



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

Serving God's People and building His Kingdom since 1891

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Youth Ministers: Wendy & Mark White hafa_adai65@hotmail.com

Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st Saturdays 8:30AM (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.

Marriage Prep required/Darve & Karen Horak 512-859-2646 or darve.horak@gmail.com

Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

Pastor: Very Rev. Chris Ferrer

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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel

Finance Council: Chris Nemeck

Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 18, 2015

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| Saturday Jan. 17 | 6:00PM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish |
| Sunday Jan. 18 | 10:00 AM | †Cyril & Frances Polasek and deceased children and spouses; †Fred Strmiska; †Agnes Stojanik |
| Tuesday Jan. 20 | 8:00AM | †August Motloch, Sr.; For the health of Nicole Geil |
| Wed Jan. 21 | 6:00PM | † Henry & Angeline Dillard; † Ted & Lydia Pekar |
| Thurs Jan. 22 | 4:00PM | Adoration/Benediction |
| | 6:00PM | † Frank & Marie Michalek |
| Friday Jan. 23 | 8:00AM | † Emil & Martha Bohac |
| Saturday Jan. 24 | 6:00PM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish |
| Sunday Jan. 25 | 10:00 AM | †Daniel Naizer; † Joe & Agnes Vrabel; † Joe E. Stefek; † Lee Castro |

We pray for Healing: Hannah Frank, Donald Pacha, Gail Heger, Nicole Geil, Kevin Carr, Connie Lopez, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, Mary Motloch, J.D. Shirocky, Julie Kaderka, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Edith Kurtin, Isabel Luna.

Offering: Sunday: \$ 3,301.00 Children: \$32.00 Building & Maintenance: \$1,060.74 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers January 24-25

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| Saturday 6PM | Lector: Lawrence Novak | EMHC: JoAnn Pavelka, Beatrice Perez, Louis Repa, Terry Pekar |
| | Music: Guitar Group | Servers: Neal & Brett Martinka, Mikayla Skrhak |
| Sunday 10AM | Lector: Rose Unnasch | EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Trish Lopez |
| | Music: Darve & Karen Horak | Servers: Marcus Belcher, Albert Martinez |

EMHC Route: Virginia Loza Lee, Barbara Taisler, Beatrice Perez, JoAnn Pavelka

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

Calendar of Events

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| Sunday | Jan. 18 | : 12 noon KC hamburgers (Hall) |
| | | : 4:30PM KJZT meeting (Hall) |
| Tuesday | Jan. 20 | : 6:30PM Finance Council meeting |
| | | : 5PM Youth Ministry bingo kitchen: Soft Tacos, taco salad, super nachos, nachos, Spanish rice |
| Wednesday | Jan. 21 | : 6PM Upper Room for High School Students |
| | | : 7PM RE Classes |
| Thursday | Jan. 22 | : 6:45PM Pastoral Council meeting |
| Sunday | Jan. 25 | : 11AM KJZT bingo kitchen |

Parish

Tax Statements for 2014: If you need a statement for your 2014 taxes please call or email the office.

Tithing Envelopes: Please claim your box today. Also, remember to write your name and amount on the front and check your address so we know your current information. Thank you so much for your attention to this detail.

The Diocese of Austin is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Gabriel Life Association**. The Gabriel Life Association is the unified Catholic response to those facing crisis pregnancies in Central Texas. WE work together to maximize services to families, avoid duplication and shepherd women to available resources to ensure comprehensive care, even beyond pregnancy. Our vision is a culture in Central Texas that provides every woman the support she needs to embrace life. If you would like to work toward this vision with us or are in need of assistance, please contact any of the member organizations of the Gabriel Life Association. You can find us at www.austindiocese.org/gla or call (877)WE-CARE-2. Brochures are available in the Main Entrance of the Church today.

EIM BASIC WORKSHOP: A 3-hour Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Basic Workshop on child sexual abuse will be held on Sunday, January 25 from 11:30-2:30pm. This workshop is part of the diocesan EIM policies that were adopted in January 2002 and revised in August 2008. All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete a one-time Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service and attend an EIM workshop within 60 days of submitting the application. Please login to your EIM account (use the Alternate Login option if needed) to pre-register to attend an EIM workshop. Please do not bring children to an EIM workshop. Materials used in the workshop include testimonies from victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse; if you have any concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlmann at (512) 949-2447 to make an alternative arrangement to receive your training. Such inquiries shall remain confidential.

KJT Society #28 will sponsor a Fried Pork Steak Dinner on Sunday, February 15th after the 10 AM Polka Mass. Serving for the dinner begins at 11 AM at SSCM Hall. Plates are \$9.00 (no Children's plates). All proceeds benefit the restoration of our church with a matching grant from the KJT Home Office. Parishioners are asked to donate sweets to sell with the meal. Thank you!!

Card of Thanks to all who helped make the 2014 meal for the homebound, sick, elderly, widows & widowers and the less fortunate a total success. Over 255 meals were served. Sts. Cyril & Methodius parish donated a total of \$1,188.62. Without these donations, the meal would not have been possible. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped in any way preparing the meal, those who donated food, and all who helped deliver the meals. Special thanks to the students from Granger High School who also helped with the deliveries. May God bless all of you.

Card of Thanks: We are so blessed to have such wonderful and caring friends. Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, flowers and food during my stay in the hospital and recuperation at home. Each day I feel a little stronger. May God bless each of you with good health and happiness in the coming year. Love & prayers, Gail Heger

Is it time for a Change? Walking toward Eternity - Daring to Walk the Walk DVD Study with Jeff Cavins is coming to SSCM. This is an inspiring series designed to help you live your faith more fully by developing and nurturing characteristics that are essential to the Christian life. Through daily prayer and meditation with Scripture (lectio divina) you will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ. You will learn to walk in: Love, Forgiveness, Humility, Prayerfulness, Faithfulness, Sacrifice and Thankfulness. Cost is \$20.00 and we will meet every Monday morning from February 23 until April 20, 2015 from 8:30 until 10:30. We welcome all to attend this 8 week session in walking these virtues and putting our faith into practice. DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS February 6, 2015. To register, contact Mary Geil at 512/576-7371 or email mgeil@eccwireless.net.

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Mexican Dinner Raffle Prizes Needed: Did you receive a Christmas gift you already have or just can't use? Religious Education would love to have it and use it for their March 1 raffle. We would like to raffle off different gift basket, along with a few bigger prizes, so no item is too large or small. If you would like to make a donation, please email sscmre@gmail.com or call 512-859-2634. Thank you for your generosity.

Area Events

Czech Mass - Vítame Vás na Corn Hill: The annual Czech Mass in honor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic, will be held on, Friday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill. All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. Come and pray with us in Czech and celebrate your Czech heritage.

Holy Trinity Corn Hill is hosting Elite Medical Imaging on Saturday, February 7. Pre-registration is required. Please call 1-855-303-0667 to schedule your appointment. A representative will be in Corn Hill on Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at each Mass.

The third annual Austin Catholic Men's Conference will be held Feb. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. William Parish in Round Rock. Featured speakers include **Jesse Romero**, a contributing author to the book "*Welcome Home*" and a full-time bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist, and **Charlie Aeschliman**, a former Navy SEAL who compares the total commitment required to become a SEAL commando with Christ's call to holiness. There will also be time for reflection, prayer and fellowship with other men. The cost is \$39 online, \$20 for college students or younger, or \$45 at the door. For more information, contact Robert Tunmire at RTunmire@gmail.com or (254) 744-4199.

Visit www.CatholicArmorOfGod.com for complete information about the conference.

Maintenance Position at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Temple. This is a full time position that requires experience with electricity, plumbing and carpentry. The person is responsible for the overall maintenance of the Cedarbrake facility and will assist with landscape duties. All applications must be submitted directly through the Diocese of Austin web page: <http://austindiocese.iapplicants.com/searchjobs.php>

Message from Father Chris

In today's gospel, the need for personal call to discipleship and ministry and the need for Christian evangelization are highlighted, as Jesus invites his first disciples to follow Him.

EXEGESIS:

In continuation of his deference to the new and superior ministry of Jesus, John the Baptist allows two of his own followers to become disciples (students) of Jesus; the two understand their role by calling Jesus "Rabbi" ("Teacher"). "Come and see" Jesus replies to the two; "seeking" (e.g., seeking the kingdom of God) is a strong theme in the gospels. One of the two, Andrew, the next day seeks out his brother, Simon, and introduces him to Jesus. Impressed by Simon, Jesus quickly changes his name to Kephias (Aramaic for "Petros/Rock" in Greek, "Peter" in English). Before early Christianity, Kephias and Petros were not used as personal names, so Jesus here is indicating the uniqueness of Peter, the future rock of the Church. (The comments made by John the Evangelist in this reading about the translated meanings of words reflect the fact that he was writing his gospel in Greek for an audience which knew little Hebrew.)

Then the following day, Jesus calls more new disciples, and some of the ones already called in turn invite others to become Jesus' followers. Thus this reading reflects the need for personal evangelization in the Church. Ministry is a brother/sisterhood of disciples who comprise the mystical body of Christ on Earth.