

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 11, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent

Sacred Liturgies

December 11 – Sunday

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

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

December 12 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Hilda Schmidt

10:00 a.m. Healing for Carolyn Dossey and
Her Family (Nursing Home)

December 13 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Dwayne Biehunko

December 14 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Edith Harbers

December 15 – Thursday

11:00 a.m. B. J. & Adela Machart

December 16 – Friday

8:00 a.m. Eugene, Elizabeth & Cathy Simper

December 17 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of
Kral & Cerny Families

December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. Adolf & Vlasta Migl



Third Sunday of Advent

This Sunday, we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath, reminding us that our Advent Season is half over. It may be a good time to review what we have been doing to make this time of preparation for the coming Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas a very special time. Following are suggestions for daily activities or prayer times.

- Light a candle on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and pray to her for our country. She is the patroness of the Americas.
- Pray, "Let me see your face, O God. You are the desire of my heart."
- Breathe in, "Spirit of God, inspire me;" breathe out, "Spirit of God, unsettle me."
- Surprise a coworker with a Christmas card that expresses appreciation.
- Bake a Christmas bread for someone who won't talk to you.
- Share time with your family by candlelight. Turn off TV, video games, lights, phones. Name ten blessings your family enjoys and hopes to continue.
- Pray by name for every member of your family.
- Attend at least one extra Mass each week of Advent.
- Pray for those who abuse others verbally, sexually, emotionally and pray for their victims.
- Use the little "blue book" for daily Advent reflections.

Angel Tree Notice: If you chose an angel from the tree, please remember to return your gift to the parish office by Wednesday, December 14. Delivery of the gifts is planned for Friday, December 16.



Community Christmas Dinner Thank You's:

A big note of thanks goes to everyone who helped to cook, serve, entertain or assist in any way with the Community Dinner held last Sunday. Thanks also to members of the Pastoral Council who chaired the event. And special thanks to Vic Patek and Gerard Janak for providing musical entertainment. A total of nearly 450 people came to enjoy the good food and the camaraderie of this community dinner sponsored by our parish. May God bless you one and all!

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

There will be six priests available for Confessions at each of these services.

Additional Times for Confessions in our Parish:

Wednesday, December 14, 5:00 – 5:50 p.m.

Saturday, December 17, 3:30 to 4:50 p.m.

Reminder: Father Bryan will be the only priest hearing at these times.



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.

Religious Ed Students will have their last class before Christmas break on Wednesday, December 14.

Ministry Schedules for January and February are available in church and on our parish website.



Adoration Chapel Schedule: The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Thursday, December 22, at 5:00 p.m. No exposition until Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

Christmas Flowers: Donations for the Christmas poinsettias for decorating our church will be greatly appreciated. Donors may leave in collection basket or stop by parish office.

Shiner Catholic School News

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.

Altar Society will meet in the PAC at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, for their regular monthly meeting. Members are reminded that the Altar Society Christmas Party will be on Thursday, January 5 at 2:00 p.m.

CDA & K.C.'s will have a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 15 at the K.C. Hall. The K.C.'s will be serving a meal. CDA members are asked to bring either a chip and dip or a dessert. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with meal to be served at 7:00 p.m. All members and their families are invited to attend.

Keep Christ in Christmas: Magnetic decals are in the back of the Church (main entrance). Free will donation appreciated. Sponsored by Shiner K.C.'s.



Parish Choir Notice: Practice on Tuesday, December 13 & Monday December 19, 6:00 p.m. for singing December 31.

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsal on Monday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. (after Penance Service) for the 9:30 Mass on December 18. Please note the time change.



Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Frantisek & Marie Branecky Family
By Frankie Kubicek

Church Bulletin

In Honor of Living & Deceased Members of KJT Society #20

Sanctuary Candles

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

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Millard & Wilma Sonntag
By David & Brigid Sonntag

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Mary Rose & Clarence Barta



Our Gifts to God This Week

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| Envelopes..... | \$ 8,162.00 |
| Loose Collections | \$ 553.00 |
| Repair Fund | \$ 319.00 |

This weekend's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Students will be having Mid-term exams this week. Classes will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays on December 15.

Catholic Schools Sweepstakes: Students are currently selling tickets for this raffle being sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance. All proceeds sold by local students benefit Shiner Catholic School. Grand prize in the raffle includes the choice of 2017 Ford F-150 Truck or 2017 Ford Fusion Sedan or \$20,000 prepaid Visa credit card. The drawing will be held January 14, 2017.

Each participating school will have a \$1,000 prepaid Visa credit card individual winner drawn from tickets sold at each school. Contact any student or the school offices to purchase tickets at \$5 each.



Strudels for Sale after Masses, December 17/18. To make it more convenient for anyone needing strudels for holiday guests or gifts, members of the Strudel Committee will be in front of church after Masses next weekend, December 17/18. We have quite a few extras left to sell. And, as you know, they do keep for months in the freezer. The price is \$15. They will also continue to be on sale at the parish office during regular office hours until we are sold out.

Strudel Thank You's:

- ❖ To all the many, many workers who volunteered for various tasks before, during and after the Strudel Bake.
- ❖ To all the cash donors who helped pay for the supplies for the strudels.
- ❖ To the following individuals and merchants who made very generous donations of cash and/or use of equipment or other services:
 - ◆ Maeker's Processing, Doug & Melanie Nevlud
 - ◆ Werner's Restaurant, Robert & Susan Werner
 - ◆ Pustka Electric, Leo Pustka
 - ◆ Friday's, Vic & Karen Patek
 - ◆ Dana & Pam Cimrhanzl
 - ◆ Joe Marek
 - ◆ Alton & Debbie Fojtik

30 Years of Strudel Making: It is interesting to note that the total number of strudels we have made and sold at our Parish Strudel Bakes during the past 30 years is an amazing sum of 59,707. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of this parish project.



News from Our Diocese

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.

The Catholic Lighthouse: Parishioners who wish to receive a paper copy of the Lighthouse may subscribe by calling (361) 573-0828 or online at <http://www.victoriadiocese.org/subscribe-now>. Although the deadline to submit pictures, ads and other material for the paper is usually the 15th of the preceding month please send information for the January, 2017 Lighthouse by December 10th due to the extended holiday.

Emmaus Center, Victoria:

To make counseling and spiritual direction appointments call 361-212-0830 or go to www.emmauscounselingcenter.com

