

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**

**September 18, 2016
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sacred Liturgies

September 18 – Sunday

7:30 a.m. Charles Machacek

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

September 19 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Adolph & Helen Petru

10:00 a.m. Evelyn Rose (Nursing Home)

September 20 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Willie Harabis

September 21 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Robert Weitzel

September 22 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. John Polasek

September 23 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Father Charles Kram and Tommy Bozka

September 24 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Evelyn Novosad

September 25 – Sunday

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

9:30 a.m. Henry Moeller



Reflection on Today's Gospel

The Gospel teaches us that we cannot live with divided hearts. We cannot serve two masters. One way to keep our hearts undivided is to plant little visual reminders in key places of our daily lives. A rosary hanging from the rearview mirror doesn't have to be just pretty decoration, it can be a powerful reminder that our little daily decisions and actions are like little beads on the rosary: together they help hold the Kingdom together. Those of us who have offices can keep a small cross or crucifix on the desk, reminding ourselves that our work, when we do it responsibly and offer it to Christ, can be a channel for God's grace to spread in the world.

I know of one man who takes a few minutes every Sunday to come up with a phrase that will remind him of what struck him the most during Mass - maybe a word from the readings, the homily, or something that came to him while he was praying after communion. Then he uses that phrase all week. He puts it in his screen-saver at work. He programs it into text messages that he sends to himself. He writes it on a note card to use as a bookmark. It's a way to make sure that he keeps focused on serving Christ in all his day-to-day activities.

In the old Catholic countries of Europe, you still see what are called "wayside chapels" along the country roads. These are wooden crucifixes or statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary erected under protective wooden awnings. They were placed at intersections or roadsides as a way to remind travelers of their true destination, and to encourage them to pray as they traveled. This week, Jesus wants us to experience afresh the meaning that comes from serving Him in everything we do.

Let us erect some wayside chapels in our lives as a reminder of who we are and who we serve.

Father Bryan Heyer

A Year of Mercy Reflection



"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. Prayer is the best weapon we have, it is the key to God's heart."

– St. Pio de Pietrelcina

Ponder: how does reliance on the mercy of God take away worry? Do you worry too much? How does (or might) prayer help you remain hopeful and worry less?

Pray: Lord, teach me to worry less because my hope is in you.



Confessions

Saturday, 4:00-4:45 p.m.; Wednesday, 5:30-5:55 p.m.



Year of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage – October 2

Continuing our observance of the **Year of Mercy**, our parish will offer the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to two "Doors of Mercy" churches. Plans have been made to travel by bus to Holy Cross, Yorktown and Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria on **Sunday, October 2**. The bus will leave from the PAC at 12:30 p.m. with the first stop being Yorktown. There we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the church. This will be followed by lunch at a local restaurant in Yorktown. The pilgrimage will then continue to Victoria where the group will attend 6:00 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral to conclude the day. Arrival time back in Shiner will be around 8:30 p.m.

Reserve Your Space: In order to make bus and lunch arrangements we must know the number attending by **Wednesday, September 28**. Please call Sharon Patek at 594-3234 to reserve your space or answer any questions.

Bible Study: Everyone is invited to a weekly Bible study that resumes on **Monday, September 26**. Sessions are at 8:00 a.m. in the PAC and last about an hour. The readings from the weekend Mass are read and discussed. Even if weekly attendance is not possible – all are welcome any time.

"Mass 101 – Liturgy and Life" – is the topic of a class available on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. in St. Paul H.S. and presented via long distance by Father Bob Knippenberg. For information call Sharon at 594-3234.

RCIA Classes Begin September 28

RCIA is the process for adults interested in learning about the Catholic Faith. Interested parties may contact Mary Machacek at 401-1254 for more information.



Adoration Chapel Notice – New Time Available:

Friday afternoon hour open: There is a need for someone to serve as a backup for Father Bryan on Fridays from **4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** There are times when Father may not be able to take this hour and would like a backup person to call when that happens. Please call 594-3836 to volunteer for this hour or any of the other times listed below. **Other open hours are: Tuesdays:** 1:00 – 2:00 a.m. (every other week) and 2:00 – 3:00 a.m. (every other week). **Thursdays,** 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

CDA Installation of Officers will take place at the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, September 21. Members are also encouraged to attend to support the new slate of CDA officers.

Women's ACTS Retreat, October 13-16 – The retreat's goals are to deepen your relationship with Jesus, renew yourself spiritually, give new meaning to your prayer life and Sunday Liturgy, and build lasting friendships. You are invited to attend the upcoming retreat on **October 13-16.** Registration forms are available in church foyer.

Diocesan 29th Annual Catholic Conference, October 1, at Holy Family Church, Wharton beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding with Mass by Bishop Cahill at 4:30 p.m. The topic is "Prayer: The Faith Prayed". Bishop Cahill will deliver the keynote address that will focus on prayer and spirituality using the book *Gladly Will I Glory in My Infirmities*, about Fr. Charles Kram. This conference is for all adult Catholics and for anyone who wants to grow spiritually. Registration forms and conference schedule of all speakers are online at www.victoriadiocese.org.



Parish Choir Practice: Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. for singing on September 24.

Totus Tuus Chorum – Youth Choir: No rehearsals on Sept 21 or Sept 28. Rehearsals every Wednesday in October from 8:00 – 8:50 pm for the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, Nov 6.



Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Mary Ann Novak by Family

Church Bulletin Sponsor

In Memory of Lucille Roznovsky
By Hrcir Family

Children's Bulletin

In Memory of Ali Beal

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Agnes Kokas
By Kathy Kokas (King) & Tom King

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Charles Machacek By Family

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Zachary & Courtney Morkovsky



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes..... \$7,364.00
Loose Collections..... \$ 563.83
Repair Fund \$ 164.59

An emergency collection to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA to provide assistance to victims in flood ravaged Louisiana is being held this weekend. Please be generous in the second collection.



Picnic

September 18: St. Joseph, Moulton, Fried chicken & stew dinner; auction, games, hamburgers, music, drawing.



**St. Ludmila Convent
1916 – 2016**

Everyone is invited to join in the **100th Birthday Celebration** of the St. Ludmila Convent

building on Sunday, September 25. This impressive old building and historic facility is a witness to our past and an icon of our future. It is certainly fitting that we take the time to celebrate the role it has played in the Shiner community for the past 100 years. This Birthday celebration will focus on "Bringing Forth the New and the Old." Next Sunday, you will have the opportunity to tour the convent and to possibly relive some past memories. Everyone is also invited to enjoy breakfast at the Janak Music Center. **Come join in the celebration!**



HAPPY 100TH!
ST. LUDMILA CONVENT 1916 - 2016
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, 25, 2016
AFTER 7:30 & 9:30 MASS
TOURS OF THE CONVENT WILL BE GIVEN
BREAKFAST SERVED AT JANAK MUSIC CENTER



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

INCOME	
Collections	\$40,920.02
Seminarians Donation	1,000.00
Building Rentals	200.00
Repair Fund Collections	2,690.66
DSA Collected	1,535.00
Other Income	1,291.24
Religious Ed/Chastity Booklet Sales	127.00
Purgatorial Mass Offerings	75.00
Total Income for Month	\$47,838.92
EXPENSES	
Salaries/Benefits	\$15,687.92
Payroll Taxes	3,083.97
Seminarians Donation to Diocese	1,000.00
Utilities	1,464.59
Other Expenses	3,077.12
Auto Expense	88.73
Repairs and Maintenance	3,014.64
Religious Education Chastity Materials	321.90
Going Away Party-Fr. Kirby	54.57
Family Fun Day/Welcome Fr. Bryan	383.11
Priests Retreat	325.00
Safe Environment	40.58
Parish Office Supplies/Household	1,867.49
Education (School Subsidy)	
Total Expenses for Month	\$30,409.62
Monthly Income Exceeds Expenses	\$17,429.30

