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SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

Serving God's People and building His Kingdom since 1891

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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.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—December 27, 2015

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| Saturday | Dec. 26 | 6:00 PM | †Johnny Michalek; †Frank&Annie Vrana;†Liberty&Henry Bartosh& Rosie&Louis Hajda;†Alfonso R. Luna, Sr. |
| Sunday | Dec. 27 | 10:00AM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Fr. Tom Frank both weekend Masses) |
| Tuesday | Dec. 29 | 8:00AM | † Agnes Stojanik (Fr. Tom Frank) |
| Wednesday | Dec. 30 | 6:00PM | † Fred Strmiska (Fr. Tom Frank) |

Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

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| Thursday | Dec. 31 | 6:00PM | † Robert & Louis Cervenka, Anton Vanek; † Joe & Viola Sevcik (NO ADORATION) (Fr. Tom Frank) |
| Friday | Jan. 1 | 8:00AM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Fr. Joseph Nisari) |
| Saturday | Jan. 2 | 8:00AM | For all the Priests who served SSCM (Fr. Joseph Nisari) |
| | | 6:00PM | Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Fr. Joseph Nisari) |
| Sunday | Jan. 3 | 10:00AM | †Julie Tomasek; † Edith Kurtin; † Emil & Martha Bohac (Fr. Stephen Nesrsta) |

We pray for Healing: Joyce Kincl Dobias, Josh Hughes, Tim Jezisek, Dennis Henry, Albert Hajda, Joe Perez, Louis Kaderka, Bobby Bohac, Ann Geil, John Gonzales, Rudy Bohac, Nina Ash, Lee Gaydos, William Pedroza, Sharon Long, George Remerdo, Robert Degollado, Nicole Geil, Linda Dlouhy, Brianna Rivera, Edwin Matysek, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana. *

Offering: Sunday: \$7,569.25 Children: \$ 18.00 Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

Liturgical Ministers January 2-3 (Altar Servers please sign up for January, February & March in the Sacristy)

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| Thursday 6PM | Lector: Ronnie Steffek/Theresa Valdez | Servers: Volunteers needed |
| <i>New Year's Eve</i> | Music: Volunteer | EMHC: Ronnie Steffek, Henrietta Hajda, 2 needed |
| Friday 8AM | Lector: Ellen Wolf/Rose Unnasch | Servers: Volunteers needed |
| <i>New Year's Day</i> | Music: Volunteers | EMHC: Mark & Wendy White, Theresa Valdez |
| Saturday 6PM | Lector: Terry Lee Pekar/Blanca Olivas | Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez |
| Jan. 2 | Music: Traditional Choir | EMHC: Louis Repa, Doc Pekar, Jaime & Cirila Gomez |
| Sunday 10AM | Lector: Jolene Volek/Lillie Huf | Servers: Brian, Emily & Evan Polasek |
| Jan. 3 | Music: Kathy Janke | EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Rita Marburger |
| Route EMHC: Mark White, Wendy White, Mary Pavlat, Bill Pavlat | | |

2016 Route Lists for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist have been sent out electronically. If you did not receive the email, copies are available in the sacristy. Liturgical Ministers lists for January are also available.

RE Store: 6PM: Kate Strmiska 10AM: Ofelia Lopez

Special collection this weekend is for the Maternity Homes for the Diocese of Austin: Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple, and the Pro-life activities Office of our Diocese.

Calendar of Events

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| Sunday | Dec. 27 | : 11AM KJZT Bingo Kitchen—Baked potatoes/2PM KJZT Meeting/2PM KC Bingo |
| Monday | Dec. 28 | : Parish Offices Closed until January 5, 2016 |
| Sunday | Jan. 3 | : 11:30AM KJT Bingo Kitchen—Hamburgers/2PM KJT Meeting : 5PM Farewell Party for Fr. Chris |

2015 Tax Letters: If you requested a 2014 Tax Letter you will automatically receive a 2015 letter. If you did not request one last year and need one please call the Parish Office 512-859-2223 or email sscmchurch@gmail.com

Parish

Financial Reports from 2014 are available in the Foyer of the Church. 2015 Reports will be available early next year.

Save the DATE: We will be sending Fr. Chris off to his next assignment with a "SSCM Farewell and Best Wishes Party" on January 3 at 5PM in the Parish Hall. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish (Entrée, Side Dish, Dessert) to share. Drinks will be provided and the bar will be open. Please make every effort to come show your appreciation for his short time with us.

Musicians: We need you. If you play piano, organ or guitar please call the office for more information on playing for Mass.

Annulment Seminar: Due to the changes being implemented in the annulment process beginning December 8 an inquiry session is being planned to provide information and answer questions. If you or someone you know are interested in attending please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. Date and time will be confirmed according to interest.

KJZT Members: The annual meeting and election of officers of the KJZT St. Helen Society #18 will be held on Sunday, December 27 at 2:00 PM at the recreation center. Members are encouraged to attend.

There will be a New Year's Celebration Dance at SSCM Recreation Hall on Saturday, January 2nd. The All Around Czechs and the Moravians will have a battle dance from 7:00-12:00pm. Cover charge is \$8.00 per person. Kitchen will open at 6:00pm and will be serving hamburgers, French fries and nachos.

Did you receive something you cannot use or want this Christmas? Religious Ed. would like to take it off your hands. We are collecting items for our annual raffle. If you would like to donate, please contact Virginia at sscmre@gmail.com or 512-859-9005. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith- Bible Study COMING!

February 1 - April 11, 2016 (Every Monday morning from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM)

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Here you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless Bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass.

Registration deadline is January 4th. Cost is \$25.00. For more information contact Mary Geil at 512/576-7371 or mgeil58g@gmail.com.

ROAR II Progress Report ~ We have exceeded our goal! 107%

Because of your generous support additional improvements will be possible with excess funds pledged toward this project. Make your pledge or donation today!

124 of 400+ parish families (Businesses) have answered the call. Pledge cards are available by the Church Rendition in the foyer.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly. You may drop your pledge/payments in the collection basket.

Pledged: \$125,520.68 79 Pledges Paid in Full Fundraisers thus far: \$21,165.30 Memorials and Donations: \$13,570.33

\$150,000-160,256.31= (\$10,256.31) OVER our goal

Message from Our Pastor

Today is born to us the Savior, Jesus the Christ, the Son of God!

EXEGESIS:

Although an insignificant town when Jesus is born there, Bethlehem was the capital of the great Israelite King David of centuries before. Thus the symbolism of Jesus as the New David, the New King of the Jews, introduced to the world by the brilliant star representing divinity. In addition, "Bethlehem" in Hebrew means "House of Bread," symbolizing Jesus as the Eucharistic gift to the world. His appearance to mankind is first recognized by humble shepherds and animals, because his mission is primarily to those who are spiritually or materially poor.

Christmas Flower Donations (Complete list of "In Memory/In Honor of on the bulletin board)

St. Flora Altar Society wishes to thank everyone for their generous support of the Flower Fund for Christmas!

Jeff & Rudie Berger
Jimmy & Debra Cavanaugh
Richard & Helen Cervenka
Jerry David
Gary & Marilyn Gaydos
Jaime & Ciri Gomez
Eugene & Patricia Greger
VJ Hajda
Theresa Hajda
George & Gail Heger
Sam & Deborah Hensel
Scott & Kathy Janke
Darwin & Kay Karkoska
M/M Joe D. Knapek
George & Linda Knapek
Rosa Luna
Eugene & Paula Marak

Regina Mayer
M/M Jerome Michalek
Wm & Mildred Michalik
Georgia Mikulencak
Trisha & John Miller
Sybil Naizer
Lad & Thelma Naizer
John & Rosanne Naizer
Arthur & Dorothy Palla
William & Mary Pavlat
James & Pam Pekar
Terry & Betty Pekar
Daniel & Hilda Perez
Beatrice & Obaldo Perez
Sybil Pustejovsky
Louis & Janet Repa
Gilbert & May Belle Repa

Gerry, Lisa & Garret Repa
Louise Rozacky
Anne & Alan Shirocky
John & Cecilia Steffek
Ricky & Susie Steffek
Ronnie & Peggy Steffek
Howard & Anna Stojanik
Therese Strmiska
Josie Strmiska
Margaret Strmiska
George & Kate Strmiska
Mary Ann Strmiska
Hortense Svehlak
Randall & Rose Unnasch
Ronald & Melissa Vrabel
Margaret Vrana
Ellen & Dan Wolf