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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.

Epiphany of the Lord—January 8, 2017

Saturday Jan. 7 8:00AM Living and deceased members of the James L. Pekar family
 6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Sunday Jan. 8 10:00AM †Cheryl Baker; †Vince Marek; †Bennie Bartosh; †Joe & Viola Sevcik; †Mary Knapek & Frank Knapek

NO Weekday Masses January 10-13/No Adoration on Thursday January 12: Fr. Hilario is on retreat January 10-15, 2017

Granger Villa Mass cancelled for January. A visiting priest from Cross Catholic Outreach will have cover Jan. 14-15.

Saturday Jan. 14 6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Sunday Jan. 15 10:00AM † Sallie, Louis & Robert J. Cervenka; † Brent Svehlak; † Norbert L. Polasek

We pray for the repose of the soul of our dearly beloved Deacon John Thornton. May he rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday/New Year/Initial: \$4,719.00

Children: \$37.00

Liturgical Ministers January 14-15

Saturday 6PM Lector: Ronnie Steffek
 Music: Volunteer

Servers: Jose Campos, Kyle & Karsyn Hamons
 EMHC: Mark White, Doc Pekar, Terry Pekar, Louis Repa

Sunday 10AM Lector: Patsy Polasek
 Music: Guitar Group

Servers: Christopher, Nicholas, Thomas & Marissa Hall
 EMHC: Trish Lopez, Rita Marburger, Chris Nemecek, Rose Unnasch

Route EMHC: Mark White, Wendy White, Mary Pavlat, Bill Pavlat

Religious Articles Store: 6PM: Gail Heger 10AM: Esther Villarreal

Tithing Envelopes are in the Cryroom. Please claim yours today. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

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

Calendar of Events

Sunday Jan. 8 : 9AM KJT meeting (DPC)
 : 11AM Youth Ministry Bingo kitchen—hamburgers & fries
 : 2PM KC Bingo

Tuesday Jan. 10 : 7PM KC Bingo

Wednesday Jan. 11 : 7PM Religious Education classes resume

Sunday Jan. 15 : 12 noon KC bingo kitchen—hamburgers /2PM KC Bingo

Parish Events

The Parish Family of SSCM extends our sincere condolences to the family of our beloved Deacon Johnnie Thornton. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

2016 Parish Contribution Report: Parish Contribution Reports will be sent by January 31, 2017 to those who requested them last year. If you did not request last year and would like a Report please email or call the parish office.

Holy Cross Cemetery manager position is open. Contact the Parish Office for details. Must submit application by January 31, 2017 via mail to SSCM Church, PO Box 608, Granger, TX 76530

Save the Date: Annual Polka Mass will be held January 29 at 10AM. KJT will sponsor a meal at 11AM.

Area Events

“Women of Faith,” a day of reflection, will be held Jan. 16 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 or for information, visit www.cedarbrake.org or contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

Annulment: Pathway to Healing The diocesan Office of Canonical and Tribunal Services will host "Annulment: Pathway to Healing" April 28-29 at the diocesan Pastoral Center in Austin. The purpose of this seminar is to help participants begin a journey in awareness of the healing process of nullity (annulment) through a straight-to-the-heart response to persons considering or already seeking a declaration of nullity. The seminar is a time for reflecting on the demise of one's marriage by taking a journey from pain and loneliness to acceptance and healing. The seminar begins on April 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. and continues on April 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Pat Thompson at (512) 949-2478. To register, visit www.austindiocese.org/tribunal2017.

Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day is Jan. 28. The day will begin with a prayer vigil to end abortion at Planned Parenthood (201 E. Ben White Blvd. in Austin). Then the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 9:15 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin followed by Mass at 10 a.m. with Bishop Joe Vásquez. Everyone will proceed to the March for Life at 18th and N. Congress Ave., which begins at 1 p.m. then the Rally for Life starts at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Luisa De Poo at (512) 949-2487 or luisa-depoo@austindiocese.org.

A Girls' Morning with Mary will be held Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt in Austin. Girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to spend time at the shrine together to grow closer to Jesus through Mary with crafts, prayer and fun. Registration is required by contacting Rachel Gardner at rgardner@schoenstatt.us. For more information visit www.schoenstatt.us.

GRANGER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND HOPE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

Thanks to so many folks and organizations this year for an outpouring of God's love and spirit shared with the people of Granger. We were able to distribute approximately \$40.00 worth of food to each client and in addition they were given a \$10.00 gift certificate to the Red and White Grocery. THANKS GRANGER! Families Served – 76

Cash Donations = \$2,900.00 Food Collected – 435 Pounds of food and lots of donations of toiletry items

SSCM - \$590 and 130 pounds of food KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - \$500.00 GRANGER VILLA - \$400.00

GRANGER PIT STOP - \$75.00 GRANGER TUESDAY STUDY CLUB - \$230.00 SPJST - \$200.00

GRANGER BRETHERN - \$50.00 and 60 Pounds of food

RED AND WHITE – donated 75 dozen eggs for the Granger clients this Christmas! THANKS RED and White for all you do.

ONCOR TEAM - \$855.00 - Bobby Frazier collected cash from the OnCor employees and donated it to the Granger Christmas Fund for the pantry. THANKS for your generosity!!!

ANONYMOUS COUPLE FROM THE GEORGETOWN AREA – donated 245 pounds of food

What Can You Do? Items needed are: canned veggies, soups, pastas, breakfast items, desserts, toiletries, laundry soaps, shampoos, and money can be used to purchase needed groceries.

Next Food Pantry: The next food pantry will be January 19th from 12:00 – 4:00. Please deliver your donations to the church office by noon January 18.

HOPE PROGRAM IN GRANGER FROM THE CARING PLACE (Healthy Options for the Elderly 55 and older) was distributed on December 13th. Four volunteers assisted with handing out food for 26 families. Nine home deliveries were made. Next HOPE distribution will be on January 10th from 1-3 pm at the SSCM Parish Hall.

Epiphany House Blessing

Using blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Magi above the outside doorways to your home. Place a cross in between each of the letters. It should look something like this. 20+C+M+B+17

After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:

“May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord of all people forever and ever. Amen.”

The legendary names of the three Magi are: *Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar*. (KMB in Czech) The initials C-M-B also stand for the Latin words “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” which means: *“May Christ bless this dwelling.”*

The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.