

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 27, 2017

Sacred Liturgies

August 27 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Oscar A. Hirsch

August 28 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Mary Grabarkievtz

10:00 a.m. Laura Watzlavick (Nursing Home)

August 29 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Jerry & Bertha Mozisek

August 30 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Edmund Zissa

August 31 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
SLA Class of 1950

September 1 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Ann Kocian

September 2 – Saturday

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

5:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary Novosad

September 3 – Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Adela Janisch



Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23. Because of the reference to the "key of the house of David" in this text, some Fathers saw in it a messianic prophecy, foretelling the removal from power of the leaders of the Chosen People of the Old Testament, and the transfer of that power to Christ, who in turn handed it to Peter as head of the Church, the new Chosen People.

Second Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 11:33-36: In this reading he offers praise and thanks to God for including everyone in the salvation He offered, first to the Jews, then to the Gentiles.

Gospel: St. Matthew 16:13-20. Jesus, the true Son of God, became man in order to make all men His brothers and co-heirs with Him, to the eternal kingdom. To carry on His mission on earth, He founded the Church on the twelve Apostles. This Church was to be made up of all races from all parts of the world. For this Church, this divinely instituted society of human beings, to carry out its mission of helping all men to reach their eternal kingdom, it was necessary to be sure of the road offered to its members. Today's reading from St. Matthew tells us how Christ provided for this necessity. In making Peter the head of his Church, Christ gave him the power of freedom from error when officially teaching the universal Church. And this gift of infallibility was given to his lawful successors - the Popes. In giving these powers to Peter and to his successors Christ was planning for our needs. He assured us that whatever we were commanded to believe (faith) or to do (morals) would always be what He and his heavenly Father wanted us to believe and to do.

How can we ever thank Christ for these marvelous gifts to his Church, that is, to us? Let us say a fervent: "thank you, Lord; you have foreseen all our needs and provided for them, grant us the grace to do the little part you ask of us in order to continue our progress on the one direct road to heaven."

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

New Program Begins September 6



RCIA is the program through which candidates learn about the Catholic faith by attending weekly classes. It concludes with reception into the Catholic Church on Easter, which is April 1, 2018. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Mary Machacek at 401-1254 or Sharon Patek at 594-3234 for information.

A Baptismal Class for parents and godparents anticipating Baptism will be held on **Tuesday, September 5**, at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration required by calling the parish office at 594-3836.



Adoration Chapel Hours: Please note that the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 1 and adoration will not resume until Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 a.m. due to the holiday weekend.

New Hour Open: Someone is needed to fill the Wednesday 2:00 – 3:00 a.m. hour. Or if two persons volunteer, they could alternate every other week.

Extra Church Directories are now available for \$10 each. If you would like to purchase one, stop by the parish office. If you were photographed and do not yet have your complimentary copy, likewise, please stop by the parish office during the week.



Religious Education Program

A Mandatory Parents Meeting will be held in the church on **Wed., August 30**, following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents.

Registration for all students is in progress. Former students can register on-line at www.sscmshiner.org. New students are to register by calling 594-3234 for an appointment. All students must be registered by September 13.

Religious Education Handbooks with current parish policies, student drop-off changes, etc. will be given to all families, who will acknowledge receipt of same.

The first day of class is September 6, at 6:40 p.m.

The Parish Choir will sing at the Polka Mass on Saturday, September 2. **Practice for the Polka Mass will be Monday, August 28, 6:00 p.m.**

Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsal Wed., Aug. 30 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Wed, Sept. 6 and the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sept. 10. **Currently accepting new members.** All students in grades 7 – 12 are eligible to participate. Please contact Marty Egan at marthaegan110@gmail.com or text to [830-888-0291](tel:830-888-0291) for information and details.



Do you have one or two hours to spare?

Volunteers are needed to help with the weekly cleaning of our church. Several groups take turns and your commitment would be for one to two hours every five weeks. If you have time to share, please call the parish office at 594-3836 to volunteer to help keep God's house clean.



Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Oscar A. Hirsch by Family

Church Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

In Memory of Oscar A. Hirsch by Family

Adoration Chapel and Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Oscar A. Hirsch by Family

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Brian & Nicole Kubenka



New Book: Carol Voelkel's new book entitled, "On the Right Track," will be available for sale at the Church Picnic and 100% of the proceeds will be donated back to the church. The book, set in 1895, is a historical romance and features St. Mary's Catholic Church, in High Hill and Sengelmann Hall in Schuenburg.

Carol's other novels include "Random Act of Love," which features Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church and "Final Act of Redemption," which features St. Mary's Church, Fredericksburg. Cost is \$30 for hard cover and \$20 for soft cover. The church office has a supply of Carol's novels if you miss the Picnic and would like to purchase a copy.



Your Love is Unbreakable Tour, featuring Jason Crabb and Selah will present a performance on September 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center. Proceeds will benefit the Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corp. Tickets are \$20, \$40, \$60 and are available online at www.iTickets.com.



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$ 7,537.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 1,131.32
Repair Fund.....	\$ 399.53

Church Picnic Next Sunday – September 3

Following is a prayer that would be most appropriate for the coming week:

A Prayer in Preparation for Our Picnic

Lord, we know you love us and have great plans for our parish. But sometimes we are overwhelmed by the thoughts of our future. Show us how to walk forward one day at a time. May we take heart while we search openly for what it is you want us to do. Inspire in us wisdom and understanding to see your vision for our parish and let us respond to whatever you call us to be. Show us your way, Lord!

Are we ready? Many parishioners have been busy doing behind-the-scene jobs preparing for the Picnic for weeks. Being a busy time of the year, others may have let the time slip by and now the day is almost here.

During this last week, be sure to check over the mailing that was sent to all parishioners. Get your raffle tickets ready to turn in, check over the grocery list and purchase the item assigned, do some baking for the Kitchen, Country Store and Cake Wheel, line up your donations for the Auction, and chip in what you can as a cash donation for the Picnic.

Be sure to find your name on the Workers List and/or check your email for a reminder. If your name is not there, call David Schmidt at 281-703-8943 or email him at shinerpicnic1@gmail.com to volunteer for a time slot, or call one of the Chairpersons on the list and volunteer.

We need everyone's support to make our 96th Annual Fall Picnic a success. Working together, and asking God for his blessing on our efforts, we can do it!

Cattle For Picnic Auction: We are happy to announce we have four head of cattle for the Auction. The donors are: Denis & Lori Berger, David & Trish Kapavik, Don & Gina Valis, and Victor & Marionette Kneifel. Many thanks to these donors! Who's next? Call 594-3836. If you have cattle, please consider making a donation. For delivery options for the cattle, please call Darryl Pesek at 293-1497.

Auction Items can be brought to the Meeting Room this week or to the auction stand on Picnic Day.

The Country Store and Cake Wheel are depending on your donations. Please bring your booked or canned goods for these stands to the Picnic grounds as early as possible next Sunday.

The Plant Wheel would welcome your donations of any kind of plants. Please bring to the stand next Sunday.

Desserts for Meals: We offer a sweet of some kind for all plates to-go as well as for the meals served in the main hall. **Please plan to bring your sweets as early as possible to the K.C. Hall kitchen or to the Kaspar Pavilion next Sunday. Please cut and wrap the desserts brought to Kaspar Pavilion for the to-go plates.**

New This Year - A drive-thru for dropping off cakes and desserts for the meals or the Cake Wheel will be available at the K.C. Park **from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 am.** on Picnic Day. Drop off will be located in front of the Dining Hall doors on the auction pavilion side of the building.

Attention: All Parish High School Students - Religious Ed and Catholic School high school students - are urged to check over the Workers List, find your name, or if not on the list, call David Schmidt at 281-703-8943 or email him at shinerpicnic1@gmail.com to volunteer for a time slot.