

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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**

**November 6, 2016
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sacred Liturgies

November 6 – Sunday

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

9:30 a.m. Dennis Machart

November 7 – Monday

6:30 a.m. All Souls Novena

10:00 a.m. Marie Roeder (Nursing Home)

November 8 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Frank & Tillie Glomb

November 9 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Matthew Pohler

November 10 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. All Souls Novena

November 11 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Victor Svoboda

November 12 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Boyce John Michalec

November 13 – Sunday

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

9:30 a.m. Edwin Schmidt and

Rudolph & Minnie Fiedler



From the Pastor’s Desk

In two days, it is Election Day. We are constantly reminded of this by the constant political ads on radio and television. We are reminded to go and to vote. We are told that it is our “civil duty” or our “civil responsibility”. This is not true. It is not our duty. It is our right. We have the right to vote. It is one of the great gifts of our democracy. So what is our duty? What is our responsibility? For us, as Christians, as Catholics, we are to love God and our neighbor. We are to lift up those who are burdened. We should visit the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger. We are to forgive hurts, preach the Good News, and defend life at all stages. And in all things, give thanks and praise to God through prayer for what we have received and we will receive. In other words, our duty is to be faithful. We are to exercise our rights as faithful people. It is a struggle at times for sure. Faithfulness can waver. But we can be confident the Living God never wavers. St. Paul says, “But the Lord is faithful, he will strengthen you and guard you....” In Him, we must be confident. Regardless of elections, wars, persecution, and secular demands, we must be faithful. It is our duty; not only to God but also to our nation. “May the Lord direct your heart to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.”

Father Bryan



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

**Mass at Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Site,
Raphael’s Refuge, Flatonia**

Hundreds of pilgrims have journeyed to this Chapel to pray during the Year of Mercy. As we approach the end of this Jubilee Year, a Mass will be offered by Father Tommy Chen at the Chapel on **Friday, November 18**, at noon. Everyone is invited to attend. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served.



**All Saints Holy Hour –
Sunday, November 6, 5:00 p.m.**

Holy Hour

A holy hour to ask for the intercession of all the saints as we pray for our country, its citizens and leaders as we prepare for election day on November 8 will be held next Sunday,

November 6, at 5:00 p.m. Some of the petitions to be offered will include:

- That our participation in the election may lead to a world of greater justice and peace
- That the values of our faith may guide us as we exercise our responsibility as voters.

Parish youth will lead the service, which will conclude with Benediction by Father Bryan. Everyone is urged to attend.



A Year of Mercy Reflection

“We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish.” – St. Francis de Sales

PONDER: Do you feel like you know the special need that God fulfills through your life? If yes, what helps you to live out this vocation? If no, what steps can you take to seek out your vocation?

PRAY: Lord, help me to uncover the special place you have in mind for me to accomplish your will in the world.

Vocation Awareness Week – November 6 – 11

This special week is being observed in order to promote a greater awareness of the vocation we each have. We are reminded of this in the above quote from St. Francis de Sales. Whether married or single, priest or religious, we are all called to do God’s work in carrying out our vocation each day of our lives.

A Vocation Ministry Committee has been formed in our parish. Its members are Sharon Patek, Trish Kapavik, Annie Wenske, Darryl Kalich and Donald Pohler. They have set as their mission statement the following: “Through the intercession of Father Charles Kram, our mission is to open the hearts of the people of God, to hear God’s unique call for each of them, and to offer prayerful support and encouragement to follow it.”

Prayer Cards: Since prayer plays a crucial role in fulfilling this mission, prayer cards will be distributed at the Masses this weekend. The card will contain prayers for various vocation related intentions. Families are asked to use these prayers in their homes. During this week Shiner Catholic School students and Religious Ed students will also receive the prayer cards and will offer these prayers in their classes.

Baptisms for the Month of October, 2016:

We welcome in the parish family those baptized in our church in the month of October:

**Dyllan Paige Chrismon
Gracyn Michelle Chrismon
Kayden Taylor Chrismon
Dex Preston Woods**



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November:

Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Altar Society will meet Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. Hostesses: Laverne Madala, Mary Jane Patek, Ann Meyer.

The KJZT Society No. 5 will hold their meeting at the PAC on Sunday, November 13 at 8:30 a.m. Election of officers for 2017 term is on the agenda. Refreshments will be served. Please try to attend.

Bible Study: Mondays in the PAC, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Queen of Peace Prayer Group prays the Rosary Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. in Adoration Chapel. All are invited.

Ministry Schedules for November/December are available at the church entrances and on our parish website.

Thank You to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes who collected canned goods on Halloween and donated the food items to the SSCM Ministry Assistance.

Happy Birthday, Seminarian, Ryan Kapavik!
Our parish seminarian has a Birthday November 14. Why not take the time to send him a card and note of encouragement. Mail will reach him addressed as follows: Ryan Kapavik, St. Joseph Seminary, P. O. Box 456, St. Benedict, LA 70457



Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsal on Wednesday, November 9 from 8:00 – 8:50 p.m.

Parish Choir Practice, Monday, 6:00 p.m. choir will sing on November 26.

St. Cecilia's Choir Practice: Thursdays, November 9 & 16 at 10:00 a.m. – bring binders.

Laudate Dominum November schedule: Rehearsals on Mondays, Nov. 7 & 14, at 7:00 p.m. for the 9:30 Mass on Nov. 20.



Weekend Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Dennis Machart By Family

Church Bulletin & Children's Bulletin

In Memory of Dennis Machart By Family

Sanctuary Candles & Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Dennis Machart By Family

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

James & Linette Pustka



Church and School Memorials:

In grateful appreciation we wish to acknowledge memorials received in October.

Shiner Catholic School Endowment Fund:

In Memory of Gilbert Kacir, \$20

Shiner Catholic School Memorial Fund:

In Memory of Bernice Kutac, \$20

Pray For Our Country

As we draw nearer to Election Day, let us pray for our country. Continue to pray the novena prayer that was distributed last weekend. And be sure to exercise your right as a citizen and VOTE on Tuesday.

Veterans' Day - Friday, November 11



Shiner Catholic School students will participate in a program honoring all veterans at the 8:10 a.m. Mass, Friday. After Mass breakfast will be served in the school cafeteria. May God watch over and bless all veterans!



30th Annual Parish Strudel Sale – November 12

Strudel Orders & Pick-Up Times: The price is \$15 for an unbaked strudel (with simple baking instructions). Place orders by Thursday, November 10 by calling Quality Pharmacy, (594-2262); or Margie Kresta, (594- 2361) or emailing aduke@sscsmshiner.org. **The sale is at the K.C. Hall, and strudels can be picked up in drive-thru lines. Hours for pick-up are between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

Shelled Pecans – We received a nice quantity of pecans this past week. Thank you, thank you! If you have pecans to share, please bring to the parish office by Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Cash donations for apples and other supplies are coming in nicely. **We have donations for 43 boxes of apples out of the 100 needed. We also have all the sugar donated as well as all the margarine and coconut. Thank you one and all!**

A box of apples cost \$25. The cost of other ingredients still needed are: cracker crumbs, \$197; graham crumbs, \$328; raisins, \$213; flour, \$362; milk, \$120; cinnamon, \$38; aluminum foil, \$160. If you would like to make a donation for any of these ingredients, please call the parish office at 594-3836.

Donations may be left at parish office, in the collection basket or at Patek Grocery. Names of the Honor Roll of Cash Donors will be posted in church and at the Strudel Sale.

**Red Apple Honor Roll - \$25 - \$99 donation
Gold Apple Honor Roll - \$100 or more**

Volunteer Workers Needed: Men Women, Students!

We will need workers for various tasks all day. Obviously, we will need dough rollers until all the 2,000+ strudels are completed. You can pick your hours and come anytime. However, we are sometimes short of workers from about noon until mid-afternoon, when we hope to finish. There are also "sit down" jobs for anyone having a problem standing. Call Mary Rose at 594-2781 to volunteer for specific tasks.

Following is a general timeline for the various duties:

5:00 a.m. on ... apple coring and slicing

6:00 a.m. on ... melt butter, measure ingredients, roll strudels, wrap strudels, etc.

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: strudel check-out, assist with deliveries and transfer strudels to customers and freezers

About 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. – clean-up chores

Note: In 2015 we finished rolling around 2:00 – but of course that will depend on the number of rollers and other workers that come next Saturday.

Note to Students. There is an opportunity for students to sign up for specific times and tasks by going to the website <http://signup.com/go/Hm9cMU>. An email was sent to families of Catholic School and Religious Ed students with this information.

The K.C.'s will be serving hamburgers for the workers around noon next Saturday. Anyone wishing to provide cookies, chips or other finger foods for the workers may certainly do so. Please ...no dips.



Our Gifts to God – Weekend and Holy Day

Envelopes..... \$7,684.00
Loose Collections..... \$ 1,288.09
Repair Fund \$ 382.00

Our Second Collection this weekend will be for the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA.