

**SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

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The Rev. Bryan Heyer, Pastor**

**Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer  
Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Joe Machacek**

**December 25, 2016**

**The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas**

**Sacred Liturgies**

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

Midnight Joe Mozisek and Jeremy Mozisek

7:30 a.m. Clarence Wenske

9:30 a.m. Priest's Intention

**December 26 – Monday**

No Mass

10:00 a.m. Communion Service (Nursing Home)

**December 27 – Tuesday**

No Mass

**December 28 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. David Marcak

**December 29 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Larry Dierschke

**December 30 – Friday**

8:00 a.m. Jim Kral (Anniv.)

**December 31 – Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Gene Nagelmueller

**January 1 – Sunday–Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

7:30 a.m. Allan Ondrusek and Henry Zissa

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

Lastly, it is important for all of us to remember that this time of year is not a joyous time for everyone. For many individuals and families, there is struggle and grief. This Christmas is a first for many to be without loved ones that have died this year. There are people that are displaced and unable to be with their families. There are military families that have mom or dad, son or daughter, serving in a distant country; some in harm's way. Many are alone and many are lonely. Let us seek them out. Let us pray earnestly for them. Let us support them and bring them hope.

May the Christ Child lie in the manger of your heart now and forever!

Father Bryan Heyer



**From The Pastor's Desk**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

We have come through four weeks of preparation both in the worldly sense and in the spiritual sense. The tree has been trimmed. The gifts have been wrapped. The meals have been planned. Family members have congregated from near and far. We have gone to confession. We have lit the candles of our wreaths. We have prayed, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Ready or not, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord is upon us.

I wish all of you a very blessed and happy Christmas. I have been greatly blessed by all of you and your love. There is not a day that goes by (even the difficult or busy ones) that I don't thank God for bringing me here to this parish and town. I truly love you all. I also wish to give thanks for all the gifts that I have received. Of course, I can tell that I have gained about 5 lbs. from all the sweets and meals that have been delivered to the rectory. Your generosity is not merely reflective of the season but is more of a testament to how this community exists. I pray that we may all continue our spirit of charity to all we meet not only during Christmas but throughout the year. God bless you all!

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**The Feast Day of the Holy Innocents, Wednesday, December 28,** will be celebrated 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.

**Office Hours:** The parish office will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 23 until January 3.

**Parish Choir Practice,** Monday, Dec. 26, 6:00 p.m. for singing on Dec. 31.

**Laudate Dominum:** Rehearsals on Mondays, Dec 26, Jan 2, and Jan 9 at 7:00 p.m. for 9:30 Mass on Jan 15.

**Special Programming on EWTN:** Enrich your faith this Christmas season with special programming on EWTN. Pray along at the Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy concerts from Europe and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land – all on EWTN television.



**Church Bulletin**

In Memory of Deceased Members of Cimrhanzl and Desmond Families

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Johnnie & Hattie Knezek and Ervin and Clarence Wenske

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

By the Martinsen Family

**Vocations Cross**

Clarence & Mary Rose Barta



**Our Gifts to God This Week**

Envelopes.....	\$ 6,047.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 609.53
Repair Fund .....	\$ 420.55

**January 1, 2017**

**The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**January 1 – Sunday–Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

7:30 a.m. Allan Ondrusek and Henry Zissa

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

**January 2 – Monday**

No Mass

10:00 a.m. Communion Service (Nursing Home)

**January 3 – Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Vietnamese

Dominican Community and Fred Koenning, Jr.

**January 4 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Edmund Zissa (Anniv.)

**January 5 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Maria Tran

**January 6 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. Erna Seidel

**January 7 – Saturday**

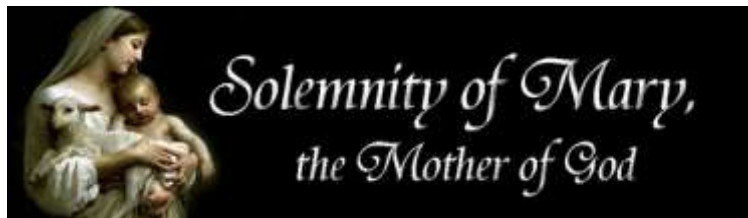
8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

5:00 p.m. Willie Marcak

**January 8 – Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord**

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

9:30 a.m. Edward Beal



**The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God,** on

January 1, is a Solemnity honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. By celebrating this solemnity of Mary's motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that he is both human and divine. There is a beautiful significance in celebrating Mary during the heart of the Christmas season. Pope Paul VI, in his apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus* (1974), called the Solemnity of Mary "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf. Lk 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace."

**The Christmas Season:** The liturgical season of Christmas continues until January 9, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this entire season we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with Him. Let us not be in a hurry to put away the traditional symbols of this season, i.e. the Christmas tree, the Nativity scene, the extra greenery and other décor. Let us use them as a reminder to honor God the Father's gift of his only Son to the world, a gift that we should celebrate throughout the Christmas season.

**2017 Church Calendars** are available at the church entrances. Please take only one per family. We take this opportunity to thank the sponsors of the calendars: Patek Grocery & Market, Inc., First National Bank, Robert Adamek Insurance, Maeker's Sausage & Processing, Mraz Lumber Co., Inc., and Friday's Fried Chicken.

**From the Parish Records:** A review of our parish Sacramental records from 2016 reveal the following statistics: Baptisms, 39; First Communions, 28; Confirmation, 38; Marriages, 19; funerals, 19.

**Thank You:** A special note of thanks goes to Mraz Lumber Co., Inc. for generously sponsoring the Community Christmas Dinner that our parish served on December 4. This is the sixth year they have provided this support and the parish is very grateful. Thank you, thank you!

**Thank You** to the donors of the Christmas flowers for our church. Thanks also to the Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee members for decorating the church and making it special for the Christmas season.



**Altar Society Christmas Party:** The society will hold its party on Thursday, January 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. Members are asked to bring a food item for the lunch and a \$5 gift for exchanging. There will be no other January meeting.



**Adoration Chapel Schedule:**

No exposition until Tuesday, January 3, at 7:00 a.m., when the regular schedule will resume. Note: There is a need for someone to take 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. hour on Thursdays every other week. Please call the office if you can help.

**Bible Study:** Next class will be on Monday, January 9, 8:00 a.m. in the PAC. All are welcome.

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



**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.

**Classes Resume:** Catholic School students will resume classes on Tuesday, January 3. Religious Ed students return to classes Wednesday, January 4.



**Church Bulletin**

In Memory of Edmund Zissa  
By His Wife Lucille

**Children's Bulletin**

In Honor of Living and Deceased Members of the  
Altar Society

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

By the Martinsen Family

**Vocations Cross**

Virginia & David Vinklarek

**Note:** There are openings for bulletin sponsors, candles, and flowers in 2017. To book a date, stop by or call the parish office at 594-3836.



**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January:**

Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

