

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Church of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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November 2015 – December 2016 --- Jubilee Year of Mercy: "Merciful Like the Father"

The Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill, J.C.D., Bishop
The Rev. Kirby Hlavaty, Pastor

Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer
Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Joe Machacek

May 8, 2016

The Ascension of the Lord

Sacred Liturgies

May 8 – The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Spiritual Bouquet for Mothers

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May 9 – Monday

No Mass

10:00 a.m. Communion Service (Nursing Home)

May 10 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Stacy Kurtz

May 11 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Michael Panus

May 12 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Frank I. & Ludmila Roznovsky and
Ben & Frank J. Roznovsky

May 13 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Dan Kresta

May 14 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Louis & Rosie
Targac Family

May 15 – Pentecost Sunday

7:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius

9:30 a.m. Kathy Fluitt



From the Pastor's Desk

The Pastoral Council and I have been focusing on different aspects of our parish liturgy. In particular we have been paying attention to how our funeral rituals are celebrated and the layout of our church. The funeral ritual requires the body be met at the back of the church for the blessing and the placing of the pall. At the opening hymn the priest and/or the family may escort the body to the front of the church where the funeral mass is celebrated. The most obvious symbolism associated with this part of the ritual is the connection to baptism, in which we are ushered into the church. Of course, it is to remind us that death is also our entry into everlasting life.

Because of physical restraints at the back of our church, the body is typically laid out up front and we are deprived of the beautiful reminder precisely when we need it the most. Therefore the pastoral council and I will be making some adjustment to the back pews to the church in order to accommodate this aspect of our funeral liturgy. It will mean that we will lose some seating but outside of Christmas and Easter, it should have no effect on our seating capacity. However, I remind you that the back pews are reserved for families with small children.

The shortening of the pews will take place this month. If you have any questions you may contact me or any member of the pastoral council.

Fr. Kirby Hlavaty

A Year of Mercy Reflection

“Let us be renewed by God’s mercy ... and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.”

– Pope Francis

PONDER: Are you a channel of God’s mercy? How can you protect creation and make justice and peace flourish?

PRAY: Lord, make me an instrument of your mercy.



Confessions: Saturdays, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.



A Spiritual Bouquet of Masses is being offered in our church this Mothers’ Day weekend. May God continue to bless and watch over all mothers!



Adoration Chapel Notice: Open hours in the chapel are 2:00 – 3:00 a.m. on Tuesdays (every other week) and 1:00 – 2:00 a.m. on Fridays; and 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Sundays. Call the office at 594-3836 to volunteer for an hour.

Training Classes for New Altar Servers will be held on Wednesday, May 11 and May 18 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. New altar servers should attend both classes. If you have not signed up and are interested, please contact Kim Ulcak at 594-3234 or kulcak@sscmshiner.org.



Pastoral Council and Catholic School Advisory Council Elections will take place next weekend after the Masses. Parishioners are reminded to take time to cast your vote on May 14 or 15.

Pastoral Council Ballot— Three will be elected from the following six nominees: Janet Moeller, Tony Machacek, Michelle Herman, Donna Kutac, Lori Wenske, Jeff Chunda.

School Advisory Council Ballot— Two will be elected from the following four nominees: Adam Green, David Kapavik, Kenneth Stock, Dr. Donna Wagner. A short biography of each of the school nominees can be found at the church entrances.



Please Remember in your prayers priests of our diocese who are observing their priestly ordination anniversary this week: Rev. Gary W. Janak, OLV Cathedral, Victoria; 05/14/1988; Rev. Greg Korenek, Holy Cross, Bay City, 05/15/1993; Rev. Michael Petering, 05/15/1999, St. Agnes, Edna. May God bless them as they continue to serve. **Please remember also** Rev. Patrick Fidgeon, pastor of our parish from 1974 – 1988, who passed away 05/14/1994. May he rest in peace.

Altar Society will meet Tuesday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. Members are encouraged to attend – this is the last meeting before the summer break.

The KJZT Society # 5 will hold their second quarterly meeting at the Parish Activity Center on Sunday, May 15 at 8:30 a.m. Members and guests are welcome.

KJZT St. Martin's #43 of Wied would like to meet the members from Hallettsville #5 and Smothers Creek #15 that recently joined #43. Come out Sunday, May 22 to St. Mary's Hall for dinner. There will be a bounce house for the kids and door prizes. RSVP by Fri., May 13 to Jane Labay at 361-772-7937.

Parish Choir Notice: No practice until Monday, May 23, when practice will be held for May 28 Polka Mass.

Scripture Study: Mondays, 8:00 a.m. in the PAC.

Flowers on the Altar

In Honor of Joyce Mikes on her 90th Birthday
By Her Family

Bulletin Sponsor

In Memory of Deceased Members of Castello, Vacek,
Comeaux & Kosler Families
From the Comeaux/Castello Wedding

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Mildred Picha by Harvey Picha Family

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Honor of Joyce Mikes on her 90th Birthday By A Friend

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Brad & Nicco Brown & Family



Thank You students, parents, catechists, and staff of the Religious Ed Program for the beautiful gifts, support and kindness you have shared with me for the past 12 years. It has been a joy and honor to work with you in catechizing the youth of Sts. Cyril and Methodius and I will greatly miss all of you. Know that I will keep you all in my prayers.
– Sharon Patek

Anonymous Angels: The parish is grateful to the group of anonymous angels who showed up one day last week to take on the task of cleaning, trimming, and applying mulch to the landscaping around our church and rectory. Their generous sharing of their time and labors greatly enhanced the beauty of our church grounds. Thank you, thank you!



Laudate Dominum: No mass in June. Next rehearsals: June 20 & 27 at 4:00 pm. Next mass: July 3 at 9:30 am.

Totus Tuus Chorum: Ms. Annette Williams and Mrs. Marty Egan extend their appreciation to all the members of Totus Tuus Chorum for a very enjoyable introductory year. We are proud of your efforts, commitment and improvement and we look forward to next year. We would like to recognize those members who completed the entire year: Miss Laynie Bowman, Mr. Gus Egan, Miss Emma Herman, Miss Ashley Indorf, Miss Jamie Jalufka, Miss Michaela Marcak, Miss Jessi Pesek, Miss Lilli Steen, Mr. Clint Steen, and Miss Katie Wilgus. Special thanks to our accompanist, Miss Lily Egan.

Totus Tuus Chorum is currently accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 year. All students in grades 7 – 12 are eligible to participate. Information flyers and registration forms are available in the church foyer or by contacting Mrs. Marty Egan at marthaegan110@gmail.com. Rehearsals will begin in August and are on Wednesday evenings.



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$6,907.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 845.00
Retired Priests Collection.....	\$ 444.00
Repair Fund	\$ 317.00



Photographs will be taken May 31 – June 23. Schedule your session now!

Photos will be taken on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 2:00 - 8:30 p.m.; on Friday, 12:30 – 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.

Parishioners have begun making appointments outside of church at the weekend Masses. Take a few minutes to stop by the volunteers and schedule yours.

Note: We are in need of volunteers to assist at weekend Masses to help schedule appointments. Please call Betty Kosler at the parish office, 594-3836, if you can help.

May 29 – Spring Picnic Date

Cattle are Needed for the Auction. Please call the parish office at 594-3836 if you have cattle to donate.

Other Auction Donations are needed as well. If possible, please bring your donations by the parish office in advance so they can be logged in the computer.

More Sponsors for Chicken: We have another donor for the chicken at the Picnic – Kathy Pesek has donated \$100, bringing the total to \$1,300. The total cost for the Spring Picnic will be around \$3,600. Additional donations would be most appreciated. Please call the parish office if you are willing to be a sponsor. (594-3836)

Fried Chicken: It's not too late for someone to step up and work alongside the Spring Fried Chicken Chairmen to prepare for the Fall Picnic. Call Michael Malinovsky at 594-4054 or the parish office for more details.

Picnic Mailings: An energetic group of volunteers gathered this past Tuesday and worked several hours on our Picnic mailings. A total of 2,198 pieces went to people on a "friends" list; 787 went to parishioners and 653 to Shiner Catholic School alumni. That's a lot of mail!

Thanks to all of these volunteers for sharing their time: Jim & Vickie Netardus, Milton & Georgie Chumchal, Laverne & August Madala, Mildred & Julius Siegel, Joseph & Joan Simper, Allen Krejci, Stacy Kubecka, Barbara Lloyd, Rita Kasper, Ella Berger, Georgie Herman, Marie Matias, Mary Jo Veit, Marionette Kneifel, Fran Pesek, Marjorie Petru, Mary Jane Patek, Angie Petru, Margaret Zimmerman, Lois Pilat, Mildred Machacek, Betty Kosler, Margie Sembera, Mary Rose Barta. **Thanks** also to Philip Pilat for preparing a wonderful lunch for the workers. Thanks to Jack Zimmerman for bringing by donuts and pigs in blanket. **And thanks** to EJ Sausage Co. for donating the sausage for the lunch.



Church and School Memorials:

In grateful appreciation we wish to acknowledge Memorials received in April.

Church Memorial Fund:

In memory of Ann Kocian, \$135
In memory of Hilda Schmidt, \$325

Shiner Catholic Church Repair Fund:

In memory of Lois Jirkovsky, \$20
In memory of Kevin Schreiber, \$15
In memory of Ann Kocian, \$30
In memory of Hilda Schmidt, \$40

Church General Education Endowment Fund:

In memory Ann Kocian, \$10

St. Nicholas Society:

In memory of Hilda Schmidt, \$35
In memory of Ann Kocian, \$20

Shiner Catholic School Endowment Fund:

In memory of Ann Kocian, \$55
In memory of Hilda Schmidt, \$20

Shiner Catholic School Memorial Fund:

In memory of Ann Kocian, \$100
In memory of Hilda Schmidt, \$80

God's Little Helpers:

In memory of Hilda Schmidt, \$40