

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. Bryan Heyer, Pastor

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

July 24, 2016
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Liturgies

July 24 – Sunday

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

9:30 a.m. Tommy Bozka

July 25 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Ben Svoboda

10:00 a.m. Ella Seidenberger (Nursing Home)

July 26 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Edith Pulkrabek

July 27 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Darrell Schlenker

July 28 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Mary Bujnoch

July 29 – Friday

8:00 a.m. Joe & Annie Adamek, Betty Kutac, Willie Werner, Leonita & John Malinovsky, John Kutac and Trista Ken Sevcik

July 30 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius

July 31 – Sunday

7:30 a.m. Charlie Patek, Jr.

9:30 a.m. Charlie & Bessie Kurtz, Albert & Anna Kohl, and Arthur Kurtz



A Year of Mercy Reflection

"Families should not see themselves as a refuge from society, but instead go forth from their homes in a spirit of solidarity with others. In this way, they become a hub for integrating persons into society and a point of contact between the public and private spheres. Married couples should have a clear awareness of their social obligations. With this, their affection does not diminish but is flooded with new light."

– Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*.

PONDER: Is your home a source and strength for social outreach, for connecting public and private the experiences of mercy? How does your family engage in acts of mercy together? How does this work for others shape your relationships?

PRAY: *Lord, strengthen my family to do your work in the world.*



Saturday, July 30 – Parish Games Night and Welcome Party for Father Bryan!

All parishioners are invited to a special evening of fun and fellowship on **Saturday, July 30**. This event will also serve as a "Welcome Party" for Father Bryan. Everyone is encouraged to come and extend a big Shiner welcome to our new pastor. It will serve as a perfect opportunity to get to know Father Bryan and to spend quality time with our parish family.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Shiner K.C. Hall. Snacks and finger foods will be provided and the hall bar will offer cold refreshments (Dutch treat). Fun games for all ages will be available. These include dominoes and cards – (including a friendly game of Texas Hold 'Em) as well as a dice game of left, right, center, and other favorite games. There will also be a special entertainment section for our very young parishioners. Or if you just want to visit and enjoy the camaraderie – please come. Plan to bring your family and come out for an enjoyable evening!



Adoration Chapel Notes

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened ... and I will give you rest says the Lord." Matthew 11-28.

Open hours in our Adoration Chapel:

Tuesdays: 1:00 – 2:00 a.m. (every other week) and 2:00 – 3:00 a.m. (every other week).

Thanks to those who signed up recently to take open hours. Please call the office at 594-3836 to volunteer for one of the above times.



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



Reflection on the Gospel

*Ask, and you shall receive;
Seek, and you shall find;
Knock, and it shall be
opened to you...*

In today's Gospel from Luke 11:1-13, Luke presents the essential concept of Jesus' teaching on prayer. In simple and direct words, we hear how

Jesus taught his disciples the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. In this prayer, after giving praise to God the Father, a list of petitions for our needs follows. After teaching the prayer, Jesus goes on to assure His followers that God does answer prayers, but he wants us to ask. He never tires of hearing about not only our needs and wants, but our problems, our sufferings and any concerns we have. No problem is too large or too small for God to listen to. Jesus invites us to keep asking and to keep knocking at God's door ... even if it's over and over again.

God will hear us and answer us according to His will if we persist in our prayers and if we ask for what is good. In conclusion, we should not think that today's Gospel is merely a teaching on praying for a list of requests that we present to God, but rather, as Jesus teaches in the Our Father, prayer also consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things. Let us ask God to help us to know what we truly need and pray for the courage to persevere in prayer!

A Vocation Prayer

“Lord of the harvest, bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. Instill those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. Unite us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.”

--Pope Francis



July & August Ministry Schedules are on our church website and at the church entrances.

Laudate Dominum Schedule Change: Beginning in August, Laudate Dominum choir will sing on the **third** Sunday of each month rather than the first Sunday. **Next Rehearsals:** Mondays, August 8 & 15 at 7:00 p.m. for the 9:30 Mass on August 21.

Parish Choir Notes: No practice during summer. Choir will sing on August 20 and September 3 (Polka Mass).



Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Paul & Mary Pekar and Adolf & Hermina Marek by Mary Ann Marek & Family

Church Bulletin Sponsor

In Memory of Evelyn Wenske by Hrcir Family

Adoration Chapel Candles

In memory of Charles Machacek by Family

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Kathy Fluit by Parents

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Bruce & Laura Sciba



Parish Blood Drive Thank You

The Blood Drive our parish hosted last Sunday was a success. The drive resulted in a total of 12 units of blood being donated. Many thanks to those who helped give life by being a blood donor.

CDA Bake Sale Thank You

Thanks to all the donors and patrons of last week's CDA Bake Sale. A second Bake Sale is set for August 6 & 7 when members from N – Z, and any member who did not donate to the first sale, are asked to make a donation.



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$7,047.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 601.00
Repair Fund	\$ 281.00



August 6 & 7: St. Anthony, Palacios. 52nd Annual Shrimpre. Saturday, golf scramble; Sunday, fish & shrimp or BBQ lunch (10:30 a.m. ...) auction, games, music, boat raffle.

August 14: St. Michael, Weimar. Fried chicken, stew dinner; auction, bingo hamburgers, games, refreshments, music.

Fall Picnic – September 4, 2016

Raffle Prizes Needed Now!

The Picnic raffle plays a big part in the success of our Picnic. The deadline to donate a Raffle prize has been extended to **Monday, July 25, 4:00 p.m.** We are in need of more prizes so that we can continue to offer a nice slate of prizes as we traditionally do. Please consider donating a prize and call the parish office at 594-3836 on Monday if you can do so. Several donors can get together and donate one large prize or we will possibly combine donations. Any amount you can donate will be appreciated.

Attention – Picnic Chairpersons: It's time to review your list of workers, update if needed, and turn in to the parish office by **Monday, August 1.**

New Chairpersons are needed for Fried Chicken, Dining Room Hospitality (Co-Chair needed), Fish Pond & Toys, Country Store, Wheel of Fortune, Sno-Cones/ Ice Cream, Hamburgers, Dance Tickets, Ball Throw.

Thanks to Janet & Robert Moeller and Roman & Ann Wenske for taking on the **Bingo** Chairmanship.

Who's next to step up and take on the challenge of chairing a Picnic booth? Remember - - no experience needed as the Picnic team will support you all the way. YOU are needed to help continue the Shiner Picnic tradition!! Please call one of the following Picnic Chairmen for more details: David Schmidt, 281-703-8943; Adam Green, 361-235-9443; Curtis Pilat, 361-772-8493; or Chris Hall, 361-212-5364



Wanted: A good used 18000 - 25000 BTU, 220 volt, air-conditioner for the pre K-4 classroom at St. Ludmila Elementary. A good used A/C will suffice, hopefully for only a year or so, until the proposed renovation of this building takes place.



Two weeks to sign up for Retrouvaille – Do you feel alone in your marriage? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For more information about the Victoria August 12-14, 2016, Retrouvaille Weekend, contact John or Jennifer Vincent (361) 580-2770 or email: jbvjov@sbcglobal.net or go to www.retrouvaille.org.

Coming Soon: 15th Annual Pilgrim Center of Hope's Catholic Women's Conference, September 9-10, 2016.

Theme: "Come to Me". Place: Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio. For more information go to CWCSanAntonio.com or call 210-521-3377.



Box Tops for Education:

Watch for this symbol on many food and household products. The Shiner Catholic School receives 10 cents per box top. The box tops can be left at the school offices or in the box provided in back of church by the Catholic Daughters.

