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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 (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 (Subject to change)

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.

Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*)—December 11, 2016

Saturday	Dec. 10	6:00PM	† Robert & Frank Jezisek; † Georgia Naizer; † Albina Dykowski; † Margie Hajda; † Alice Blenkush
Sunday	Dec. 11	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday	Dec. 13	12:00PM	James L. Pekar and Family living and deceased
Wednesday	Dec. 14	7:00PM	† Marie Repa (<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass</i>) In Church
Thursday	Dec. 15	10:00AM	Will O Bell: † Albin & Agnes Bohac <i>NO Adoration/Benediction/Confession or 6PM Mass</i>
Friday	Dec. 16	8:00AM	† Bernice Vrabel
Saturday	Dec. 17	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (NO CONFESSIONS)
Sunday	Dec. 18	10:00AM	† Edith Kurtin; † Alfonso R. Luna, Sr.; † Bennie Bartosh; † Elsie & Elton Spinn

Offering: Sunday: \$4,047.00 Children: \$26.00 Clergy Med/Retirement: \$1,402.00

Liturgical Ministers Dec. 17-18

Saturday	6PM	Lector: Terry Lee Pekar	Servers: Colton & Colby Marek, Dominik Lopez
		Music: Volunteer	EMHC: Ronnie Steffek, Blanca Olivas, Marilyn Gaydos, Regina Carlson
Sunday	10AM	Lector: Ellen Wolf	Servers: Andrew Vrabel, Kurt Kaderka
		Music: Guitar Group	EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Lillie Huf

Route EMHC: Carolyn Kaderka, Angie Pavelka, John Pavelka, Dolly Hyzak

Religious Articles Store: 6PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Bernice Jezisek

Last Chance before Christmas: Store will be closed Christmas and New Year's Weekends

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

Tithing Envelopes are in the Cryroom. Please check for correct address on your box and let the office know if a correction needs to be made. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please write your name on the sheet with your address and phone number and a box will be assigned and waiting for you next weekend.

Granger Community Food Pantry donations for December 15 distribution are being accepted until Noon December 14. See newsletter for details.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Dec. 11	: 11 AM Youth Ministry bingo kitchen—hamburgers and fries/2PM KC Bingo : Legion of Mary Rosary 1:30 @ Will o Bell & 3PM @ Granger Villa
Monday	Dec. 12	: 7AM Christmas Meal preparation and dinner
Tuesday	Dec. 13	: 5PM Bingo Kitchen/7PM KC Bingo : 7PM Midnight Mass Choir Practice
Wednesday	Dec. 14	: 7PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mariachi Mass and reception at the Hall
Thursday	Dec. 15	: 7PM Midnight Mass Choir Practice
Sunday	Dec. 18	: 12PM KC bingo kitchen/2PM KC Bingo

Year End Giving: Please remember to make your Year End donations as soon as possible. Please place them in the regular collection basket on any weekend no later than December 25 and mark Year End donation.

Note: December 31-January 1 weekend is the beginning of 2017 so that weekend's donation is credited to 2017.

* Giving Opportunities: Parish General Fund, Parish Trust Fund, Youth Ministry, Religious Education

Parish

Marriage Recognition Certificates will be presented at both Masses next weekend.

Christmas Flower Fund envelopes are available at the bulletin tables. Thank you for helping us decorate the church.

We need volunteers: The very first Mass said in this church was Midnight Mass 1916. This year will mark the 100th Anniversary for that milestone; therefore we would like to make this year's Midnight Mass a little more special. By doing that, we are asking for volunteers to come and sing with the choir. We need voices to help make this a joyous night. Our next practice will be on Tuesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 15 at 7PM

Guitar Group practice for Christmas Eve 6PM Vigil Mass will be Monday, December 19 at 6:30PM

Need a Christmas present?? We still have a few parish shirts available in both red and gray in different styles. If interested, please call Jolene Volek [512-426-2695](tel:512-426-2695).

Note from Fr. Hilario: Because the Mass is the highest form of prayer, the Prayer to St. Michael will now be added to the end of the rosary before Mass as to not add or distract from the Mass.

Holy Cross Cemetery manager position is open. Contact the Parish Office for details. Must submit application by January 31, 2017.

Area Events

"Women of Faith," a day of reflection, will be held Jan. 13 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Participants will spend this day reflecting on the gifts of five women (Sojourner Truth, Thea Bowman, Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman) whose courageous actions impacted the world. Their fearlessness and faithfulness changed lives because they embraced the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come and learn about these incredible women; who they were and what they did. Beverly Collin will facilitate this day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

To register contact Cedarbrake at [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

GRANGER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND HOPE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

Families Served – 82 Cash Donations received for Food Pantry = \$2247.00

Food Collected – 470 Pounds of food and lots of donations of toiletry items

SSCM - \$1,422.00 and 250 pounds of food

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - \$300.00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – GRANGER - \$300.00

GRANGER PIT STOP - \$75.00

RVOS #11 - \$100.00

GRANGER BRETHERN - \$50.00/15 Pounds of food

JUDEA CHURCH – 105 Pounds of Food

PRIME TIME BOWLERS – 100 Pounds of Food

SORORITY – Shampoo, tooth paste, brushes, soap and lots of money included in the amount received for SSCM –Thanks and God Bless to Rudie and her friends!!

Thanks to everyone – Your generous donations provided a Thanksgiving meal for 82 families in the Granger Community!

What Can You Do? Christmas is upon us. Instead of a Christmas tree and asking for needs of the family, the Granger Food Pantry is providing a \$10.00 certificate from the Red and White (excluding alcohol and cigarettes) for folks to purchase needed items. If you would like, you may donate an extra \$10.00 to the food pantry this month to cover expenses for their Red and White Certificates. Also, other items needed are listed as: canned goods, breakfast items, desserts, stuffing, soup or canned vegetables.

Next Food Pantry: The next food pantry will be **December 15th from 12:00 – 4:00**. Please deliver your donations to the church office by noon Wednesday, December 14th.

HOPE PROGRAM IN GRANGER FROM THE CARING PLACE

HOPE (Healthy Options for the Elderly 55 and older) was distributed at the SSCM Parish Hall on November 8th. Four volunteers assisted with handing out food for 26 families. Nine home deliveries were made. Next HOPE distribution will be on December 13th from 1-3 pm at the SSCM Parish Hall.

SSCM Holy Day & Holiday Schedule

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mariachi Mass: Wednesday, December 14 7PM

Christmas: Saturday, December 24 @6PM Vigil & 12 Midnight (Singing begins 11:15PM) / Sunday, December 25 @10AM

Parish Offices will be closed December 26-January 3 For Christmas/New Year

Mary, Mother of God: Saturday, December 31 @6PM Vigil/ Sunday January 1 @10AM

2016 Deanery Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 11 @5PM Holy Trinity, Corn Hill & @6PM St. Mary's, Taylor

Wednesday, December 14 @ 7PM St. Joseph's, Manor

Thursday, December 15 @ 7PM St. John Vianney, Round Rock

Monday, December 19 @7PM St. William's, Round Rock

Wednesday, December 21 @1PM-6PM St. William's, Round Rock