

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent

Sacred Liturgies

December 4 – Sunday

7:30 a.m. Boyd Morgan

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

December 5 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Father Charles Kram

10:00 a.m. Joseph Tran (Nursing Home)

December 6 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Vietnamese
Dominican Community and Ester Perez

December 7 – Wednesday – Vigil of Holy Day

6:30 p.m. Herbert Marek

December 8 – Thursday – Holy Day

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

6:30 a.m. Hattie Knezek

8:10 a.m. 54th Wedding Anniversary of
Calvin & Dorothy Blackman

December 9 – Friday

8:00 a.m. Ann Kocian

December 10 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. August & Mary Welfl

December 11 – Sunday

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
KJT Society #20

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



From the Pastor's Desk

There is an old painting that I am sure many of you have seen of Jesus standing and knocking at a door holding a lantern. The interesting thing about that painting is that there is no door knob. It can only be opened from the inside. During the season of Advent, we are set to prepare the way of the Lord. We hear in the Gospel the shout of John the Baptist, "Repent! The Kingdom of heaven is at hand!" I relate to these images because when we know that someone important is coming to visit our house we will spend more time cleaning it up and setting everything in order. If we are caught unaware, often we make excuses for the mess usually saying, "If I had known you were coming, I would have _____." Jesus is coming, and he will be knocking at your door. We know this and we have known it for 2,000 years. So we really can't say it will be a surprise, nor can we make excuses. If Christ showed up at your door would you open the door with joy? Does the thought of Jesus coming feel you with fear? I remember a couple of years ago there was all this concern about the Mayan calendar coming to an end. So many people were scared and worried. I told them there is nothing to fear because Jesus will come back at the end and we will see Him in all His glory. "But I am not ready!" they said. My brothers and sisters, if the return of Jesus fills you with fear, if the thought of Jesus coming to your door makes you nervous, then maybe we need to focus our attention of this advent season on that fear and anxiety. May we all prepare our house, our hearts, and our parish for the coming of Christ and shun the fear so that we may proclaim the coming of Christ in the same way that Isaiah does in the first reading.

Fr. Bryan

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception



Thursday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be as follows: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, 6:30 and 8:10 a.m.

Parish Office will be closed Thursday, December 8. Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.



6th Annual Community Christmas Dinner
Sunday, December 4, 2016

More than 350 people have made reservations for the 6th Annual Community Christmas Dinner sponsored by our parish.

Keep in mind that serving time is from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the K.C. Dining Hall.

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.

Let us extend a warm welcome to all our sisters and brothers in Christ who come to this event as we gather as a community and wait with great anticipation the coming feast of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas.

Deanery Penitential Services Before Christmas:

December 12, 5:30 p.m., Shiner

December 13, 5:30 p.m., Hallettsville

December 15, 5:30 p.m., Moulton

December 16, 5:30 p.m., Yoakum

Confessions in our Parish: Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

No Confessions, Wednesday, December 7.



Angel Tree: Thanks to everyone who chose an angel from the tree last weekend. Please be reminded to return your gift to the parish office by December 14. Delivery of the gifts is planned for December 16.



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.

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.

Continuing Adult Education – Next Class will be on Tuesdays, January 10 – February 14, 2017. Course will be taught in Shiner via distance learning. Register on diocesan website. Fees must be paid by December 15. The topic of the course will be the Trinity.

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 the Immaculate Conception.

A First Reconciliation Retreat is being held, Sunday, December 4. Students and parents will 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 Cookies Project: CDA members are asked to bring two dozen cookies (preferably homemade) to the PAC anytime Tuesday, December 6, or by 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 7. PAC will be open at 7:00 a.m. on both days. These cookies will be delivered to shut-ins, those who have lost their spouses the past year, and others.

KJT Society #20 will meet on Sunday, December 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the PAC. A special presentation will be held during the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

K.J.Z.T. Society No. 5 is having their Annual Social on Sunday, December 11, at the Parish Dining Hall at 10:45. A catered meal will be served at 12:00. The Juniors will have a short program. Members and their families are invited and asked to bring a dessert. Please call in your reservations by December 10 to Mary Ann Marek, 594-2304, Rita Kurtz, 594-2286, or Dorothy Blackman, 594-4923.



Parish Choir Notice: No Practice December 5; there will be practice on December 12 & 19 for singing December 31.

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsals on Mondays, December 5 & 12 at 7:00 p.m. for the 9:30 Mass on December 18.

Totus Tuus Chorum: No rehearsals during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.



Sacred Relics in Hallettsville: The sacred relics exposition mentioned in last week's bulletin will be at Sacred Heart, Hallettsville on December 11. A presentation will be given by Father Carlos Martins in church at 2:00 p.m. The relics will be on display in the Sacred Heart gym after the talk and will run from 3:00 p.m. till? There will be over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years.

Gabriel Project – A pro-life ministry helping a mother in a crisis pregnancy is desperately in need of volunteers in all areas. Next meeting is Tues., Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. at 101 W. Convent St., Victoria (behind St. Mary's Church). To volunteer or for questions, call Barbara at 361-649-1612.



Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Allen Marek & Herbert Marek
By Mary Ann Marek & Family

Church Bulletin:

In Memory of Ed & Julie Mraz
By Dennis & Marilyn Mraz

Children's Bulletin:

In Memory of Laddie Wagner, Sr. By His Family

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Deceased Members of
Couvillon & Maillet Families

Adoration Chapel Candles:

In Memory of Father Charles Kram
By Hrcir Family

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Mary Rose & Clarence Barta

Shiner Catholic School News

December 5, Band Booster Club

Band Concert and Baked Potato Dinner

5:30 p.m. A BBQ Baked Potato Dinner will be served at the school cafeteria. Dine in or carry-out. Price: \$6.00.

6:30 p.m. Christmas Band Concert at the school gym. Everyone is invited.

Other Catholic School News:

December 5: National Honor Society Blood Drive will be held at the St. Paul Parking lot.

December 8: Holy Day – Students will attend Mass at 8:10 a.m. No Mass on Friday this week.



CDA Tamale Sale, December 8: If you ordered tamales, please note that pick-up time is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the PAC. There will be a limited number of extras available at \$10/dozen. Call Betty Kosler, 361-649-4248, for more information.



Strudel Bake News – New General Chairman Needed:

After 30 years of serving as General Chairman of this event, Mary Rose Barta is stepping down from this position. We are looking for someone to take over this responsibility in 2017. Mary Rose is ready to work with anyone willing to learning more about what is entailed. If interested, call her at 361-798-6556, or the parish office at 594-3836. In the meantime, the duties of this project have been divided into several sections with two or more people in charge of each area.

Strudel Committee Meeting: A meeting is being called to discuss this transition and to look ahead to 2017. Several people have agreed to serve in various areas. These individuals as well as anyone else interested in helping make this transition are asked to attend a short meeting on **Monday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m.** in the PAC. We are also open to any suggestions as to how to improve on what we are doing. If willing to help but unable to attend the meeting, please call Mary Rose at 361-798-6556.

Extra Strudels Available: 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.



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$ 6,483.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 822.51
Repair Fund	\$ 1,400.00

The Sts. Cyril & Methodius Assistance Ministry Collections

taken up over Thanksgiving totaled \$2,083.36. A big note of thanks goes to everyone for their generous donations. May God bless you for sharing with others!

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Church and School Memorials:

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

Church Memorial Fund:

In memory of George Roznovsky, \$20
In memory of Ester Perez, \$50

Church Repair Fund:

In memory of Ernest J. Hajek, \$25

Shiner Catholic School Memorial Fund:

In memory of Frances Pilat, \$20