auction item. Clearance Sales and Back to School Sales are great places to find items for the bazaar.

**Donations are now being accepted for the meat at the bazaar.** If you would like to make a donation, contact the parish office or Johnnie Naizer 512-859-2542 or drop in the collection basket marked BBQ donation.

*Religious Education & Youth Ministry*

**Religious Education registration will be Aug. 19 and 26** at 7:00pm at the SSCM School. We will have treats for the kids. By registering your child early, we are able to have all the necessary supplies and books for the new year. For returning students, please bring your registration information that you will be receiving through the mail.

**R.E. Teacher's Meeting on Aug. 26** at 7:45 in the DPC. All teachers, aides and those interested in helping with the program are asked to attend. (Please note correction from last weekend)

**The Upper Room** will meet on Sundays in August, beginning August 16. We will resume our regular schedule on Wednesday before R.E. beginning Sept. 2.

**What Is The Meaning and Purpose of My Life? How Do I Find Happiness and Fulfillment?** If you're wondering if there's more to life than just "getting by" and are ready to focus on what really matters, then discover the extraordinary Catholic teaching, given to us by Pope John Paul II known as the Theology of the Body. It will give you a revolutionary and fulfilling vision for life, as it offers a new way to authentically see yourself, your faith, your relationships, and your world. In *An Introduction to the Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan For Your Life*, an adult faith formation program, renowned author and theologian Christopher West unfolds God's extraordinary plan for all of humanity. If you desire to live out the fullest meaning and purpose of your life, then join us for this amazing discovery! This DVD and workbook study will be held on 8 consecutive Tuesdays beginning September 15 at 7:00pm. The cost is only \$15 and includes all course materials. For more information and to register, contact Virginia Loza-Lee at [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com) or 512-859-2634.

**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Has a child in the third grade or above who needs First Communion? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Virginia Loza-Lee at [sscmre@gmail.com](mailto:sscmre@gmail.com) or 512-859-2634.

**FYI: Deacon Thornton will begin Adult RCIA/Inquiry Class on August 19 at 7PM in the DPC.**

*Area Events*

**MARRIED COUPLES** The car needs a tune-up; your job needs periodic continuing education; the house needs a fresh coat of paint and the grass needs mowing. What about your marriage? Isn't it time to place your relationship at the top of the list of things that need tending to? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. For more information on the September & November weekends, or to register call 512-522-8409 or go to [www.austinme.org](http://www.austinme.org). Call early to ensure a space. Para información en español llamar al 512-635-1036.

**The 26th annual Rural Life Mass** will be celebrated Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. at St. Ann Parish in Somerville. Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate the Mass, which is sponsored by the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The Mass recognizes the hard work of our farmers and ranchers and gives thanks for a good harvest. Dinner will be served after the Mass.

**On August 23 a prayer gathering** for our schools, administrators, teachers and students will be held at the Granger ISD grounds at 8:30AM. Everyone is invited to join in this prayer service the day before school officially opens on Aug. 24.

*ROAR II Progress Report*

Please continue to pray for the success of our Church Restoration. A huge thank you goes to all who have made their pledges. 12% of our Parish Families have shared their treasure to make our restoration a reality. Remember no amount is too small or too large when it comes from the heart.

Our Goal is \$150,000 which will replace our pews, carpet and cover any incidentals that may occur.

Thank you to 53 parish families who have answered the call. May God bless you abundantly.

Pledged: \$65,215.00 [Paid as of August 6, 2015: \$36,630.00]

Fundraisers thus far: \$21,165.30

Memorials and Donations: \$6,070.00

\$150,000-92,450.30=\$57,549.70 needed to reach our goal

We are 62% of the way there! Get those pledges in today!

*Message from Our Pastor*

In today's gospel, Jesus strongly and clearly teaches that He is literally the revealed Word of God the Father, and He gives his preaching and his body and blood to others as divine gifts for eternal life.

**EXEGESIS:**

More than one word for "flesh/body" and for "eat" are available in Greek to John when he writes these verses. He chooses words which strongly emphasize the physical reality of these two topics--e.g., for "eat," he writes (in Greek) "munch" or "gnaw," which indicates a slow process of focusing on the realness and delightfulness of the food at hand. In other words, John (and Jesus) are highlighting the literalness, not merely the symbolism, of eating and drinking Jesus' Eucharistic body and blood. "Living bread" also refers to the revelation preached by Jesus. Some of the Jews hearing this wisely understand Jesus to be speaking literally, and they are repelled by this teaching (in contrast to most Protestants later in Church history, who will interpret Jesus only symbolically).

Again, Jesus in John's gospel points to the intimate relationship between Him and God the Father, then draws his listeners into this relationship by his promise of eternal life to those who believe and act accordingly.