

SAINTS CYRIL & METHIDIUS 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

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sacred Liturgies

April 16 – Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. Daniel & Molly Peters

9:30 a.m. Hilda Schmidt

April 17 – Monday

No Mass

April 18 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Colby Craig

10:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory (Nursing Home)

April 19 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Dan Kresta

April 20 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. People of St. Mary's Parish in Savannah, Tennessee

April 21 – Friday

8:10 a.m. James Butler

April 22 – Holy Saturday

5:00 p.m. Erwin Biehunko, Dwayne Biehunko and Anton & Hermina Tupa

April 23 – Sunday – Divine Mercy

7:30 a.m. Dennis Machart

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



Welcome to the Catholic Faith –

Our parish family extends a very special welcome to the members of the RCIA class who are being received into the Catholic Church and receiving the sacraments for the first time at the Easter Vigil Service. They include Terri Chrismon, Dana Janssen, Parker Janssen, Jennifer Fric, Douglas Irvin, Natalie Johns, Shelby Johns, Stephnie Johns, Chad Leonard, Lincoln Thomas. Also in the class and being confirmed is Justin Appelt. Congratulations to one and all!

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Divine Mercy Sunday – A Time for Graces and Blessings



The Feast of Divine Mercy is on Sunday, April 23. There is a flyer with the Divine Mercy novena prayers, which began on Good Friday, at the church entrances. Next Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be a Holy Hour with Benediction and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed in church at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Vocations Corner: This week we are being asked to pray for strong Catholic families. Families are faced with many challenges in their daily lives that can be a distraction for families who are

striving to be committed to their faith. Let us pray in particular this week for all families that they may have a strong prayer life and that they may be faithful to the regular practice of the Catholic faith.

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Father Charles Kram Project – The committee who has been promoting the cause for the canonization for Father Charles Kram has been working the past several years. There are several steps that are essential to move the process forward. They first had to collect documentation and conduct interviews in order to publish a book on his life and to show that he led an exemplary life. In order to advance His cause the committee is asking for prayers to be said with the intention of advancing the cause. We will have prayers in the adoration chapel for this purpose. You may also use the prayer cards that were distributed earlier and insert the intention that the cause for Father Charles will be advanced. You may still add your own personal intentions. The committee also welcomes donations because it is costly to send it on to the Vatican for consideration.

From the Pastor's Desk

"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!"

–St. Augustine



It is with great joy and thanksgiving that I extend to all parishioners a very Happy and blessed Easter. As disciples, everything that we live and believe in our faith, all of it, derives its meaning and context through the Resurrection of Jesus. St. Paul talks about how our confession and worship

of Christ crucified is "a scandal to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles." And, they would be right if that was truly the end of the story, but it isn't. He is risen. He has destroyed the bonds of sin and death. Our lives no longer have to be destined for the grave. The gates of paradise have opened and we are called. There is nothing to fear.

In 2007, I had the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and we had the occasion to celebrate Mass at the Holy Sepulcher. The altar of the Mass was where Christ's body was laid. When I began Mass something wonderful struck my heart. The human experience celebrates places and occasions because of where somebody or something famous occurred. All throughout the Holy Land we visited sites that were made sacred because Jesus had done this or that. But, we celebrate the site of Jesus' tomb not because he was laid there. We celebrated it because he is NOT there. We celebrate at the tomb because Jesus is risen and the tomb is empty. The only thing that remains in the tomb is Hope; a never ending source of Hope. We have nothing to fear. We are called. We are an Easter people and eternal life is our hope. May our tombs, on the final day, be empty as well.

I also take this opportunity to thank all of you. I thank God every day that I am here with you all. My life is truly blessed to be your priest and to serve this great community. We have so many people that volunteer and are active in all of our ministries and celebrations and for all of that I am filled with gratitude. Let us continue to pray for one another. Let us celebrate and mourn and support each other and let us all go rejoicing to the House of the Lord.

Oremus pro invicem,
Fr. Bryan

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume in our Adoration Chapel on Tuesday, April 18, at 7:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday.

Liturgy Schedules for May and June can be found at the church entrances and on our parish website.

Bible Study: No Bible Study on Easter Monday. Next session will be on Monday, April 24. All are welcome.

K.C. Meetings:

Officers Meeting, Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.

KC Meeting, Thursday, April 20, with social at 6:30 p.m. followed by meeting.

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Parish Choir Notice: No practice Monday.

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsal on Mondays, April 24 and May 1 at 7:00 p.m. for the 9:30 a.m. Mass, May 7.

Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsal on Wednesdays, April 19 & 26 from 8:00 – 8:50 p.m. for the final Masses of the year: the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, May 3 and the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7.

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Flowers on the Main Altar

Donated by Ryan & Amye Sevcik & Family
In Memory of Trista Sevcik

Numerous other flower donors are posted on the church bulletin boards. Many thanks to all the flower donors for helping to beautify our church for the Easter season.

Church Bulletin

In Memory of Deacon Paul Patek
By Glen & Jo Ann Kloesel and Delores Hrcncir

Sanctuary Candles

In memory of Bill Petru by Family

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Jim & Tillie Mikes by Margie Perry

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

David & Melissa Pokluda & Family

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All First Communicants will participate in a retreat on Sunday, April 23. Students will attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass and the retreat will follow. The date for First Communion is April 29, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Youth Ministry: There are a few openings for Catholic Heart Workcamp from June 18 - 23, 2017 for students grade 9 and up. If interested, call Kim at 594-3234.

Shiner Catholic School is now registering for the 2017-18 school year. If interested in enrolling your child, please visit the school website or call the school at (361) 594-3843.

Cardinal Alumni Social Event: All alumni are invited to TKO's Bar and Grill on Saturday, April 22, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for a chance to meet with old friends and reminisce. For more information call Philip Pilat at 361-293-9443 or Kenneth Stock at 512-497-4554.

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For Sale: Historical Building: The former Marian Hall, located on the Shiner Catholic School grounds, is for sale. The building is 63 by 43 feet, may be moved or disassembled and is asbestos and insulation free. All bids will be considered. For more information call the church office at 361-594-3836 and ask for Joe A. Machacek. Deadline for bids is 12:00 p.m., May 16, 2017. Building must be removed between June 10 and July 1, 2017.

Spring Picnic – May 28, 2017

New Sponsor for Pic-Packs: Many thanks to Russell Machacek of Cornerstone Properties for signing up as a new sponsor for the pic-packs for our Picnic.

Picnic Workers List: Picnic Chairpersons are asked to review their list of workers, make any necessary changes and submit them to the parish office by Mon., April 17.

Bingo Chairpersons Needed: Please consider chairing the Picnic Bingo stand. Call the parish office at 594-3836 or David Patek at 361-212-2837 if you are interested.

Auction Chairman Needed – We need someone to work alongside this year's Spring Auction Chairman to train and be willing to chair the Auction for the spring of 2018. Call David Patek at 361-212-2837 for more information.

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Strudels for Sale: Stop by the parish office during office hours. Price: \$15.

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Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$ 7,372.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 795.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$ 930.21

Rice Bowl. Your donations in the little red bag in the collection basket is for the Rice Bowl through Easter Sunday.

Convent Restoration Fund Envelopes can be found at the church entrances. Your donations will be appreciated.

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**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church – Income & Expenses
March, 2017**

INCOME	
Collections	\$32,102.99
Rice Bowl Collection	2,584.43
Seminarians Donation	1,000.00
Building Rentals	225.00
Repair Fund Collections	6,879.88
DSA Collected	1,600.00
Other Income	864.42
Church Windows	665.00
Purgatorial Society	125.00
Memorial to Church	500.00
Religious Ed/Chastity Books Sale	43.56
Strudel Sales	195.00
Total Income for Month	\$46,785.28
EXPENSES	
Salaries/Benefits	\$17,486.76
Payroll Taxes	2,900.77
Seminarians Donation to Diocese	1,000.00
Utilities	1,324.56
Other Expenses	1,367.79
DSA Payment to Diocese	21,156.00
Auto Expenses – Gas & Insurance	78.24
Repairs & Maintenance	1,858.53
Religious Ed/Chastity Books	116.56
Parish Office Supplies/Household	429.82
House Remodeling Supplies	15,851.56
Total Expenses for Month	\$63,570.59
Monthly Expenses Exceed Income	(\$16,785.31)