

**SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Church of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas**

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**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 27, 2016**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**November 27 – Sunday**

7:30 a.m. John & Frances Machacek

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

**November 28 – Monday**

6:30 a.m. Lucy Vana

10:00 a.m. All Souls Novena (Nursing Home)

**November 29 – Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of

John Dennis & Bertie Wagner

**November 30 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Hilbert & Mary Henke

**December 1 – Thursday – Thanksgiving Day**

6:30 a.m. Alice Svoboda

**December 2 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. Allen Marek

**December 3 – Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

5:00 p.m. Ed & Julie Mraz

**December 4 – Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Boyd Morgan

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



**Advent begins November 27.** To help us on our spiritual journey through Advent to Christmas you will find The Little Blue Book at the entrances of the church. Please pick up one per family and use it to journey through this joyful season. These six-minute daily reflections on the Infancy Narrative of Luke will bring out the true meaning of this season.

**Bishop Brendan Cahill** will be sharing short video Advent messages on the Diocese of Victoria website [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) and Facebook pages, beginning November 28. They may also be shared on private Facebook pages and websites.



**FREE Community Christmas Dinner**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2016**  
**Call in reservations by December 1.**

Everyone in the Shiner Community is invited to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Dinner sponsored by our parish on Sunday, December 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the K.C. Dining Hall, dine-in only.

This dinner is a gesture of thanks and appreciation for the support our Church receives throughout the year from parishioners as well as other members of our community. On the menu will be turkey, dressing and trimmings. Make your reservations by calling the office at 594-3836 or email [aduke@sscmshiner.org](mailto:aduke@sscmshiner.org). **Please call in reservations by December 1.**

**New volunteers welcome!** If you have not been a part of this project in the past and would like to help, please call Betty Kosler at 361-649-4248. And if you helped before, we will welcome your help again!



**An Angel Tree** has been placed in the back of church with names of Shiner Nursing Home residents. Each angel on the tree has a gift suggestion for a particular resident. Parishioners are invited to choose an angel, purchase a gift, and return it to the parish office by December 14. Delivery of the gifts is planned for December 16.



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

**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.



**From the Pastor's Desk**

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving and it is one of my favorite holidays. We celebrate not with Roman candles or sparklers. We don't exchange presents or dress in costumes. We simply gather with family to share a meal and to give thanks for our lives and for each other. It is all about food, family and thanks.

Truth be told, it is something that shouldn't strike us as Catholics as special. It really should be something that we are used to. Because, the last Thursday in November is something we do every Sunday. The Eucharist is a Greek word that means literally, "thanksgiving". We gather each week as a family to share in the Lord's Supper, and we give thanks to God for our blessings and we lean on him in our struggles. Just like Thanksgiving Day. Heck, during the fall, we even have football. Our goal as Catholics, is that our everyday is lived with the same joy and intention as our last Thursday of November.

I would like all families here in Shiner, to know that everyday I give thanks for you. I have been blessed by the welcome I have received and truly have felt the love you have given me. This is such a beautiful area, community, and parish that I thank God for bringing me here. Sure, there are our challenges but the love that I feel for all of you is deep and true. Let us cultivate this parish and continually grow in love each and every day. God bless you all.

*Fr. Bryan*

**On Wednesday, November 30**, Religious Ed students are to report to their classrooms at 6:45 p.m. They will be attending an Advent Prayer Service in church with Food Procession at 7:15. Parents are encouraged to attend the service. Students will be dismissed from the church after the service.

**On Wednesday, December 7**, Religious Ed students will report to their classrooms at 6:20 p.m. and then attend the 6:30 Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

**A First Reconciliation Retreat** will be held on Sunday, December 4. Students and parents are asked to attend the 9:30 Mass. Students will then attend the First Reconciliation retreat at the school and parents will attend a class at the Parish Activity Center.

**First Reconciliation** will take place on Saturday, December 10, at 9:00 a.m. at the Church. This service is for parents and students.



**Catholic Daughters** will meet Monday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments and snacks served – no meal. Any member who has a favorite treat they'd like to share, feel free to bring. Members are invited to bring canned goods for the food pantry – items needed at this time include canned meats, tuna, tamales, and ravioli. The PAC will be open all day Monday for members wanting to drop off food items during the day.

**Attention: Altar Society Members** – At Father Brian's suggestion, and In keeping with the spirit of the Advent season, it was decided that this year's Christmas Party will be on Thursday, January 5 (instead of during Advent). The society will meet for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 13, at 2:00 p.m.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:** Magnetic decals are in the back of the Church (main entrance). Free will donation appreciated. Sponsored by Shiner Knights of Columbus.

**Totus Tuus Chorum:** Final rehearsal for the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Wed., Dec. 7 is Wed., Nov. 30, from 8:00 – 8:50 p.m.

**Parish Choir Practice**, Monday, Nov. 28, 6:00 p.m.



**Flowers on the Altar**

In Honor of John D. & Bertie Wagner  
On Their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Church Bulletin:**

In Memory of Geneva Wise By Family

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Honor of Living & Deceased Members of KJZT Society #5

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

By the Martinsen Family

**Vocations Cross**

Margie Kresta



**Extra Strudels Available:** A total of 1,987 strudels were made at our 2016 Parish Strudel Bake. There are extras left to sell. So spread the word and if you have relatives or friends who would like apple strudels for guests or gifts, call the office at 361-594-3836. The price is \$15.

**Fresh Made Tamales For Sale, December 8:** CDA members are taking orders for fresh tamales that will be for sale on Thursday, December 8 from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the PAC. The tamales will be regular flavored pork made at Grumpy's Mexican Café, Bracken. Price \$10/dozen. Pre-orders required - limited number of extras will be available. Call Betty Kosler, 361-649-4248, Quality Pharmacy at 594-2262, or Joan Simper at 713-594-2987 or [jmsimper@ymail.com](mailto:jmsimper@ymail.com) by December 1.

**Exposition of Sacred Relics – Treasures of the Church**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Corpus Christi is hosting a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on December 9 at 7:00 p.m. Over 150 relics will be shown, some believed to be as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalski. In addition, a piece of a veil believed to have belonged to Our Lady and a piece of the True Cross. Presenter will be Father Carolos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. For more information, see [treasuresofthechurch.com](http://treasuresofthechurch.com)



**Our Gifts to God – Weekend and Holy Day**

Envelopes.....	\$ 6,774.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 722.00
Repair Fund .....	\$ 375.00
Campaign for Human Development\$	345.11

**The Sts. Cyril & Methodius Assistance Ministry** provides assistance to the needy throughout the year. During this season of Thanksgiving, we have the opportunity to assist them in their ministry. The second collections this weekend will be for the SSCM Assistance Ministry.



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

<b>INCOME</b>	
Collections	\$37,458.84
Special Collection-World Missions	1,284.26
Seminarians Donation	1,000.00
Building Rentals	
Repair Fund Collections	5,526.05
DSA Collected	813.00
Other Income	1,141.44
Religious Ed/Chastity Books Sale	116.00
Purgatorial Mass Offerings	75.00
Church Windows	20.00
<b>Total Income for Month</b>	<b>\$47,434.59</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries/Benefits	\$15,673.92
Payroll Taxes	2,211.84
Seminarians Donation to Diocese	1,000.00
Religious Education Materials	35.00
Utilities	\$1,394.07
Other Expenses	1,437.53
DSA Payment to Diocese	413.00
Auto Expenses – Gas & Insurance	844.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,520.34
Strudel Bake Supplies	192.72
Parish Office Supplies/Household	1,737.00
DOV-Property Insurance	5,054.56
Safe Environment	18.00
Education (School Subsidy)	
<b>Total Expenses for Month</b>	<b>\$31,531.98</b>
<b>Monthly Income Exceeds Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,902.61</b>