



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st Saturdays 8:30AM; Wednesdays 7PM (FMI: Virginia Lee)

Holy Rosary: 30 minutes before every Holy Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:15-5:45PM/Thursday 4:30-5:30PM during Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 4:00-5:45 PM concluding with Benediction

Healing Mass: First Thursday of every month

Baptism: Class Required/Darve Horak 512-859-2646 or darve.horak@gmail.com

Marriage: Meet with Pastor six months in advance to set date.

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Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

Pastor: Very Rev. Chris Ferrer

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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 13, 2014

Saturday July 12 6:00PM † Henry Lee Loeve; †Mabel Cantrel; †Emil Matula; †Frank Mikulencak; †Margie Hajda

Sunday July 13 10:00AM For the living and deceased members of SSCM

Tuesday July 15 8:00AM † Anton John Martinka III (B)

Wed July 16 6:30PM † Henry & Angeline Dillard

Thurs July 17 6:00PM † August Motloch, Sr. 10AM Will o Bell 4PM-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction

Friday July 18 8:00AM † Julia Tomasek

Saturday July 19 6:00PM For the living and deceased members of SSCM 10AM Treatment Center

Sunday July 20 10:00AM †Henry V. Marek; †Robert Jezisek; †August Motloch, Sr. ; †Frank & Agnes Sykowski

We pray for Healing: Helen Havelka, Isabel Luna, Elena Juarez, Peggy Steffek, Fr. Robert Becker, Andrea Bodiford, Larry Tomasek, Stewart Remervo, Betty Pekar, Rafaela Trevino, Ollie Rendon, Lela Kaderka, Jordan Nira, Amber Pacha, Loretta Remmert, Richard Williams. *

We pray for the repose of the soul of Nettie Wall who was called to her heavenly home on Thursday.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,609.00

Children: \$25.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Liturgical Ministers July 19-20

Saturday 6PM Lector: Diana Kerlin EMHC: Marilyn Gaydos, Terry Pekar, George & Kate Strmiska

Music: Volunteer Servers: Colton & Colby Marek

Sunday 10AM Lector: Virginia Lee EMHC: Harold & Carolyn Kaderka, Baldo & Rosa Degollado

Music: Kathy Janke/Guitar Group Servers: Marcus Belcher, Ernie Valdez

EMHC Route Bartlett Homes-Kate Strmiska Bartlett Will O' Bell- Marilyn Gaydos

Granger Villa-Louis Repa Granger Homes-George Strmiska Holland Homes- Frank Pajestka

Religious Articles Store: 6PM Ofelia Lopez 10AM Esther Villarreal

Flowers: (Main Gold) In honor of the 13th Wedding Anniversary of Clarence & Joanne Selucky. (Sacred Heart) In memory of Anton John Martinka III (Birthday).

Special Collection this weekend is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund.

Granger Community Food Pantry is this week, July 17. Please bring your items to the church or office by Wednesday.

Calendar of Events

Sunday July 13 : 11AM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen: Hamburgers

Monday July 14 : 8:30AM Bible Study (School) /7PM Yoga (DPC)

Tuesday July 15 : 5PM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen-Sausage wraps, chicken salad sandwiches, nachos, BBQ in bun and desserts

Wednesday July 16 : 7PM Mary Study (School)/7-9PM The Upper Room

Thursday July 17 : 7PM Finance Council (DPC)

Saturday July 19 : 11AM Pastoral Council (DPC)

Sunday July 20 : 12 noon KC Hamburgers

Parish

Raffle Tickets Now Available ! Thanks to all who bought tickets at the Picnic. More tickets are available for you to buy or take to sell, at the entrance of the church (by the bulletins). Simply place sold tickets in an envelope marked "Raffle" and place in the collection basket. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00. Thanks to all the donors: Claude & Bettye Carpenter (History of SSCM Quilt & 24" Bicycle), KJT (\$500 VISA Gift Card), Angee & Jennifer Lane (32" Flat Screen TV), and Dan & Ellen Wolf (\$100 HEB Gift Card).

WHAT CAN YOU DO? For the July Pantry please consider donating the following: peanut butter and jelly, cake mixes, jello, pudding, breakfast items, cream of wheat, cereal, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce, pasta, toiletry items (toilet paper; paper towels; shampoo; soaps) or money. We spend about \$1000.00 a month to purchase meat, eggs, bread, potatoes and a few other items. Also, consider donating bibles, prayer cards or devotionals. And please remember your PRAYERS ARE ESSENTIAL. NEXT FOOD PANTRY: The next food pantry will be July 17 from 12:00 – 4:30. Please deliver your donations to the church or the church office the day before.

Religious Ed

Weird Animals VBS Thank you! Thank you! Thank You! To all the crew leaders, assistant crew leaders, station leaders, adult volunteers, our prop master-Jaime Gomez, decorating committee. Thank you to our sponsors of Critter Café: Dirty BBQ, KJT, KJZT, Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministry and Beatrice Perez & Crew. Thank you to our very special helper, Josie Strmiska. May God Bless you for your generosity.

The "Upper Room" resumes Wednesday, July 16 at 7PM. See you there.

Area

Cursillo – A 3-day course in Christianity. In today's world, one thing is for sure....Walking daily with the Lord is the best exercise for your mind and body. Everyone should consider taking some personal and uninterrupted time to deepen his or her relationship with Jesus. This is the only exercise guaranteed to leave you feeling stronger. What a beautiful gift to give yourself! The following are the dates for English Speaking--Next Women's Weekend: October 16 –19, 2014 Next Men's Weekend: November 06 – 09, 2014. Not sure? Have questions? For more information or to register, please call Robin Spencer, Lay Director at, (254) 220-3883 robins@hot.rr.com or Greg Ganslen, Pre-Cursillo Chairperson at (245) 698-2594 gganslen@hot.rr.com Visit the Austin English Cursillo website at <http://austinenglishcursillo.webs.com>

Message from Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

In today's gospel, Jesus compares the value of his preaching of God the Father's word (spiritual food) with the importance of farmers' task of planting and harvesting (physical food). He does so with the first of his parables in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus praises his apostles who are privileged to fully understand the message of the parables, but warns them they therefore have greater responsibility in handling the word of God--just as we Christians today are.

EXEGESIS:

Matthew the evangelist has Jesus begin teaching in parables, possibly because of the lack of faith response by so many Jews to Jesus' previous, more-clear preaching. Jesus' parables can be opaque to his audience; they require an open heart and responsive mind to understand them, and they often have a "punch line" which his audience (and we) do not expect. They also serve as a means of covering with some ambiguity some of his preaching which were subtle criticisms of the pagan Roman government or the hypocritical Jewish leadership.

With this parable of the sower of the seed, Jesus covers the range of responses of people (including us today) to his word which is, after all, the very revelation of God the Father. (a) some people never accept the word of God. (b) Some believe his words for a while, but abandon faith because of persecution. (c) Others believe, then disbelieve because they become overwhelmed by anxiety or pursuit of wealth. (d) And others believe and remain faithful in producing spiritual fruit. The Jews in general and Jesus' followers in particular were familiar with rural and farm work and would easily grasp at least the context of this parable.

Jesus praises his twelve apostles ("disciples" here), because they are privileged in hearing the full revelation of their Old Testament God of history. But his apostles (and any other strong disciples) who believe and understand will be given not only blessings but also greater responsibility to preach in Jesus' name.

Fr. Chris Ferrer – Pastor