

**SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**The Rev. Bryan Heyer, Pastor**

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

**February 26, 2017**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**February 26 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 a.m. Robert Pavelka

**February 27 – Monday**

6:30 a.m. Tim Massie and Eugene Gillar

10:00 a.m. Robert Siegel (Nursing Home)

**February 28 – Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. August Patek

**March 1 – Ash Wednesday**

6:30 a.m. Eugene Vincik, Sr.

8:10 a.m. Frank Orsak

12:10 p.m. Ben Marcak

6:30 p.m. Joseph & Mary Novosad

**March 2 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Mary Ann DeBord

**March 3 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. Newton & Ruth Maillet

12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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**March 4 – Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

5:00 p.m. Mary Lou Zissa

**March 5 – First Sunday of Lent**

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

9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of  
Adolph & Frances Hybner Family



*Ash Wednesday*  
*Remember that you are dust,*  
*and to dust you shall return.*  
*-Ecclesiastes 3:20*

**Ash Wednesday:** Lent Begins Wednesday, March 1. Masses on this day will be at 6:30 and 8:10 a.m. and at 12:10 and 6:30 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at each of these services. It is also a day of FAST and ABSTINENCE. See Father Bryan's message in next column.

**Stations of the Cross** should be a part of our Lenten observance. This week the Stations will be on Friday at 12:30 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m.

**The Little Black Book** presents daily reflections to use for Lent. The reflections begin today, Sunday, February 26 and the books are available at the church entrances. Please pick up one for your family.

**Lent – A Good Time to Learn More About Our Faith.** One such opportunity is **Bishop Cahill's Class** on "Church" being held on Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:15 p.m., in St. Paul H.S. (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). Even if you cannot attend every class, you are welcome. Call Sharon at 594-3234 for more details.



**From the Pastor's Desk**

This is the last Sunday before we begin the season of Lent and I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of their obligations during this penitential season. Lent is characterized by three disciplines or pillars: **prayer, fasting and**

**almsgiving.** In regards to prayer, the Catechism states that: The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the "domestic church" where God's children learn to pray "as the Church" and to persevere in prayer. For young children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the Church's living memory as awakened patiently by the Holy Spirit (Catechism, No. 285). This Lent could be a great time for families to begin or renew praying together. The tradition of a family Rosary would be wonderful especially as this is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. I would also encourage, in this digital age, that we download one of the many Catholic prayer apps available to help us in this endeavor. Some of my favorites are **Laudate and iBreviary.**

**Following the laws of fasting and abstinence** is one of the six precepts of the Church. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (two small meals and one regular meal, no eating in between) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **FASTING** is to be observed by all, 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. **ABSTINENCE** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted (CCL, Nos. 1251-1252).

**Giving alms to the poor**, also one of the six precepts of the Church, is one of the most concrete ways of charity. "It is also a work of justice pleasing to God: He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none, and he who has food must do likewise. But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you. If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?" (Catechism, Nos. 2462 and 2447).

**One of the longstanding traditions of our Faith is that of tithing.** The idea of tithing is that we give 10% of any of our income to God (See Gn 14:20;28:22 and Mal 3:8-11). If you haven't been tithing, Lent can be a great time to start. Simply focus on every paycheck that you get, every gift that you receive, any cash that someone gives to you, and take 10% out of that to give to the poor, to your favorite charity or to the Church on Sunday.

Father Bryan Heyer

**Religious Ed Class Notes:** Students are expected to attend one of the Ash Wednesday Masses with their families. No formal classes this week.

**Adoration Chapel Hours Filled:**

Thank you to the two new volunteers who signed up to fill the open hours in the chapel. May Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament bless and reward you abundantly!

**Liturgy Assignments** for March 2017 are available in church and on our parish website.



**Altar Society Bake Sale This Weekend  
February 25/26**

The sale will be held in front of church after all the Masses. Members are asked to donate baked goods or make a cash donation. Members may also pay their 2017 dues and new members may sign up at the Bake Sale.

**New Members Welcome!** All ladies of the parish are invited to join. Even if you cannot attend meetings, you can join by making a donation of \$15. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated!

**Strudels for Sale:** There will also be unbaked frozen strudels from our Parish Strudel Bake for sale at the Altar Society Bake Sale this weekend. Price: \$15.



**Catholic Daughters** will meet Monday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC. A meal will be served and 25, 50 and 60 year members will be recognized. New members welcome!

**Bible Study:** Mondays, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the PAC.

**Parish Choir Practice:** Monday, February 27, 6:00 p.m.

**Laudate Dominum:** Rehearsals on Mondays, March 6 & 13 for the 9:30 mass on March 19. New members always welcome. Contact Marty Egan at 361-594-8554 or marthaegan110@gmail.com.



**Thank you, thank you!**

We have three new volunteers who graciously agreed to help with the church cleaning tasks. Thanks to Dolly Boehm, Laurie Rother, and Jennifer Herman for volunteering. They have been added to the list of approximately 25 other parishioners who comprise five groups who rotate the weekly cleaning of our church. May God bless you all for your service to the parish!



**Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace!!** God's Embrace Ministries invites you to attend the new Team-Based retreat experience. Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. The Retreat will be held at God's Embrace Ministries Retreat Center at 1601 High Hill Rd, Schulenburg. The weekend begins 5:00pm Friday, March 24, and concludes Sunday, March 26 with 12:30 p.m. Mass held at St. Mary Church in High Hill. Open to couples and singles - men and women. Space is limited so register soon online at [www.godsembrace.org](http://www.godsembrace.org) or call 979-561-8883.

**FORMED - An Online Program of Catholic Learning** features Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies. Visit our parish website at [sscmshiner.org](http://sscmshiner.org), under the Faith Formation tab click on [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org). Enter our parish code: 6Z3HJX. For questions, contact Sharon at 361-594-3234

**Church Bulletin**

In Memory of Lawrence Veit and Mike & Lillie Janak, Julius Janak and Norbert Janak by Mary Jo Veit & Family

**Children's Bulletin**

In Memory of Felix Chumchal by Family

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Agnes Cerny By Felix Cerny

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

Martinsen Family

**Vocations Cross**

Frank & Karen Darilek



**Shiner Catholic School News**

- ◆ **Congratulations to Mr. Andy Kocian**, who has been named the 2017 Distinguished Alumni for Shiner Catholic School. Mr. Kocian attended St. Ludmila Academy and St. Paul High School, graduating with the class of 1969. He has dedicated his life to Catholic education in our community.
- ◆ **Fr. Bryan Heyer** has been named the 2017 Distinguished Alumni of Nazareth Academy.
- ◆ **Join us in congratulating** these wonderful men, both exemplary products of our Catholic school system in the Diocese of Victoria.
- ◆ **Shiner Catholic School** will hold its annual **Mardi Gras Parade** on February 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome to attend.



**For Sale: School Bus Barn.** located behind Janak Music Center. Building is 30 x 40 feet and may be moved or disassembled. Building doesn't include lawn mower storage area or aluminum can recycle area. Sealed bids should be marked "School Bus Barn Bid" and must be delivered or mailed to parish office at 306 South Avenue F, Shiner, TX 77984, by noon March 6, 2017. If awarded the bid, building must be removed or disassembled and removed from the premises between March 11 & 18 (school spring break). For more information, contact Deacon Joe Machacek at 594-3836 or 550-6080. Minimum bid: \$5.00.



**Tuesday, February 28: Cardinal Booster Club Fat Tuesday Pork Steak Dinner Fundraiser** - Menu: pork steak, giblet rice and beans. Price: \$9.00. Serving in drive-through lines, K.C. Hall: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at local businesses. Proceeds benefit all athletic programs for students in Pre-K-12

**March 5: CDA/JCDA 4-Piece Kettle Fried Chicken Dinner:** Menu will include 4 pieces fried chicken, giblet rice, green beans. Price: \$9.00. Serving in drive-thru lines, K.C. Hall, 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Tickets available from JCDA members and at local businesses.



**Our Gifts to God This Week**

Envelopes.....	\$ 6,177.25
Loose Collections.....	\$ 510.00
Repair Fund.....	\$ 439.29

**CRS Rice Bowl:** Join our parish family—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with the Rice Bowl. Our second collections during Lent will be for the Rice Bowl.

**Convent Restoration Fund Envelopes** can be found at the church entrances. Donations for this project are continuing to come in. Please consider making a donation.