

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Church of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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January 15, 2017
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Liturgies

January 15 – Sunday

7:30 a.m. Marvin Kram

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

January 16 – Monday

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

January 16 - January 19

No Masses

January 20 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Louis & Irene Matias

January 21 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Paul & Matilda Kremling

January 22 – Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Joe & Annie Adamek, Betty Kutac, Willie Werner, Leonita & John Malinovsky, John Kutac, Trista Ken Sevcik

Pro-Life Eucharistic Procession – Sunday, January 22

Our parish annual Pro-Life Eucharistic Procession will be held on **Sunday, January 22**. All parishioners and families are invited and urged to participate. Let us gather for this public expression of our faith and belief in the dignity of all life and also to give praise and adoration to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

- The **procession** begins at Welhausen Park at 2:00 p.m. Participants will follow the Blessed Sacrament and walk to the church while praying the Rosary. Speakers will be provided along the route.
- **Parish organizations** are invited to carry their banners. Organization representatives will lead the Rosary and K.C. members will carry the canopy.
- **All altar servers** are invited to participate wearing their server alb.
- **A bus** will provide transportation from the church parking lot to Welhausen Park, leaving at 1:45 p.m.
- **Closing Prayers:** Those unable to walk in procession are invited to pray in church until the procession arrives for the closing prayers and Benediction.



Today's Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 and is the second of the "suffering servant" prophecies, found in Isaiah. These were prophecies uttered during the Babylonian exile to encourage the Jewish exiles to persevere in their trust in Yahweh, who would soon liberate them from Babylon, and eventually send them the long-expected Messiah, promised to Abraham.

The **second reading** is from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3. The opening verses of this letter have been chosen for the reading because they show the prophecy, read in the first lesson, as fulfilled among the pagans, as well as emphasizing the purpose of the Messiah's coming: the sanctification and true enlightenment of all nations.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 1:29-34. The pages of the Gospel present John the Baptist as a symbolic example of a 'bridegroom's friend', as Christ's excellent and exemplary witness. The Baptist's pre-eminent witness was affirmed in two ways: firstly with regard to the content of his testimony and secondly with respect to its style.

Excerpts from catholicculture.org



9 Days for Life: January 21 – January 29

These nine days, beginning next Saturday, have been designated by the U.S. bishops as a time of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. While the overarching intention of these days of prayer is the end to abortion, each day can be used to focus on a different aspect of respecting the God-given dignity for people of all ages. Nine days of novena prayers are available at www.usccb.org/respectlife. Or one can simply add these intentions to daily prayers. The following quote provides a reflection:

"From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection. ... Let's ask God to make us channels of his loving mercy." – Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.



Priests' Retreat: Father Bryan will be on retreat for the next two weeks. For this reason there will be no Masses here January 16 – 19 and January 23 – 26. He will be here for Masses on Fridays and the weekends.



A Baptismal Class: for parents and godparents anticipating Baptism will be held, Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. Pre-registration required by calling the parish office at 361-594-3836.

Shiner Catholic School News

If you are interested in sending your child to Shiner Catholic School, please call the school office at (361)594-3843. We'd love to meet with you and schedule a tour.

Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Marvin Kram By Family

Children's Bulletin and Adoration Chapel Candles

By Glen & Jo Ann Kloesel

Church Bulletin

In Memory of Fr. Dan O'Brien
By Dennis & Marilyn Mraz

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Yvette & Jon Branecy



Bible Study: It's a new year – why not consider something new. Come join in the weekly Bible Study held on Mondays from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the PAC. Readings for the following Sunday are studied and all are invited to attend.

Adoration Chapel Open Hour: Someone is needed to take the hour of Wednesday, 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Please call the parish office at 594-3836.



Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsals resume on Wed, Jan. 18, 8:00 – 8:50 p.m. All students in grades 7 – 12 are eligible for membership. Now would be a great time to join! Contact Mrs. Egan at marthaegan110@gmail.com or 594-8554 for details and information.

Parish Choir Practice: January 16 & 23 at 6:00 p.m. for singing at Mass on January 28.



K.C. Notices:

Officers' Meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting, Thursday, January 19. Social at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Yearly dues are due.

Coming Soon: Super Bowl Sunday BBQ plate lunch, February 5. Proceeds benefit the parish. Volunteers needed.

CDA Membership Drive and Noodle Soup Supper,

January 23. A reception ceremony for new members will take place at the monthly meeting on January 23 in the PAC, 6:30 p.m. Noodle soup and trimmings will be served. Annual dues of \$25 are due. All Catholic women age 18 and older are invited to join the CDA. Anyone interested is asked to call Margie Kresta at 594-2361.



FORMED – An Online Program of Catholic Learning:

FORMED.org is a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies. Our parish has subscribed to this website that offers personal faith formation and catechism for parishioners of all ages. **Visit our parish website** at sscmshiner.org, under Faith Formation click on FORMED.org. Enter our **parish code: 6Z3HJX** and check out all the resources. Pick up a card at the church doors with website and parish password information. *For questions, contact Sharon Patek at 361-594-3234.*

Highlights for this week include:

January 21: Program on Saint Agnes, "Desire of the Everlasting Hills" and an audio entitled "From Love, By Love, For Love."

January 22: National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, Program titled "40" and a Movie "Skiff & AJ's Fantastic Voyage" and e-book titled "Redeemed by Grace."

Continuing Adult Education: Weekly classes held on Tuesdays through February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Paul H.S. The topic is "The Trinity." New members welcome.

Save the Dates: Catholic Schools Week **January 29 – February 3**

Sunday, January 29

Pancake Breakfast in the Cafeteria 7:30-11:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 2

Noodle Soup Dinner/School Talent Show

Please watch the bulletin for times and details pertaining to Catholic Schools Week.

Notice: The position of Director of Marketing and Advancement is open at Shiner Catholic School. For more information and to apply for this position, visit the school website: www.shinercatholicsschool.org



Strudels for Sale: Keep some on hand for this tasty treat any time of the year. Remember, they keep for months in the freezer. Price: \$15. Stop by the parish office.

Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$ 8,280.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 661.00
Repair Fund.....	\$ 255.00

A Special Collection for the Church in Latin America will be taken up next weekend, January 21/22. The second collection will be for this cause.



Diocesan Services Appeal: To date, a total of \$32,065.00 has been submitted to the diocese from our parishioners during 2016. That leaves a total of \$21,786.00 still to be paid for our annual assessment, which is due at the end of February, 2017. If you haven't made a donation for 2016, please consider doing so at this time in order to help meet this assessment.



Diocesan News

Counseling in the Catholic Tradition – Emmaus Center, Victoria:

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



February 12, 2017 – 10th Annual Catholic Knowledge Bowl.

For more information go to the diocesan website at www.victoriadiocese.org or call 361-573-0828, ext. 2224.

The Diocese of Victoria has an opening for a Human Resources Director. A degree in HR Management is preferred or related experience. Position reports to the CFO. For qualifications, job description, and application, visit: www.victoriadiocese.org. The closing date to apply is January 31