



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Office Hours: Tuesday -Friday: 9AM-1 PM (Joanne Selucky)

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

Religious Education: Coordinator: Virginia Loza Lee 512-859-2634 sscmre@gmail.com

Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st Saturdays 8:30AM (FMI: Virginia Loza 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

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.

Pastor: Rev. Hilario Guajardo
 Cell (512)595-6507 Rectory (512)859-2224
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 Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel
 Finance Council: Chris Nemeč
 Holy Cross Cemetery: Parish Office
 Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 17, 2017

Saturday Sept. 16 6:00PM †Henry V. Marek; † Georgia Naizer; † Agnes & Jessie Stojanik; † Robert Jezisek; † Jannie Prcin
 † Arnold Repa and family

Sunday Sept. 17 10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Weekday Masses will be held in the DPC Chapel: Power disconnected for tuck-pointing Monday 8AM until Friday 3PM

Tuesday Sept. 19 12:00PM † Danny Naizer; † Richard Rosipal

Wednesday Sept. 20 6:00PM † Emil & Evelyn Matula

Thursday Sept. 21 10:00AM Will O Bell: † Margarito Perez
 4:00PM Adoration/4:30PM Confession/5:30PM Evening Prayer/5:45PM Benediction
 6:00PM † Jonathan Knapek

Friday Sept. 22 8:00AM † George Vrana; † Isabella Smith

Saturday Sept. 23 6:00PM †Margie & VJ Hajda; † JD Shirocky; † Carmen Razo; † Johnnie Thornton; the Kurtin Family

Sunday Sept. 24 10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Offering: Sunday: \$3,238.39 Children: \$40.00 Building & Maintenance: \$783.00 Diocese of Geita: \$1,841.52

Liturgical Ministers Sept. 23-24 Urgent Need: Altar Servers for Saturday 6PM Mass

Saturday 6PM Lector: Pat Greger EMHC: Barney Fudge, Mike Vrana, Mark White, Henrietta Hajda
 Music: Guitar Group Servers: Kyle & Karsyn Hamons, Dominik Lopez, Garret Repa

Sunday 10AM Lector: John Unnasch EMHC: Rosa Degollado, Mary Pavlat, Chris Nemeč, Theresa Valdez
 Music: Horak Family Servers: Andrew & Ronnie Vrael, Albert Martinez

Route EMHC: Carolyn Kaderka, Barbara Taisler, Margaret Vrana, Paula Marak

Religious Articles Store: 6PM: Ofelia Lopez 10AM: Lillian Pacha

Next Food Pantry will be September 21 from 12:00 – 4:00. Please deliver your donations to the church office by noon on Wednesday, September 20.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday Sept. 17 : 12PM KC Bingo Kitchen—Hamburgers/ 2PM KC Bingo
 : 1:30PM Will O Bell Legion of Mary Rosary
- Monday Sept. 18 : 8:30AM Monday Morning Bible Study (DPC)
- Tuesday Sept. 19 : 5PM Bingo Kitchen— Chili spaghetti, chicken salad sandwiches, pulled pork sliders, homemade desserts
 : 7PM KC Bingo
- Wednesday Sept. 20 : 7PM Religious Ed/Wednesday Bible Study / Confirmation Practice & Confessions
- Thursday Sept. 21 : 7PM Bazaar Recap meeting (Hall)
- Sunday Sept. 24 : 11AM FCCLA Bingo Kitchen / 2PM KC Bingo
 : 3PM Granger Villa Legion of Mary Rosary

Parish News

A Bazaar RECAP meeting will be held Thursday, September 21 at 7PM at the Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and bring ideas for improvements. **Chairpersons please bring your work list corrections and additions.**

Altar servers: We really need help on the Saturday evening Masses. Any youth who has received 1st Communion, and older, would like to serve please contact myself at (254)760-7174, Wendy at (254)231-5675 or Virginia (512)426-9795.

2017 Hurricane Harvey disaster: All funds will go to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of the Catholic Charities USA. Donations may be made online at <http://www.ccctx.org/donations-form.html>.

KJT Society #28 will be having a Fundraiser for Missionaries of Hope on Sunday, October 1st at Bingo. We will be serving Hamburgers and French Fries. Donations of homemade sweets are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity! KJT will also be having a meeting that day at 2 PM at the Hall.

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins September 20 in the DPC at 7PM: Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. The cost will be \$30. For more information or to register for the study, call Lillie Huf at 512-694-2801 or email Virginia at sscmre@gmail.com.

Area Events

“Share the Journey” a campaign in support of migrants and refugees will begin with a Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Austin on September 27 in solidarity with the Holy Father. We are all encouraged to attend Mass in our local parish or offer up a personal prayer for this effort. The campaign will continue through January 2019 and is sponsored by Caritas Internationalis. The campaign in the United States will focus on those who have come to our country to build a better life as well as the work of the universal Church to respond to refugees, reduce poverty and improve opportunities so people can remain in the countries where they live. For more information visit <http://www.austindiocese.org/share-the-journey>

Catholic Charities has partnered with St. John Vianney Catholic Church to offer utility assistance for residents of Williamson County. We will be at the St. John Vianney St. Francis House, [8 Lake Drive](#) in Round Rock, the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 9:30am-3pm. Please bring a current ATMOS or other utility bill and a photo ID. For more information contact Catholic Charities at [512-651-6100](tel:512-651-6100).

Couples Infertility Healing Retreat on Oct. 28, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.! The educational and healing program, sponsored by Sarah's Hope & Abraham's Promise Ministry, is from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at **St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Austin, Texas**, followed by an optional **Adoption Information Dinner Program from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** in the same location. Come for the whole retreat or just for the adoption information portion! **Register by Oct. 23 at www.infertilityretreat2017.eventbrite.com** or contact shap@teachmehealme.com or [\(512\) 736-7334](tel:512-736-7334).

Adoption Celebration Mass: All those who have ever made an adoption plan for a child, adopted a child, or those who were adopted are invited to celebrate National Adoption Month at an **Adoption Celebration Mass that will be Nov. 29, 2017 at 7 p.m.** Rev. James Misko will celebrate the Mass, which will be in the chapel at **St. Louis King of France Catholic Church in Austin, Texas**. Anyone who has been touched by adoption or who has a heart for those in the adoption triad is invited to attend the Mass and give thanks for the gift of adoption and to pray for all those whose lives have been affected by it. Following Mass, which is sponsored by Sarah's Hope & Abraham's Promise Ministry, there will be fellowship and resources in the narthex. **RSVP at www.adoptionmass2017.eventbrite.com**. For more information, contact shap@teachmehealme.com or [\(512\) 736-7334](tel:512-736-7334).

Bazaars, Picnics and Festivals:

- **Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill** invites everyone to join them on **Sunday, September 17**, for their annual Bazaar. Start the day by celebrating the Holy Mass at 10:30 a.m., then enjoy a delicious meal of Corn Hill Fried Chicken & BBQ, served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (adults plates \$10 / children \$5; and drive-thru is available till 12:30p.m.). There will be live polka music during the meal, children's games, live and silent auctions, bingo and kolaches for sale. Hamburgers will be available at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a day of good food and fun for the whole family!
- **St. Elizabeth's Pflugerville, Annual Fall Fiesta will be Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 10:30am-5pm** on the church grounds. We invite you to enjoy live entertainment, food, and games for all ages. For more information call the church office [\(512\) 251-9838](tel:512-251-9838).
- **St. Martin Parish in Tours** will host its annual picnic Sept. 24 on the parish grounds. A fried chicken dinner will be served beginning at 11 a.m. A live auction starts at 12:30 p.m. Fun, food and entertainment for all.
- **Holy Family Parish in Copperas Cove** will host its annual Fall Fest Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the parish grounds. Variety of children's activities, live entertainment, local craft vendors and a silent auction.
- **St. Michael Parish in Umland** will host its annual Festival Sept. 30 from 6 p.m. to midnight and Oct. 1 from 12:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the parish grounds. There will be live music on Saturday and Sunday. There will be plenty of great food, games and drinks. Admission is free. Remember to bring a lawn chair.
- **The 111th annual Westphalia Picnic & Homecoming** will be held Sunday, October 8th at the Church of the Visitation Parish Hall in Westphalia (144 CR 300, Lott, TX 76656). Home-made fried chicken, sausage and all the trimmings will be served for \$10.00 per plate (drive through plates will be available). Serving will begin at 11:00am and last until 5:00pm. Live music by Jerry Haisler & the Melody 5 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. There will be games for all ages and a live auction beginning at 2:00pm. Admission is free.

Retreats and Reflections:

The Shepherd Who Did Not Run, a weekend retreat, will be held Sept. 29 – Oct. 1 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The book, “The Shepherd Who Did Not Run,” by Maria Scaperlanda is based on the life of Father Stanley Rother who was recently declared the first U.S. born martyr by Pope Francis. His beatification Mass will be held in Oklahoma City, on Sept 23. Scaperlanda will present Father Rother's story of heroic service to the people of Guatemala and her experience of the beatification ceremony. Cost is \$195 for a shared room and \$95 for commuter. To register, call [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) or visit www.cedarbrake.org.

The Diocesan Guadalupana Federation will host the sixth annual Guadalupana Conference Sept. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Cedar Park. This event will be in English and Spanish. Father Alex Caudillo, associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Austin, will give the keynote address in Spanish. Dominican Sister Maria José Acosta will give the keynote address in English. The admission fee is \$10 per person. To register, e-mail jsaucedo@austin.rr.com.

Sept. 16-17 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Scripture readings for the great feast remind us of Christ's merciful love and sacrifice for us. Jesus emptied himself for our sake and gave his life for our salvation. How do we mirror God's love in our world? What sacrifices are we willing to make? Are they only for those near to us, our family and friends? How can we show merciful and sacrificial love for strangers or even enemies? What act of love or sacrifice can you make for the poor, a prisoner, an enemy this week in gratitude for the great love God has shown to you?