



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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

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Healing Mass: First Thursday of every month

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

3rd Sunday of Lent—March 8, 2015

Saturday	March 7	8:00AM	† Orpha & Jack McGarghan
		6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	March 8	10:00AM	Willie & †Lillie Cervenka; †Frances Vrabel; †Frank Mikulencak, Jr.; †Mary & Eddie Karkoska
Tuesday	March 10	8:00AM	† August Motloch, Sr.; † Art Geil
Wed	March 11	6:00PM	† Bernard & Lillian Mikulencak; † Johnny & Antonia Knapek
Thurs	March 12	10:00AM	<i>Granger Villa:</i> Dollie Hajda & †Johnnie Hajda
		4:00PM	Adoration/Benediction
		6:00PM	† Johnny Michalek; † Lydia Pekar
Friday	March 13	8:00AM	† Dennis, Emilie & Anton Martinka
		7:00PM	Stations of the Cross NO MASS
Saturday	March 14	6:00PM	Mary Brosch (82 nd Birthday) †Betty Stojanik; † Liberty & Henry Bartosh; † Francisca Luna
Sunday	March 15	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

We pray for Healing: Bennie Bartosh, Deacon John Thornton, Rey Perez, Jr., Joe Fojtik, Bernice Huf, Arthur Palla, Donald Pacha, Gail Heger, Nicole Geil, Kevin Carr, Connie Lopez, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, J.D. Shirocky, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Isabel Luna. * (Please contact office when the immediate need of prayer has passed.)

We pray for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth Matl and Vicente Estrada. May they rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,861.00

Children: \$24.59

Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers March 14-15

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Diana Kerlin	EMHC: Lawrence Novak, Beatrice Perez, Henrietta Hajda, Paula Marak
	Music: Volunteer	Servers: Jose Campos, Kyle & Karsyn Hamons
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Wendy White	EMHC: Bill & Mary Pavlat, Carolyn & Harold Kaderka
	Music: Guitar Group	Servers: Christopher, Nicholas & Thomas Hall

EMHC Route: Deborah Hensel, Barbara Taisler, Beatrice Perez, Diana Kerlin

Religious Articles Store 6PM: Gail Heger 10AM: Theresa Valdez

Special collection this weekend for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund.

Special collection next weekend is for the Catholic Relief Services.

Next Food Pantry will be **March 19 from 12:00 – 4:30**. Please deliver your donations to the church or the church office by March 18.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	March 8	: 11AM Youth Ministry Hamburgers
Tuesday	March 10	: 5 PM Bingo Kitchen—Lions' Club Chili Supper
Wednesday	March 11	: 6PM Upper Room for High School Students/ 7PM RE Classes
Thursday	March 12	: 7PM Choir practice for Easter Saturday Vigil (All singers are invited to come)
Saturday	March 14	: Kolache Bake (Work list in this bulletin)
Sunday	March 15	: 12 NOON KC hamburgers

As you pray through these days of self-knowledge, ask Our Lady to teach you how to love her Son as she does. No one who has ever walked on this earth has ever loved Jesus like His Blessed Mother, Mary. By surrendering all to her and trusting in her powerful intercession, you can grow to love Jesus more deeply, more perfectly and be less attached to the things of this world. Just pray, "Blessed Mother Mary, my mother, teach me to love your Son like you do. Amen." Repeat this simple prayer throughout the day.

Following the Mass on March 25th, a consecration ceremony will be held for all those who have completed their 33 days of prayer for the consecration to Jesus through Mary.

Parish

Holy Cross Cemetery: It is time for the Christmas flowers and decorations to come off of the graves. Please remove them as soon as possible. Also, remember to secure the flowers in the receptacle both on the graves and on the mausoleum. Many of the flowers are blowing away in the high winds. Thank you for your help in keeping our cemetery beautiful. Mowing will begin again soon. Remember to limit your flowers/décor to only the receptacle provided.

Divine Mercy Novena (in song) will begin on Good Friday after the 3:00 PM stations. We will continue to pray/sing the Novena everyday for nine days concluding on Saturday at 3:00 pm, April 11th. We will be praying for God's Mercy on our church family, community and the world. Please join us daily at 3:00 PM in the Church. Sunday, April 12 it is the Feast of Divine Mercy of God. God's mercy endures forever!

SPRING CLEANING? – The SSCM Mission to McAllen would love to have any clothing items you no longer use for the Central American refugees fleeing violence and seeking asylum in the United States. Most needed are backpacks, men and boys clothing, women's bras, belts- both men and women's, warm clothing like coats and jackets, any size, and hats/scarves/gloves, rosaries, etc. To see the entire list please go to this web address: Catholiccharitiesrgv.org. **This list is also posted on the church's bulletin board.** Thrift store purchases are also appreciated. Know that you are blessed when a refugee steps on the bus looking forward to starting a new life with your clothes on their backs! Our next and last trip for a while will be in early April. Am now taking names of those interested in going to see firsthand what these donations mean to the refugees. Will decide on exact date according to peoples schedules. For more info, please call Deborah Spanel at [979-571-0461](tel:979-571-0461).

Religious Ed

A big THANK YOU: to all who came out last week to support the Religious Ed. fundraiser, to the generous donors who contributed to the raffle and expenses, to the parents, grandparents and students who gave of their time to work the fundraiser, to the volunteers who continue to support the children, and to everyone who sold raffle tickets. Your generosity made the fundraiser a success. May God bless you.

The winners of the Religious Education Raffle were: \$300 Walmart gift card donated by a generous donor-Helen Cervenka; \$100 Master Card gift card donated by KJT #28-Alonzo Olivas; \$100 HEB gift card donated by KJZT-Lucy Reyes; \$100 Walmart gift card donated by Paula and Eugene Marak-Kaitlyn Sumbera; \$25 HEB gift card donated by Sam and Deboral Hensel-Trey Hammons; \$25 Red & White certificate donated by Sybil Naizer-Bryan Hajda; Kitchen Basket-Christian Kerlin; Date Night Basket-James Huf; Sports Basket-Mary Geil; and Children's Basket-Willie Janeka. Congratulations to all the winner.

Area Events

Lions Club Chili Supper Tuesday, March 10, at the parish hall, 5 pm - 8 pm, \$8.00. Meal includes homemade cornbread & drink with all the fixings. Desserts available. Dine-in or takeout. Come support the Granger Lions Club.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill will have a fundraiser for the benefit of their Parish Religious Education Program on Sunday, March 22, 2015. Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the church followed by a BBQ Chicken meal, silent auction and raffle drawing in the Parish Activity Center. Meal served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (to-go plates available at drive-thru). Adult plates \$9 / Children's plates \$5.

SSCM Kolache Bake Sale Work List March 14

Kolache Bake, March 14 –\$12.00 per dozen. **Advance orders only.** Please call Kay Karkoska @ 859-1001 or email: dkkarkoska@gmail.com to place your orders. Orders will be taken until limit is reached and then a waiting list will be started if we have extras, so please order early.

Chairpersons: Marilyn Gaydos and George Strmiska

Friday: Fruit Filling and Preparation: 8:00 AM: Marilyn Gaydos, Angie Pavelka, John Pavelka, Ann Hall, Frankie Volek, Shirley Volek, Rudie Berger

Saturday:

1st Shift: 4:30 AM: Kate Brown, Frances Michalek, Timothy Michalek, Raymond Maresh, JoAnn Pavelka, Nelson Hall, Frank Pajestka, Ricky Steffek, Harold Kaderka, Michael Gorubec

Bakers 7:30-11:00 AM: Diana Kerlin, Kelly Gaydos

11:00 AM- End: Crystal Greger, Deborah Hensel

Kolache Sales: 8:00 AM-1:00 PM: Kay & Darwin Karkoska

1:00 PM-End: George & Gail Heger, Elizabeth Steglich

2nd Shift: 6:30-10:00 AM: Susan Steffek, Rosy Degollado, Janice Novak, Cirila Gomez, Theresa Hajda, Esther Villarreal, Helen Cervenka, Shirley Hall, Patricia Luna, Griselda Steglich, Henrietta Hajda, Wesley Hajda, Callen Hajda, Shirley Volek, Frankie Volek, Catherine Strmiska, Margaret Strmiska, Anne Shirocky, Pam Pekar, Debra Cavanaugh, Ellen Wolf, Risa Pajestka, Ann Hall, Betty Pekar, Patricia Miller, Jake Miller, Ronnie Steffek, John Simcik, Karen Simcik, Lillie Huf

3rd Shift: 10:00 AM-1:30 PM: Brenda Gonzales, Mildred Michalik, Bernice Jezisek, Tina Lopez, William Pavlat, Mary Pavlat, Therese Strmiska, Linda Knapek, Virginia Knapek, Rosanne Naizer, Peggy Steffek, Rebecca Skrhak, Mikayla Skrhak, Barbara Taisler Hill, Sharon Steglich, Melissa Vrabel, Ronnie Vrabel, Jeanette Vrabel, Kathy Janke, Eugene Marak, Paula Marak, Pat Greger, Joanne Selucky, John Maresh, Dorothy Maresh, Monica Rychlik, Loretta Remmert, Gloria Stefek, Shelly Repa, May Belle Repa, Zach Strmiska, Kyle Janke, Maranda Nemeč

4th Shift: 1:30 PM-end: Leonard Stojanik, Rose Unnasch, Mary Unnasch, Pam Wagner, Darve Horak, Karen Horak, Patsy Polasek, Brian Polasek, Emily Polasek, Cara Finn, Victoria Finn, Theresa Valdez, Beatrice Perez, John Pavelka, Ofelia Lopez

Volunteers are always welcome. If your name is not on the list, please consider donating your time to this fundraising event. To add your name or change your assigned time, call George Strmiska @ 512-859-2796.

Message from our Pastor

In today's Gospel, Jesus wants to purify the Temple by cleansing it of its unscrupulous businessmen who were cheating the poor. The Temple stands as the symbol of spiritually pure and honest worship of God. And Jesus' own body, which He predicts will be resurrected, becomes symbolic of the Temple itself. It will be a good reflection also in this coming weekend on the topic of poverty. How many of us really understand the meaning of charity.

EXEGESIS

For this and the following Sundays in Lent, the Church changes from using the Gospel of Mark to using the Gospel of John for its gospel readings, which gives us the opportunity to see some characteristics of John. The three other gospels place the Cleansing of the Temple in the last week of Jesus' life, so that this event will be the catalyst for the Jewish leaders to have Him arrested. But John places it at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, so that Jesus' raising of Lazarus (mentioned only by John) can be the catalyst.

The Cleansing is one of the few instances in the gospels in which Jesus shows strong anger. Note that, even in his anger and whipping, He exercises subtle compassion for the poor. How? He punishes the cheaters, namely, the money changers by overturning their tables filled with coins, and the sellers of sheep and oxen by driving those animals away. Less-expensive doves were the only animals which the poor could afford for sacrifice in the Temple. So Jesus does not release the doves; He simply tells their sellers to remove them yet in their cages (so that the poor can still have easy access to buying them).

And unlike the other gospels, when John says "the Jews," he means their leaders, not the people as a whole. The leaders demand a sign from Jesus for his authority to cleanse the Temple. Signs are a strong motif in John, and he has Jesus predict his own resurrection as the ultimate sign. Lastly, unlike the other gospels, the Johannine Jesus occasionally reads the minds of his onlookers, as He does here in knowing well what his enemies are thinking.