

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 18, 2018

Sacred Liturgies

February 18 – Sunday – 1st Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Members of JCDA

9:30 a.m. Jack & Madlyn Cloutier

February 19 – Monday

6:30 a.m. John & Christina Matula and Ben, John & Irene Henrichs

10:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #23 (Nursing Home)

February 20 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Father Patrick Fidgeon

February 21 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Mark Oehl

February 22 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Ben Matula

February 23 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Gertrude Kubiak

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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February 24 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Margaret Aschenbeck

February 25 – Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 a.m. Edwin Darilek



Lenten Spiritual Opportunities

- † **Daily Mass** is one of the best ways to grow spiritually during Lent. If not daily, what about making that extra Lenten effort and attend once or twice during the week.
- † **Stations of the Cross:** Come walk with Jesus in this traditional Lenten service on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. or at 6:00 p.m.
- † **Lenten Lunch Lesson:** Fridays 12:05 – 12:45 p.m. in PAC. Come enjoy a simple meal and hear words to grow in the knowledge and love of our faith given by Seminarian Chase Goodman.
- † **Solemn Vespers:** Sundays, 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Church.
- † **Sacrament of Penance:** Confessions heard every Wednesday from 5:30-5:55 p.m. and every Friday from 3:00-3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:00-4:50 p.m.
- † **Prayer Apps:** Download to your cell phone one of the many prayer apps available online such as *Laudate* and *iBreviary*.
- † **Formed** is an online Catholic learning website for all ages. Go to FORMED.org and enter our parish code: 6Z3HJX and check out the many programs offered. There are several special programs for February 22, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter
- † **Small Group Retreat** – Sign up for “33 Days to Merciful Love,” a six week program that begins March 4. See details below.



Today's Gospel - Mark 1: 12-15

In today's gospel from Mark, we hear how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. This is significant in that it also recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan. The ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross, which He gladly underwent for our salvation.

In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promise to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. If we turn to him with true humility, He may not remove all our temptations, all our wrong inclinations, but he will give us the grace to overcome them if we sincerely seek his aid. We can succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Excerpts from loyalapress.com



33 Days to Merciful Love – Sign up by February 20:

If you're looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed during Lent, develop a deeper relationship with Our Merciful Savior, and grow in holiness, join us for 33 Days to Merciful Love Small-group Retreat. For six weeks, beginning March 4, we'll read and reflect on the spiritual teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Maria Faustina. Participants choose to attend the weekly sessions on Mondays from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. OR on Fridays from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. If interested pick up a registration form in church or call Sharon Patek at 594-3836 **by February 20** so that materials can be ordered. Cost of the book is \$15.



Adoration Chapel Open Hours

Persons are needed in our Eucharistic Adoration chapel at the following times:

Sundays: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 2:00 – 3:00 a.m.

Thursdays: 4:00 – 5:00 a.m.

Some of these times are for every other week. **Call the parish office at 594-3836 if you take an hour or be a substitute.**

NOTE: Why not make a special effort during Lent to take one of the open

hours? Let's see if we can fill all these hours, at least during Lent.



May they Rest in Peace!

Please remember in prayer the priests who have served our parish and who died during the month of February:

Rev. Daniel O'Brien 02/07/2008

Rev. Eugene Janson 02/17/2005

Rev. Jerome Caponi 02/27/2009



Parish Choir Practice: Monday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.

Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsals on Wednesdays, February 21 & 28, and March 7 from 8:00 – 8:50 p.m. for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. No rehearsal during Spring Break.

Laudate Dominum: Next rehearsals are on Mondays, March 5 & 12 for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on March 18.

Weekly Bible Study, Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the PAC. Everyone is welcome and invited.

Liturgy Ministry Schedules are available in church or on our parish website.



Church Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Junior Catholic Daughters

Church Candles and Adoration Chapel Candles

Junior Catholic Daughters

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

Junior Catholic Daughters

Vocations Cross

Mary Jane Patek



Rocky Mountain High Retreat for high school students will take place July 7-15, 2018 in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Contact Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry at 573-0828 or weggert@victoriadiocese.org.

Men's ACTS Retreat – March 8 – 11: Retreat will leave out of Moulton. Registration forms are available in our church.

Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace, March 9-11

This retreat will be held at the High Hill Conference Center of God's Embrace located at 2911 FM 2672, Schulenburg, TX. Weekend begins Friday evening and concludes with Sunday Mass. Open to couples and singles. Cost is \$100 for retreat and food. Overnight lodging is not provided, but discounted rate is available at Holiday Inn in Schulenburg. Register at www.godsembrace.org or call 979-561-8883.

CDA/JCDA

4-Piece Fried Chicken Dinner, Sunday, March 4

Menu will include four pieces of chicken, green beans and gibleet rice. Price: \$10. Serving will be in drive-thru lines at Shiner K.C. Hall, 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tickets are available at Patek Gro., Quality Pharmacy, and Maeker Processing. Tickets for Yoakum delivery are available at Jahn Refrigeration; for Gonzales delivery, contact Diane at 830-857-5448. JCDA members are selling tickets for all locations. Advance tickets are recommended since this event is often a sell-out.



Our Gifts to God this Week

Envelopes.....	\$ 7,419.00
Loose Collections	\$ 670.00
Repair Fund.....	\$ 482.10

Rice Bowl: Our second collections during Lent will be for Operation Rice Bowl.

2017 Contribution Statements for those who requested them last year are in the foyer of church. If you need a statement and don't find yours there, call the parish office at 594-3836.



THANK YOU from the Victoria Gabriel Project

"DO NOT FEAR I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU" (Isaiah 41:10)

The Victoria Gabriel Project celebrated 15 years of help, love, and support to women in a crisis pregnancy and her unborn child across the Crossroads of Texas in 2017!

Since 2002, there has been an ecumenical movement among all Christians and churches to help the anxiety and fear many women face in a crisis pregnancy. Through your wonderful donations of material and monetary items, the Crossroads of Texas has made help available to these families. In 2017 the Gabriel Project served 144 Moms and their babies. Imagine the life you made a difference in or perhaps a life you saved!! The Board of Directors wants to take this time to THANK YOU and all our wonderful volunteers that give so selflessly of their time to help the "little ones". "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such" (Matt. 19:14). From conception to natural death, this is what these "little ones" deserve – a right to LIFE, just like you and me. Since Roe vs Wade approximately 60 million babies have been aborted – it must STOP! Our helpline continues to receive calls from Moms that want to put their baby up for adoption! Why not give that innocent life a chance with a loving family!!

Through the Gabriel Project a Mother in a crisis pregnancy has an Alternative to Abortion! As we look to the future and what God has planned for the Gabriel Project – perhaps a Maternity Home! With your continued help, whether it is time, material, monetary, love and prayers, we can continue to help these Moms and their babies and see what God has planned!

May God Bless You and his perpetual light shine upon you!

Barbara McCain Williams, Member, Victoria Gabriel Project Board of Directors