



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Parish Hall: 500 West Davilla Street (512)859-2236 sscmhall@gmail.com

Religious Education: Coordinator: Virginia Loza Lee 512-859-2634 sscmre@gmail.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 (DPC)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 4:00-5:45 PM concluding with Benediction

Healing Mass: First Thursday of every month

Nursing Home Masses: Granger Villa 2nd Thursday/Will O Bell 3rd Thursday

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.

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Business Manager: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

Finance Council: Chris Nemeck

Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—March 20, 2016

Saturday	March 19	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Hall)
Sunday	March 20	10:00AM	†Francisca Luna; †Edith Kurtin; †Joe & Agnes Stefek; †Rafael & Mercedes Rivera; Deceased and living members of Zbranek & Karkoska Family (Hall)
Tuesday	March 22	NO MASS: All offices closed for Chrism Mass	
Wednesday	March 23	6:00PM	† August Svehlak, Jr. (DPC)
Thursday	March 24	7:00PM	† Henrietta & Pete Wolf (Hall)
Friday	March 25	3:00PM	Stations of the Cross (Hall)
		7:00PM	Passion of the Lord (Hall)
Saturday	March 26	6:00PM	†Ted & Lydia Pekar, Karen Roasa; † Mary Knapcik; † Mary Lou Lugari & Eileen Herrick/(L) George Herrick & Samantha Lugari; † (Hall)
Sunday	March 27	8:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Hall)
		10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Hall)

We pray for Healing: Patrick Vrabel, Gary Gonzalez, Eleanor Cuzzort, Barbara Blackman Matthews, Sally Hajda, Georgie Barnard, Nicole Geil, Misty Gonzales, Bobby Bohac * Names will no longer be published beginning April 1 to protect privacy.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Susan Skrovan who graduated to the Fullness of Life. (See Parish Announcements)

Offering: Sunday: \$5,874.00

Children: \$26.00

Building/Maintenance: \$1,055.00

2015 Parish Reports will be available at weekend Masses April 2-3. **Update on the Restoration** will be given at Masses.

Liturgical Ministers March 24-27 (**Altar Servers** PLEASE sign up to serve at the South Entrance of the Hall)

Thursday 7PM Lectors: Darve Horak, Deborah Hensel, Virginia Lee

Servers: Aaren Horak, Jon Lee, Emily & Brian Polasek Music: Guitar Group

EMHC: Mark & Wendy White, Frankie & Shirley Volek, George & Kate Strmiska

Friday 7PM Lectors: Darve Horak, Rose Unnasch, John Unnasch

Servers: Aaren Horak & *Volunteers* Music: Kathy Janke

EMHC: Jaime & Cirila Gomez, Beatrice Perez, Ronnie Steffek

Saturday 6PM Lectors: Diana Kerlin, Mark White, Darve Horak

Servers: Aaren Horak & *Volunteers* Music: Guitar Group

EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Henrietta Hajda, Darve Horak, Diana Kerlin,

Mark & Wendy White, Doc Pekar, *one volunteer needed*

Sunday 8AM Lectors: Deborah Hensel, Marilyn Gaydos Servers: *Volunteers* Music: Kathy Janke

EMHC: Mark & Wendy White, George & Kate Strmiska, *5 volunteers needed*

10AM Lectors: Virginia Lee, Patsy Polasek Servers: William Novak & *Volunteers* Music: Horak Family

EMHC: Rita Marburger, Trish Lopez, Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek,

Harold & Carolyn Kaderka, *2 volunteers needed*

Route EMHC: Deborah Hensel, Ann Hall, Beatrice Perez, Paula Marak (**Route Ministers** for Easter Sunday are asked to meet in the dining room at 8:30 a.m. to go on their routes as usual.)

RE Store is open after weekend Masses in the south west corner of the Hall.

Ashes to Easter: Please be generous. Return boxes during Holy Week.

Special collection on Good Friday is to support Christians in the Holy Land. Our contributions will assist the Franciscan friars and others in housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. This annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link to help maintain a Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Calendar of Events

Sunday March 20 : 11:30AM KC bingo kitchen—hamburgers/2PM Bingo

Tuesday March 22 : 10:30AM Chrism Mass –Parish Offices Closed

: 5PM Bingo kitchen— Enchiladas, super nachos, nachos and Frito pies/ 7PM KC Bingo

Wednesday March 23 : 7PM Way of the Cross (See Announcement)

Parish Offices Closed Holy Thursday & Good Friday

Sunday March 27 : NO BINGO: Happy Easter!!!

Area Penance Services: St. Mary's Taylor: Sunday, March 20 7:00PM St. William of Round Rock: Monday, March 21, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Parish

"On March 16th, Dr. Susan Skrovan, 79, passed away peacefully in her sleep from complications of her Parkinson's disease. There will be no funeral this week. Her body has been donated to a medical center doing research on Parkinson's. Her family has decided to have a memorial service on May 14th for people to gather to celebrate her life."

SSCM Youth Ministry will be performing "The Way of the Cross" on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00pm. We will begin in the front of the Church and end at the Parish Hall. If you are unable to walk, please meet us at the Hall. Please arrive early and watch for children in the parking lot. All are welcomed.

On Good Friday a Pro-Life group from our Parish will go to South Austin to pray in front of the abortion clinic. If you would like to go, please call Diana at 512-859-2308/512-818-7723 or Theresa 254-657-2374. We plan to meet in the Church parking lot and leave at 8AM and return by noon.

Our travelling Blessed Mother Mary is now available for dates beginning in April and throughout the rest of the year. Please sign up at the south entrance of the hall. Thank you to all who have invited her into their homes so far. May you all be showered with many blessings!

An Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Refresher Workshop will be held *March 28 at 7:00-8:15pm in the School – 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 to make an alternative arrangement to receive your training. Such inquiries shall remain confidential. If you took the Basic Workshop or Refresher in 2013 you are due to take a Refresher in 2016. Call Joanie or Virginia if you need help checking your status.

Diocesan and Area Events

The diocesan Chrism Mass will be celebrated March 22 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin.

Tickets for St. Mary's Catholic School's Spring Fling Saturday, April 23 \$125 admits two and includes a meal, open bar, a live and silent auction as well as a "street" dance. Registration and social hour begins at 5:00 PM Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM All funds benefit St. Mary's Catholic School. For more information please contact Christie G. Salazar at [512-352-2313](tel:512-352-2313) or contact a local St. Mary's student family.

Eagle's Wings Retreat Center will host a day of reflection entitled "Rest in God's Presence" April 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to set aside their personal burdens and participate in this day of Scripture, song, stories and quiet reflection. The cost is \$35, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Participants must pre-register at www.ewrc.org.

ROAR II Progress Report ~ We have exceeded our goal! 122%

131 of 400+ parish families (Businesses) have answered the call. Pledged: \$132,080.68 (\$116,900.68 paid)

90 Pledges Paid in Full Fundraisers thus far: \$36,158.43 Memorials and Donations: \$15,090.33

\$150,000-183,329.44= (\$33,329.44) OVER our goal when all pledges are fulfilled

Restoration update: Pictures are posted on our website. www.sscmchurch.org and Facebook.

Only authorized personnel will be allowed into the church until the restoration is completed in July.

As more immigrants arrived and the parish grew, Father Francis Pridal was assigned as Pastor. He also assumed responsibility of newly formed Holy Trinity parish of Corn Hill, on a mission basis, some 7 miles to the west. Since there was no residence provided, Father Pridal spent that bitterly cold first winter of 1893 in the church sacristy that, unfortunately, had no heating facilities; however, by 1894, the parishioners managed to construct a rectory just north of the church at a cost of \$400. (2) Father Pridal offered his first Mass in the Granger church on August 29, 1893. Immediately after the service he performed the first baptismal rites on record. He christened Jan Mazac, Paul Martinka and Berta Cervenka. (4) (2) (Taken from: A Narrative History Of The Congregation by Loretta Skrovan Mikulencak, Granger, Texas)