



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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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 27, 2015

Saturday	Sept. 26	6:00 PM	† Helen Licka Muyres; † Angeline & Henry Dillard; † Liberty & Henry Bartosh; † JD Shirocky; † John & Germilla Pavlasek
Sunday	Sept. 27	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday	Sept. 29	8:00 AM	† August Motloch, Sr.
Wed	Sept. 30	6:00 PM	† Edith Kurtin
Thurs	Oct. 1	10:00AM	Granger Villa † Dorothea Mokry (Mass moved because of Convocation)
		4:00 PM	Adoration/Liturgy of the Hours/Benediction
		6:00 PM	† Hattie & Rudolph Polasek (Healing Mass)
Friday	Oct. 2	8:00 AM	† Lillian Matula
Saturday	Oct. 3	8:00 AM	† Margie Hajda
		6:00 PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	Oct. 4	10:00AM	†Louis Cervenka; †Nathan Huf, Johnny & Antonia Knapke; †Joe B. & Judy Pekar; †John Kurtin

No Masses Tuesday, October 6 thru Thursday, October 8: All Priests of the Diocese will be attending the Convocation.

We pray for Healing: Cecilia Stefek, Brianna Rivera, Alice Hajda, Shirley Volek, Josh Hughes, Edwin Matysek, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana.

Welcome to our Parish Family, Jake Dillon Carlson baptized September 19.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,332.43

Children: \$18.00

Liturgical Ministers October 3-4

Saturday	6PM	Lector: Debra Cavanaugh/Diana Kerlin	Servers: Kyle & Karsyn Hamons
		Music: Traditional Choir	EMHC: Louis Repa, Terry Pekar, Doc Pekar, Beatrice Perez
Sunday	10AM	Lector: Jolene Volek	Servers: Marcus Belcher, Kurt Kaderka
		Music: Teresa Caslavka	EMHC: Harold & Carolyn Kaderka, Frankie & Shirley Volek

Route EMHC: Baldo Degollado, Rosalva Degollado, Beatrice Perez, Ronnie Steffek

Baby Banks are available at all the entrances of the Church today.

Flowers: (Main Front and Mary and Sacred Heart) In honor of our newly baptized parish family members. (2 gold on Main) In loving memory of Edith Kurtin (Birthday) from her family.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Sept. 27	: 11AM Bingo Kitchen Granger High Student Council—burgers, nachos, and chicken salad sandwiches
Wednesday	Sept. 30	: 7PM Religious Education Classes
Thursday	Oct. 1	: 6PM Healing Mass
Saturday	Oct. 3	: 8AM First Saturday Mass/8:30AM First Saturday Bible Study
Sunday	Oct. 4	: 11AM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen

Parish

Religious Education invites all to unite in pray and honor our Mother Mary during the Balloon Rosary and throughout this school year. We have dedicated this school year to learning more about and praying the rosary. We will begin with the rosary at the SSCM Parish Hall parking lot on Wednesday, October 7 beginning at 7:10. At the end, we will launch a balloon rosary. It was a very moving experience last year. We will then follow with monthly rosaries. Watch the bulletin for times and come pray with us.

Turkey & Dressing Dinner - The Turkey & Dressing Dinner will be on Sunday, October 25. The KJZT will organize it, BUT we need **ALL Parishioners** to help us out so that we can continue this long standing tradition of our delicious Turkey & Dressing Meal. This is a Parish Fund Raiser...the proceeds will benefit our Parish, going towards the ROAR II Pledge Drive, thus helping us meet our goal of \$150,000. We are asking for help in various ways: We need cornbread bakers, toast makers, turkey preppers, turkey deboners, dessert bakers & kitchen workers for several days and shifts. If you would like to work a particular shift, please put your name on one of the sign-up sheets located at all entrances of the church or e-mail Kathy Janke at kathy.janke@yahoo.com (or) call Kathy at 254-527-4577. We are also accepting any monetary donations to help defray the cost of the turkeys. You may put the money in the Sunday collection basket marked "Turkey Donation".

Please mark your calendars for our Parish mission which will be held November 8-11, 2015. Plan to spend the evenings with us as Fr. Barry Cuba, associate pastor of San Jose in Austin, will present the topic, Faith, Hope, and Love, Theological Virtues and Everyday Life. The mission will end with a Veteran's Day Mass with prayers for our country.

Card of Thanks: The family of Georgia Naizer thanks our parish family for the outpouring of love extended to them during this time. Special thanks to Fr. Chris, Deacon Thornton, the Guitar Group and the Eucharistic Ministers who visited her weekly. Your thoughtfulness shown in any way was most appreciated. May God bless you! --Betty & Terry Pekar Family and Rosanne & Johnnie Naizer Family

Religious Education

Parents, please drop your child off at the Parish Hall on Wednesday October 7, the school will not be opened. We will be reciting a rosary and be launching a balloon rosary. Please stay and join us in prayer.

It is not too late to join us Monday Mornings for the Bible Study, **WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY**, Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart with Jeff Cavins. We begin Monday, October 5, 2015 and every Monday through Thanksgiving from 8:30-10:30 in the DPC. This is an 8 week study that can open our eyes to obstacles in our Christian walk. Do you ever struggle with anger, fear, loneliness or hopelessness? Do you ever feel enslaved by shame, envy or your appetites? Learn the practical ways to overcome. The cost is \$20.00. If interested in joining please contact Mary Geil 512.576.7371 or at email address mgeil58g@gmail.com.

Area Events

Granger Volunteer Fire Department Benefit Dinner will be held at SSCM hall on Saturday, October 3. Happy hour starts at 5 pm, BBQ Dinner at 6 pm. Please come out and support your fire department. Desserts will be welcomed and appreciated.

ROAR II Progress Report

We are 83% of the way there! Get those pledges in today!

85 of 400+ parish families have answered the call. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

You may drop your pledge/payments in the collection basket.

Pledged: \$97,065.00 [Paid as of September 18, 2015: \$58,680.00] 44 Pledges Paid in Full

Fundraisers thus far: \$21,165.30 Memorials and Donations: \$6,435.00

\$150,000-124,665.30=\$25,334.70 needed to reach our goal

Message from Our Pastor

In today's gospel, Jesus uses shocking statements to make his teaching forceful. He scolds his disciples for their preoccupation with seeking honor and power, which in turn will scandalize others.

EXEGESIS:

Jesus corrects his disciples for criticizing a non-disciple who was using Jesus' name to perform exorcisms. This request by Him for tolerance and inclusiveness might also reflect what was happening in the post-Pentecost Church of Mark, namely, squabbles among the Christians as to who had the greater claim to authority in Christ's name (a continuation from last Sunday's gospel).

Jesus again calls upon the example of the child (symbolic of humility and servitude) for his disciples to imitate. Because if the disciples begin grabbing for power and honor, they will scandalize others who might want to join the Church. Indeed, we see here among the harshest of Jesus' words in the gospels: the theoretical punishment due in his day to a scandalizer (and by implication to a child abuser). Then He proceeds to use what scholars call "Oriental hyperbole" in relation to self-mutilation. These are exaggerated statements to make his point forcefully: Do not sin by your arrogance and scandal!