

**SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS 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**

**January 7, 2018**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**January 7 – Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. Steve & Mary Pokluda and  
Emil & Lillian Condel

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

**January 8 – Monday – The Baptism of the Lord**

6:30 a.m. Morris Voelkel

10:00 a.m. Father Daniel O'Brien (Nursing Home)

**January 9 – Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Vietnamese  
Dominican Community

**January 10 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Frank & John Janik

**January 11 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Frank & Ludmila Janik

**January 12 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. Deceased Members of Matias & Simper  
Families

**January 13 – Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Belle Matula

**January 14 – Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 a.m. Rosalie Vincik Walcott



**From the Pastor's Desk**

As we come to the end of the Christmas season with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, we re-enter Ordinary time. During this time of year, we all let out a sigh of relief after such a busy but joyous holiday season and we return to our "normal" schedules. Normalcy is always welcomed when our lives are tossed about. But it is important that when it comes to the life of faith "normalcy" should never be considered normal. What do I mean? Let us examine the story of the Magi. They followed the star, knew its importance, and they wanted to greet this new king as was normal. They travelled to King Herod to inquire about this new king, as was normal and customary for political emissaries. They then went to Bethlehem and encountered the Holy Family and their normal practice was changed. They went home by another way. Conversely, King Herod feared the loss of his own "normal" and out of that fear would seek to kill the child that was the threat to his "normal".

What is our "normal"? Is it a worldly "normal" that dominates our minds and hearts leading us to selfish desires such as materialism and relativism? Or is it a baptismal "normal" that dominates our minds and hearts leading us to selfless service of our God and Lord Jesus Christ and of our neighbor? When we find our routine leads us away from holiness or sequesters it to Sunday only; when it robs us of reflection and quiet communion in prayer or robs us of our joy in the gospel message, we need to go by another way and allow the Christ to help tear down our routine until it is routed in and through His Divine Mercy. Because "normalcy" doesn't last for long. Ash Wednesday is only 5 weeks away and Easter is less than 3 months away.

I would also like to request your prayers for a few things that are coming up. First, some of you may not have known, Msgr. Larry Matula died on Christmas Day. Fr. Larry was the long-time pastor of St. Robert's in El Campo. He was a local vocation and a graduate of St. Ludmila in 1950 and then he entered the seminary. Please pray in thanksgiving for this

wonderful pastor and the blessing he was to our Church and for the repose of his Soul.

Second, the priests of the Diocese of Victoria will be going on retreat over the next two weeks (I will be attending next week). Please pray for all our priests that they may be spiritually recharged and may continue to serve in joy and love.

Third: Pray for our parish. 2018 is going to be a very busy year of maintenance and repair at both the Church and the School. I will begin to share these capital improvements and repairs very soon. (FYI: Our Church will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in just 3 years). Pray that Divine Providence will supply the needed foresight and wisdom in the preparation and execution of our repair and restoration plan.

Father Bryan



**Pro-Life Eucharistic Procession – January 21**

Our annual pro-life procession will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2018. Participants will gather at Welhausen Park beginning at 1:30 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. walk to our church while praying the Rosary. The service will conclude with Benediction. Organization members as well as all parishioners are encouraged to participate.

**Priests' Retreat:** Father Bryan will be away from the parish while attending the annual retreat for priests at the Diocesan Renewal Center from January 14 – 18.

**From the Parish Records:** A review of our parish records from 2017 reveal the following statistics: Baptisms, 42; Marriages, 4; First Communions, 34; Confirmation, 52; Funerals, 35.

**The Pastoral Council** will be taking down the Christmas decorations in church after 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 7. Other parishioners willing to help are welcome.

**Pastoral Council** will meet Monday, January 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the PAC.



**Adoration Chapel Open Hours**



Persons are needed in our Eucharistic Adoration chapel on **Tuesdays from 2:00 – 3:00 a.m.; Thursdays from 3:00 – 4:00 a.m. and Fridays from 1:00 – 2:00 a.m.** All of the above times are for every other week. Another open hour is on **Sunday from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Please consider helping to fill these times and call the parish office at 594-3836 if you can take an hour

or be a substitute in the chapel.



**Confessions:** Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

**2018 Church Calendars:** There are a number of 2018 church calendars available at the church entrances. Be sure to pick one up for your family.

**January and February Ministry Schedules** are available at the church entrances and on our parish website.

**Weekly Bible Study** resumes this week. The group meets on Mondays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the PAC. Everyone is welcome and invited to take part.



**Church Bulletin**

In Memory of Edmund Zissa

**Children's Bulletin**

In Honor of Living and Deceased Members of Altar Society

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Deceased Members of Franz & Marie Kubicek Family by Frankie Kubicek

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

By the Martinsen Family

**Vocations Cross**

Matt & Shana Mozisek and Family

**Notice:** There are openings for bulletin sponsors, sanctuary and adoration chapel candles and flowers on the altar for 2018. To book a date, stop by the parish office or call the office at 594-3836.

**Found in Church:** A Kendra Scott necklace. Owner may claim at the parish office.



**Catholic Life Insurance Raffle Benefits Shiner Catholic School - Deadline to Purchase Tickets, January 8**

Tickets are only \$5 each for a drawing that offers as a grand prize a choice of a 2018 Ford F-150 Truck or a 2018 Ford Fusion Sedan or a \$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card. **Plus, there will be one \$1,000 winner drawn from the Shiner Catholic School ticket sales.**

All of the funds raised locally will stay at Shiner Catholic School. Tickets may be obtained from students, at the school offices, and at the parish office. **Local raffle sales must be turned in by January 8, 2018.**



**2018 Legacy Gala**  
**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

This event will benefit Sts. Cyril & Methodius religious Education Endowment Fund, which benefits religious programs of the parish, including the Catholic School, the CCD program and numerous other religious education ministries.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, a seated dinner that will offer steak, shrimp and trimmings, an auction and a dance featuring the Emotions. All activities will be held at the K.C. Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Advance all-inclusive tickets are now available as well as sponsorships in various categories. Contact the parish office at 361-594-3836 for tickets. Individual tickets are: \$175 per couple, \$100 per individual, Texas Hold 'Em Seats: \$100 each. Table and individual sponsorships are available from \$300 and up.

Auction donations may be made by contacting the parish office, 594-3836, or [bkosler@sscmshiner.org](mailto:bkosler@sscmshiner.org) or [cvoelkel@shinercatholicsschool.org](mailto:cvoelkel@shinercatholicsschool.org).

**Chicken Noodle Soup Dinner and Bake Sale Benefit for Jaydon Darilek**

A chicken noodle soup dinner and bake sale will be held at the Shiner K.C. Hall on **Thursday, January 11**. The soup will be served in to-go lines at \$10/quart from **4:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Advance tickets are available at the Shiner Catholic School offices, area banks, Parker Lumber and Patek Grocery. To make a donation or to help with the dinner call Brad Brown at 293-8698. Proceeds will help defray hospitalization and medical expenses following Jaydon's recent accident.



**Our Gifts to God for December 24 – January 1**

Envelopes.....	\$27,658.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 7,509.17
Repair Fund.....	\$ 2,636.12



**Diocesan Office of Catechetical Ministry Coming Events**

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Conference,**

January 27, 2018, at Holy Family Church, Wharton. The seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching will be presented by 22 speakers. More information and online registration are available at [victoriadiocese.org](http://victoriadiocese.org) or call the Chancery at 361-573-0828.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Knowledge Bowl**

February 25, 2018 at St. Mary Activity Center, Victoria. Study questions and registration are available at [victoriadiocese.org/rules-details-study-questions-ckb](http://victoriadiocese.org/rules-details-study-questions-ckb).

**Pastoral Institute**

Echoes of Faith 3.0 is available for all Parish Catechetical Leaders and Catechists in the Diocese of Victoria, as part of their catechist formation. To register for a free one-year subscription go to [victoriadiocese.org](http://victoriadiocese.org) or call the Chancery Office for more information.



**Lead Me Retreat by God's Embrace March 9-11, 2018**



Come from wherever you are to experience a deeper walk with Jesus. Place: High Hill Conference Center of God's Embrace, 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 online at [www.godsembrace.org](http://www.godsembrace.org) or call 979-561-8883.



**Church and School Memorials:**

In grateful appreciation we wish to acknowledge memorials received in December, 2017.

**Church Memorial Fund:**

In memory of Darlene Pokluda, \$20  
In memory of Margie Walker, \$20  
In memory of Ben Rivera, \$50

**Church Endowment Fund:**

In memory of Ben Rivera, \$20

**Church Repair Fund:**

In memory of Margaret Aschenbeck, \$25  
In memory of Weldon Duke, \$25  
In memory of Ben Rivera, \$25  
In memory of Steven Glomb, \$20

**Shiner Catholic School Endowment Fund:**

In memory of J. L. "Butch" Hermes, \$10  
In memory of Steven Glomb, \$50

**Shiner Catholic School Memorial Fund:**

In memory of Steven Glomb, \$15

**Convent Restoration Fund:**

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Hermes, \$40  
In memory of Ivan Pfeil, \$20  
In memory of Frances Tarrillion, \$20  
In memory of Darlene Pokluda, \$100  
In memory of Msgr. Lawrence Matula, \$50

**Church Window Restoration Fund:**

In memory of Odie Arambula, \$15