

**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, S.T.D., Bishop**  
**The Rev. Bryan Heyer, Pastor**

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

**August 21, 2016**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**August 21 – Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Edward & Stazie Wagner

9:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius

**August 22 – Monday**

6:30 a.m. Patricia Kurtz

10:00 a.m. Agnes Kokas (Nursing Home)

**August 23 – Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Wendy Eggert (Living)

**August 24 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Johnnie & Mary Marek

**August 25 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Willie Marcak

**August 26 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. Mary Grabarkievtz

**August 27 – Saturday**

5:00 p.m. John S. & Evelyn Fikac

**August 28 – Sunday**

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

9:30 a.m. Oscar A. Hirsch



**Reflection on Today’s Readings**



In today’s Gospel we encounter some of the hard sayings of Jesus dealing with who will be saved, how we are to be saved and who will be first. Further reading tells us that we need to be more than mere acquaintances with Jesus. We are called to have a deep and loving relationship with Him. What’s the

difference between the two? That is a question we must answer ourselves. Perhaps we attend worship services every week to fulfill an obligation. That might be merely making an acquaintance with Jesus. Whereas, when we fully participate in the Mass we are more apt to form a deeper relationship with Jesus. Making time for regular daily prayer time could also enhance our relationship with Him.

In addition, participating in scripture studies, adult education classes, and volunteering for various ministries could deepen that relationship not only with Jesus, but with our neighbor.

We are called to spread the love and Good News of the Gospel every day – not just on Sunday. Look around you – is there some action you can take as individuals or as a family to lead others closer to Jesus? Perhaps you can serve a neighbor or other acquaintance by checking on their needs. Simple actions may lead others to “the door” Jesus talks about that we must go through to enter the Kingdom. Praying is also one thing we can do if we think a person may not be open to our efforts.

Remember, we may never know the results of our actions until we are all at the Heavenly Banquet!



**Personal Spiritual Growth**

“Human beings make their own contribution to their interior growth; they make their whole sentient and spiritual lives into means of this growth. With the help of grace they grow in virtue, avoid sin, and if they sin they entrust themselves as did the prodigal son to the mercy of our Father in heaven. In this way they attain to the perfection of charity.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1700

**PONDER:** How are you intentional about your personal growth? What can you commit to do (attend daily Mass, pray, read scripture or spiritual texts, join a faith sharing group, go to confession regularly) to grow further in the love of God?

**PRAY:** *Holy Spirit, give me the courage to grow in my spiritual life. I praise you for your love is unending.*

**“Mass 101 – Liturgy and Life” – Class in Shiner**

**Personal spiritual growth** is the responsibility of each individual. Our parish and diocese offers regular opportunities for participation in classes and study groups. One such opportunity will be offered in our parish beginning September 6.

**For the first time** classes for continuing education and growth in our faith will be broadcast to Shiner, live from Holy Family Church, Wharton. The class will be given by Father Bob Knippenberg and will follow the text of a book entitled “Mass 101 – Liturgy and Life”. The class will be given on Tuesdays, **September 6 – October 11, 2016** from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. in St. Paul High School. For more details refer to the attachment to this bulletin. For additional information contact Sharon Patek at 594-3234.



**RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

This is the process through which candidates are accepted as new members of the Catholic Church. It will begin in September and conclude with reception at the Easter Vigil Mass. Those adults interested in learning about the Catholic Faith are asked to contact Mary Machacek at 401-1254.



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

**Notice:** Beginning August 31, Confessions will also be offered on Wednesdays prior to 6:00 p.m. Mass, from 5:30 p.m. to approximately 5:50 p.m.



**Parish Directory Update:** The committee is continuing to arrange for group photos for inclusion in the directory. Several groups have been photographed and additional groups will do so on **Monday evening, August 29**. The following schedule has been set up. **Please meet at your assigned time in front of church:** Altar Society officers and Bereavement Committee chairpersons, 5:45; Parish Choir, 6:00; Church cleaning groups, 6:15; Lectors, 6:30; Ushers, 6:45; Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, 7:00; Liturgy and Sacristy Caretakers, 7:15. Due to the large number involved in some of these groups, individual contacts will not be made – rather, each group leader is asked to spread the word among its members. For questions, please call Betty Kosler at the church office, 594-3836.

**Religious Education News**

**Registration** for enrollment in Religious Education Program is now available at [www.sscmshiner.org](http://www.sscmshiner.org). Students in grades Kindergarten through 11 may complete the registration form on the parish website, by going to the Parish Ministries tab, Religious Ed (CCD) Registration Form. Registration on-line is available for students who attended the program last year. All new students must register in person at 5:00 p.m. on the first night of class, September 7. Or register early by calling Office of Youth Ministry @ 361-594-3234. All other students will report for class at 6:45 p.m. **September 7.**

**Aides Needed:** A few aides are still needed for the 2016-2017 Religious Education Program. If interested in helping please contact Kim at 361-594- 3234.

**Meeting:** There will be a Religious Education Staff meeting on Wednesday, August 24 starting with Mass at 6:00 p.m. More information will be sent out to all staff.

**Safe Environment Classes** are required for all teachers and staff as well as all volunteers for school and CCD. A class will be offered on Tuesday, September 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at St. Ludmila's. To register call 594-3843 or email [skolle@shinercatholicsschool.org](mailto:skolle@shinercatholicsschool.org)

**Shiner Catholic School News**

**August 23, 6:00 p.m.:** New Shiner Catholic School parents are invited to new Cardinal in-service in the cafeteria.

**Thank you** to the donors of micro-wave ovens for the school cafeteria. Several units were received. Thank you!



**Open Hours in Adoration Chapel:**

**Tuesdays:** 1:00 – 2:00 a.m. (every other week) and 2:00 – 3:00 a.m. (every other week). Please call 594-3836 to volunteer for one of these above times.

**September and October Ministry Schedules** are at church entrances and on our parish website.

**Totus Tuus Youth Choir:** Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, August 24, and 31, 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the choir loft. All students in grades 7 – 12 are welcome to join the choir by completing a registration form from the church foyer. Contact Mrs. Egan at 594-8554 or [marthaegan110@gmail.com](mailto:marthaegan110@gmail.com), or come to rehearsal at 6:45.

**Parish Choir Notes:** Practice for the September 3 Polka Mass will be on Monday, August 29 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. All singers and musicians are welcome to come to practice. The polka choir will take pictures for the parish directory during practice on Monday, August 29.



**Flowers on the Altar**

In Memory of Edmund Zissa By Lucille Zissa

**Church Bulletin**

In Honor of Living and Deceased Members of KJZT #5

**Children's Bulletin Sponsor**

In Memory of Belle Matula, Levine Gloger & Juliette Marie

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Edward & Stazie Wagner

**Adoration Chapel Candles**

In Memory of Agnes Cerny By Felix Cerny

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

By Martinsen Family

**Vocations Cross**

Josh & Rachel Mika



**Our Gifts to God This Week**

Envelopes..... \$6,044.68  
 Loose Collections..... \$ 654.00  
 Repair Fund ..... \$ 339.58

**Fall Picnic – September 4, 2016**

**A Prayer in Preparation for Our Picnic**

*Lord, we know you love us and have great plans for our parish. But sometimes we are overwhelmed by the thoughts of our future. Show us how to walk forward one day at a time. May we take heart while we search openly for what it is you want us to do. Inspire in us wisdom and understanding to see your vision for our parish and let us respond to whatever you call us to be. Show us your way, Lord!*

**Cattle for Auction:** Thanks to Vaclav & Vickie Netardus for their donation of a nine month old cross-bred heifer. Who's next? Please call the office at 594-3836.

**Auction Items Needed:** Some items are beginning to come in. All donations appreciated! If possible, please bring auction donations to the Meeting Room in advance, so they can be logged in on the computer.

**The Workers List:** will be sent via USPS mail or e-mail in the next few days. We tried to include all parishioners able to work from the 5th grade and up so your name may be on it for the very first time. Some changes were made in areas and times for returning workers. Please review the list closely for those new names and work areas/times. If your name is not on the list, it was an oversight and we will correct it for next time. And if you want to be a worker and are not on the list, we have a place for you. We still have a few positions, including chairs, open. Let your church know by sending an email to [shinerpicnic1@gmail.com](mailto:shinerpicnic1@gmail.com) or calling the church office at [361-594-3836](tel:361-594-3836). Please do the same if you need to change your scheduled work time or need to work in a different area.



**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church – Income & Expenses July, 2016**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Collections	\$30,916.30
Seminarians Donation	1,000.00
Building Rentals	360.00
Repair Fund Collections	4,162.55
DSA Collected	400.00
Other Income	4,010.45
Religious Ed/Chastity Booklet Sales	13.39
Purgatorial Mass Offerings	140.20
Church Windows	100.00
<b>Total Income for Month</b>	<b>\$41,102.89</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries/Benefits	\$15,040.50
Clergy Assistance	200.00
Payroll Taxes	3,139.27
Seminarians Donation to Diocese	1,000.00
Religious Education Chastity Materials	187.62
Utilities	1,867.76
Other Expenses	1,836.82
DSA Payment to Diocese	
Auto Expenses – Gas & Insurance	1,024.35
Going Away Party-Fr. Kirby	238.23
Other Repairs & Maintenance	355.70
Parish Office Supplies/Household	921.76
Education (School Subsidy)	60,000.00
<b>Total Expenses for Month</b>	<b>\$85,812.01</b>
<b>Monthly Expenses Exceed Income</b>	<b>(\$44,709.12)</b>