

**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

**December 18, 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**December 18**

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

9:30 a.m. Adolf & Vlasta Migl

**December 19 – Monday**

6:30 a.m. Frances Berger

10:00 a.m. Gladys Veit (Nursing Home)

**December 20 – Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Deacon Joe Machacek –  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

**December 21 – Wednesday**

\*6:30 a.m. Ben Svoboda

**December 22 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Vera Orsak

**December 23 – Friday**

8:00 a.m. Agnes Pustka

**December 24 – Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of  
Pustka & Stock Families

**December 25 – Nativity of the Lord - Christmas**

Midnight Joe Mozisek & Jeremy Mozisek

7:30 a.m. Clarence Wenske

9:30 a.m. Priest's Intention

**\*Please note:** Wednesday Mass will be at 6:30 a.m.  
No Mass in the evening.



**Church Windows Restoration Continues**



This past week, another one of the stained glass windows in our church windows restoration project was put back in its original place on the front left of our sanctuary. The cost for this window was \$32,000. This completes the large windows on the left of the church. Next the smaller windows on the same side will be restored sometime in 2017.

We are so very grateful for a recent anonymous generous donation in the amount of \$25,000 for our windows project. Thanks as well to all others who have made donations, be they large or small, that will make it possible for this project to continue.

How fitting and appropriate that this most recently restored window depicts the Nativity of the Lord – and it was returned just in time for Christmas! What a perfect opportunity this window will provide for reflection during this final week of Advent and throughout the coming Christmas season. Take some time to stop and take a closer look at it and reflect on the true meaning of the gift of Jesus to all of us. Let our prayer be “Come, Lord Jesus, Come!”

**Bible Study Notice:** This weekly class has been dismissed for the Christmas holidays. Next class will be on Monday, January 9. Plan now to make a New Year's resolution to increase your knowledge of Scripture by attending this class – even if it is only occasionally. All are welcome anytime!

**Queen of Peace Prayer Group** prays the Rosary Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. in Adoration Chapel.

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



**Adoration Chapel Schedule for Holidays:**

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 our church will be greatly appreciated. Donors may leave in collection basket or stop by parish office.

**Decorate Church for Christmas:** Members of the Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee will be decorating the church at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21.

**Office Hours:** The parish office will be closed for the Christmas holidays Friday, December 23 and will remain closed until January 3, 2017.

**Parish Choir Notice:** Practice on Monday December 19, at 6:00 p.m. for singing December 31.



**Flowers on the Altar**

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

**Church Bulletin**

In Memory of Paul E. Stock  
By Mary Ann Stock and Family

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Colby Craig By Allen & Bea Krejci

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

By the Martinsen Family

**Vocations Cross**

Mary Rose & Clarence Barta

**The Feast Day of the Holy Innocents**, on Wednesday, December 28, will be celebrated in a special way at Raphael's Refuge, Inc., Flatonia. Bishop Cahill, Fr. Tommy Chen, Msgr. Joseph Hybner and Fr. Eddie Winkler will be celebrants at an 11:00 a.m. Mass at their chapel. A Rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome and invited.



**Catholic Schools Sweepstakes:**

Students are selling tickets for a 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. Drawing will take place 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 a student or the school offices to purchase tickets at \$5 each. Offices will be closed for the Christmas holidays.



**Strudels for Sale After Masses:**

Committee members will be offering strudels for sale after this weekend's Masses – in front of church if weather permits – or in Parish Activity Center. These unbaked pastries keep for months in the freezer – so if you need some for guests, gifts, or other occasions during the coming year, be sure to stop by. Price: \$15. They will also continue to be on sale at the parish office during regular office hours until sold out.

**Cheese Rolls for Sale After Masses:**

Several students, who have taken on a project of making and selling cheese rolls for the benefit of the St. Ludmila Convent Restoration project, will also be selling their baked pastries after this weekend's Masses. Price: \$20. For more information go to Convent Cause on Facebook, or email [hull04@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hull04@sbcglobal.net)

**Tamales For Sale:**

There are a very limited number of tamales left from the CDA Tamale Sale of last week. Call or stop by the parish office to purchase these at \$10/dozen.



**Blood & Platelet Drive – In Memory of Matthew Pohler:**

This drive is being held on Tuesday, December 20 in the Parish Activity Center from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p. m. in memory of Matthew Pohler. It is being sponsored by the MD Anderson Blood Bank Center. Everyone is encouraged to “Be a Hero, Donate Blood!” Go to <http://tinyurl.com/donate4life1216> to schedule an appointment. Or call Melanie Nevlud at 361-649-0113 for information.

**Continuing Adult Education:** Next Class will be on Tuesdays, January 10 – February 14, 2017. Course will be taught in Shiner via distance learning. The topic of the course will be The Trinity.



**Emmaus Center, Victoria:**

To make counseling and spiritual direction appointments call 361-212-0830 or go to [www.emmauscounselingcenter.com](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com)



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

Envelopes..... \$ 8,186.00  
 Loose Collections ..... \$ 1,624.94  
 Retirement Fund for Religious... \$ 456.26



**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church – Income & Expenses**

**November, 2016**

INCOME	
Collections	\$36,832.77
All Saints Day Collection	1,853.00
Seminarians Donation	1,000.00
Special Collections	653.61
Repair Fund Collections	2,489.87
DSA Collected	1,077.00
Building Rentals	405.00
Other Income	1,476.99
Religious Ed/Chastity Books Sale	39.00
Purgatorial Mass Offerings	325.00
Strudel Bake Sales	29,288.00
Church Windows	25,020.00
<b>Total Income for Month</b>	<b>\$100,460.24</b>
EXPENSES	
Salaries/Benefits	\$15,477.36
Clergy Assistance	25.00
Payroll Taxes	2,139.59
Seminarians Donation to Diocese	1,000.00
Religious Education Materials	643.09
Utilities	1,572.57
Other Expenses	857.02
DSA Payment to Diocese	
Auto Expenses – Gas & Insurance	100.65
Repairs & Maintenance	4,357.61
Strudel Bake Supplies	3,972.49
Parish Office Supplies/Household	388.52
DOV-Property Insurance	5,054.56
Education (School Subsidy)	
<b>Total Expenses for Month</b>	<b>\$35,588.46</b>
<b>Monthly Income Exceeds Expenses</b>	<b>\$64,871.78</b>