



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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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.

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Pastor: Very Rev. Chris Ferrer

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

All Saints Day—November 1, 2015

Saturday Oct. 31 6:00 PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
 Sunday Nov. 1 10:00AM † Germilla Pavlasek; † Liberty & Henry Bartosh; † Alfred Vrana; † Betty & Delvin Huser

After Mass: Rosary & Blessing of Graves-Calvary followed by Holy Cross

Monday Nov. 2 8:00 AM All Souls Day
 Tuesday Nov. 3 8:00 AM † Johnnie H. Naizer; † Jack & Orpha McGarghan
 Wed Nov. 4 8:00 AM † Lucy Jane Frank; † Ted & Lydia Pekar
 Thurs Nov. 5 10:00AM Granger Villa: † Georgia Naizer (Fr. Stephen)
 4:00 PM Adoration/Liturgy of the Hours/Benediction
 Healing Mass 6:00 PM † Anton Vanek & Robert Cervenka (Fr. Stephen)
 Friday Nov. 6 8:00 AM † Agnes Stojanik
 Saturday Nov. 7 8:00AM † Vlasta Kallus
 6:00 PM † Marie Repa; † John & Marcella Naizer; † John & Edith Kurtin; † Rosie & Louis Hajda
 Sunday Nov. 8 10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

We pray for Healing: John Gonzales, James Luna, Babs Kurtin, Rudy Bohac, Nina Ash, Susan Steffek, Lee Gaydos, William Pedroza, Sharon Long, Ethel Martinka, George Remerdo, Robert Degollado, Nicole Geil, Linda Mazoch Dlouhy, Bernice Vrael, Brianna Rivera, Alice Hajda, Josh Hughes, Edwin Matysek, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana. *

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Labaj. May she rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,192.00 Children: \$11.05 [Picnic Income: \$7,322.86 Bazaar Income: \$34,380.30]

Liturgical Ministers November 7-8

Saturday 6PM Lector: Mark White/Kate Strmiska Servers: Kyle & Karsyn Hamons
 Music: Volunteer EMHC: George & Kate Strmiska, Jaime & Cirila Gomez
 Sunday 10AM Lector: Diana Kerlin/Jolene Volek Servers: Delia, Anthony & Elaina Aleman
 Music: Kathy Janke EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Theresa Valdez
 Route EMHC: Deborah Hensel, Ann Hall, Louis Repa, Rosanne Hajda
 RE Store: 6PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Mark & Wendy White

Special collection next weekend is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund.

Catholic Services Appeal begins this week. Please send your pledge or donation directly to the Diocese using the envelope you receive in the mail. A flyer is on the bulletin tables with information about the CSA and all the services funded by the collection. Take the time to open your mailing from the diocese and prayerfully consider your support.

Community Pantry: Collection starts now for Nov. 19 Pantry. Donation envelopes for Turkeys are available in the foyer.

Calendar of Events

Sunday Nov. 1 : 11:30AM KJT bingo kitchen—hamburgers/2PM KC Bingo
 Monday Nov. 2 : 6:30PM EIM Basic Workshop (School)/ 7PM KC meeting (Hall)
 Wednesday Nov. 4 : 7PM Religious Education Festival of Saints at the Hall
 Thursday Nov. 5 : Guitar Group practice following 6PM healing Mass
 Saturday Nov. 7 : 1st Saturday Bible Study (DPC)
 Sunday Nov. 8 : 11AM Youth Ministry bingo kitchen—hamburgers/2PM KC Bingo

A 3-hour Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Basic Workshop on child sexual abuse will be held Nov. 2 at 6:30 in the School.

This workshop is part of the diocesan EIM policies that were adopted in January 2002 and revised in August 2008. All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete a one-time Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service and attend an EIM workshop within 60 days of submitting the application. 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. Materials used in the workshop include testimonies from victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse; if you have any concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at (512) 949-2447 to make an alternative arrangement to receive your training. Such inquiries shall remain confidential.

Parish

Baby Banks: Please remember to return your Baby Banks this week. Thank you for your commitment to Life!

THANK YOU to everyone for helping out and making our Turkey Dinner a HUGE success. We were overwhelmed by all the volunteers that came and helped prepare for this event. Everything from washing, baking and deboning turkey, to helping on Sunday. Those that donated sweets or came and bought plates. Our Parish family is just amazing. We are truly Blessed.

Legion of Mary: Thank you to all the families who have invited our Blessed Mother in their homes during this past month. The sign-up list continues and is full for the rest of the year. Slots are now available for 2016 so please reserve your week. Blessed Mother Mary is so happy to be with each of you and will continue to travel as long as she is invited. Many blessings are already being shared.

The Legion of Mary invites you to pray the rosary with them during our Mission beginning each evening at 6:15 p.m. in the church. Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. Flyer attached with November 8-11 Mission information.

Guitar Group will practice for the mission on Thursday, November 5 following the healing mass in the church.

Kolache Bake, November 21 –\$12.00/doz. Advance orders only. Please call Kay Karkoska @ 859-1001 or email: dkkarkoska@gmail.com to place your orders. Orders will be taken until limit is reached and then a waiting list will be started if we have extras, so please order early.

Card of thanks: My family and I would like to take this time to thank our parish family for all your prayers, healing masses, cards, visits, flowers and food during my recent surgeries and stays in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated. May God bless you! *Shirley Volek*

Religious Education

Festival of Saints: Join us as we celebrate our Saints on November. 4 at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. We will begin with the rosary at 7:00PM than follow with the Festival of Saints. All are welcomed to attend. If you would like to volunteer, email Virginia at sscmre@gmail.com or call 512-859-2634.

GRANGER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND HOPE NEWSLETTER October 2015

Families Served – 66 Cash Donations received for Food Pantry = \$782.00 TOTAL– Thank YOU!

SSCM - \$332.00 & 257 pounds of food/**Granger Pit Stop** - \$50.00/**Knights of Columbus** - \$300.00/**Granger Lions Club** - \$100.00

Common Ground Worship – Collected 125 pounds of canned goods/**The Red and White Grocery**

What Can You Do? November 26 is Thanksgiving. We are going to be giving out HEB gift cards for the purchase of a turkey. Please consider sponsoring a family by giving a donation to the food pantry of \$12.00 per family. We are serving approximately 100 families. You can sponsor one or several families. Please make your checks to the Granger Community Food Pantry in the amount you want to give and place in collection box in the back of the church. **Next Food Pantry:** The next food pantry will be **November 19 from 12:00 – 4:00**. Please deliver your donations to the church or the church office the day before.

HOPE PROGRAM IN GRANGER FROM THE CARING PLACE

HOPE (Healthy Options for the Elderly 55 and older) distribution will be on November 10th, 2015 from 1-3 pm at the Parish Hall.

ROAR II Progress Report ~ We are 92% of the way there! Make your pledge today!

104 of 400+ parish families have answered the call. Pledge cards are available by the Church Rendition in the foyer.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly. You may drop your pledge/payments in the collection basket.

Pledged: \$107,365.00 58 Pledges Paid in Full Fundraisers thus far: \$21,165.30 Memorials and Donations: \$9,470.00

\$150,000-138,000.30=\$11,999.70 needed to reach our goal

Message from Our Pastor

The doctrine of the Communion of Saints tells us that Christians of the past, present, and even future are interconnected in their spiritual relationship with one another through the redemption of Christ.

EXEGESIS:

Jesus categorizes kinds of persons who are particularly favored in the eyes of God the Father. In general, it is those who are gentle, merciful, peaceful, clean of heart (loyal, dedicated to God--not simply sexual purity), and who will suffer ridicule or injustice for their love of God's kingdom (the last Beatitude reflects the persecution of the early Christians when Matthew is writing this). These are virtues usually at odds against secular society today. Therefore, by implication, we Christians should treat others with mercy, respect, etc.

Speaking of persecution: The highly dramatic First Reading from Revelations summarizes the purpose of that book. Revelations (Apocalypse) is not primarily a book of prophecies about the end of the world, as fundamentalist Protestants present it. It is primarily John's letter of encouragement and hope written to his fellow Christians who are being persecuted by the Romans in the first century throughout the Roman Empire.