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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 (DPC)

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

Healing Mass: First Thursday of every month

Nursing Home Masses: Granger Villa 2nd Thursday/Will O Bell 3rd Thursday (Subject to change)

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 1, 2016

Saturday	April 30	NO CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY 6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Hall)
Sunday	May 1	10:00AM Martin & Frantiska Vrabel Family; † Frank Tomasek; † Fred Strmiska & Donna Davidson; † Lillian & John David; † Bennie Bartosh (Hall)
Tuesday	May 3	12:00PM † Dan & Mary Merka (DPC)
Wednesday	May 4	6:00PM † Louis Kaderka; † George Vrana (DPC)
Thursday	May 5	4:00PM Adoration/4:30-5:30pm Confession/Evening Prayer/Benediction (DPC) 6:00PM Healing Mass † Ernest & Lillie Hudec; † Edward Bigon (DPC)
Friday	May 6	8:00AM † Matthew Castillo; † Joe Perez (DPC)
Saturday	May 7	8:00AM † Asuncion Luna (DPC) 6:00PM Living and deceased members especially Mothers of SSCM Parish (Hall)
Sunday	May 8	10:00AM All Mothers (Hall)

Offering: Sunday: \$3,328.00

Children: \$27.00

Liturgical Ministers May 7-8 (Anyone interested in serving as Lector, Music or Server please contact the Office.)

Saturday 6PM Lectors: Debra Cavanaugh/Ronnie Steffek Servers: Kyle & Karsyn Hamons
 Music: Volunteer EMHC: Ronnie Steffek, Doc Pekar, George & Kate Strmiska

Sunday 10AM Lectors: Theresa Valdez/Jolene Volek Servers: Volunteers
 Music: Olivia Unnasch EMHC: Frankie & Shirley Volek, Jolene Volek, Trish Lopez

Route EMHC: Kate Strmiska, Angie Pavelka, John Pavelka, George Strmiska

RE Store is open after weekend Masses in the south west corner of the Hall.

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

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance envelopes are at the bulletin tables. Please return by May 6.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	May 1	: 11:30AM KJT hamburgers/ 2PM Bingo
Monday	May 2	: 7PM KC meeting (Hall)
Tuesday	May 3	: 5PM Bingo kitchen—Nachos, Super Nachos, Hot Dogs, Chicken Salad Sandwiches
Thursday	May 5	: 6PM Healing Mass (Ascension Thursday—transferred to Sunday May 8)
Friday	May 6	: Novena to the Holy Spirit begins
Sunday	May 8	: Happy Mother's Day!/No Bingo

Parish

Treat a Mom, Help a Youth: Youth Ministry would like to bake something for your mother! They will be selling baked goods on Sunday, May 8 after the 10AM Mass. If you would like to pre-order, please contact Virginia for items available @[512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634) or sscmre@gmail.com. All proceeds will go towards the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference. Thank you for your support.

Taco Plate Sale: Youth Ministry will be selling taco plates that include 2 homemade tacos, rice, beans and tea for \$8.00 on Saturday, May 14 after the 6PM Mass. All proceeds will cover cost for the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference. Thank you for your support.

Senior Mass: All graduating High School and College Seniors are invited to participate in the Senior Mass on Sunday, May 15 at 10AM. Please wear your cap and gown. We will meet in the Parish Hall Dining Room at 9:40AM. Cookies and punch will be served afterwards. If you would like to participate, please contact Virginia at sscmre@gmail.com or [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634).

We are currently collecting pictures to create a history book of our parish as we celebrate 125 years. If you have any pictures particularly of the early Church, please leave at the Parish Office or call Darve Horak 512-818-5064 for pickup. Scanned pictures can be emailed digitally to darve.horak@gmail.com. All pictures must be received by May 15. Due to space, not every submitted picture will be used.

Our traveling Blessed Mother Mary is now available for dates beginning throughout the rest of the year. Please sign up at the south entrance of the hall. Thank you to all who have invited her into their homes so far. May you all be showered with many blessings!

Refinishing of Sacred Vessels 4 Candlesticks @\$240.00 each/1 *Anonymous*, 1 *Jimmy and Debra Cavanaugh*

Diocesan and Area Events

Are you looking for a family-fun NEON GLOW good time? On May 7th the 4th annual Saints & Sinners After-Dark 5k kicks off for hundreds and hundreds at sunset. St Patrick Catholic Church & charity-partner BCRC (Breast Cancer Resource Center) will be hosting this spectacular event for families & friends all ages, sizes and "wattages". Get Your Neon On! For a limited time, use the promotion code **HOLYSPIRIT** for a **\$10 discount**. More details: www.saintsandsinners5k.com or call 512- 593-2523.

Aging with Grace and Wisdom, a day of reflection, will be held May 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. During this day, specific attention will be given to six spiritual tasks of aging: Letting go, No regrets, Meaning, Legacy, Forgiveness and Solitude. The cost is \$35, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. To pre-register, visit www.ewrc.org.

St. Stephen Catholic Church-Salado will host the Fr. Charles Davis Charity Classic Golf Tournament on May 20th, 2016 – Sign-in at 11:00 am-Shot Gun start at 12:00 pm at the Mill Creek Golf Club-Contact Josh Bratton [254 493-4651](tel:2544934651)

GRANGER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND HOPE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

Families Served – 61 Cash Donations received for Food Pantry = \$1695.00 and Food Donated = 95 pounds
SSCM \$295.00 and 95 pounds of food Granger Pit Stop \$50.00 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$300.00
BRETHERN CHURCH \$ 50.00 MEMORIAL for Dr. Susan Skrovan \$400.00 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH \$600.00
The Red and White Grocery – Thank you for providing eggs and meat at cost!!!

What Can You Do? We can always use breakfast items, canned vegetables, soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, dessert items, toiletries and cash is always welcome.

The next food pantry will be May 19 from 12:00 – 4:00. Please deliver your donations to the church office by May 18.

HOPE PROGRAM IN GRANGER FROM THE CARING PLACE

HOPE (Healthy Options for the Elderly 55 and older) was distributed at the SSCM Parish Hall on April 12th. Five volunteers assisted with handing out food for 23 families. Nine home deliveries were made. Next HOPE distribution will be on May 10th from 1-3 pm at the SSCM Parish Hall.

ROAR II Progress Report ~ We have exceeded our goal! 126+%

134 of 400+ parish families (Businesses) have answered the call. Pledged: \$135,280.68 (\$125,705.68 paid)

97 Pledges Paid in Full Fundraisers thus far: \$39,133.43 Memorials and Donations: \$16,025.33

\$150,000-190,439.44= (\$40,439.44) OVER our goal when all pledges are fulfilled

Only authorized personnel will be allowed into the church until the restoration is completed in July.

On August 17, 1915, a hurricane badly damaged the frame church that had housed the congregation since its inception in 1891. Altar and all furnishings were moved to the upper floor of the school building and services were conducted there while a new brick church was constructed. The old church building was razed and a new residence for the nuns was built of the residual lumber. (2)

The building committee, comprised of the pastor, Rev. Pridal, F. Parma, John Baca, Jan Martinka, Petr Nemecek and Valentine Bartos, set about the construction of the brick structure that survives, albeit altered, to this day. The building, 100 feet, from ground to tip of spire, is an 118 ft x 45 ft. edifice replete with stained glass windows, depicting various saints, imported from Czechoslovakia. Most donated by various families and so designated, the windows remain in place to this day. Statues of Mother Mary, St. Joseph, St. Theresa and the Sacred Heart of Jesus were also imported from the old country. The total cost of the church ran to \$32,000, and due to the generosity of the parishioners was paid for within one year. (Taken from: A Narrative History of the Congregation by Loretta Skrovan Mikulencak, Granger, Texas)

Pentecost is almost here. "COME HOLY SPIRIT!"

We invite all to join us in a night of celebrating and praying for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us, our priests, our church, our families and our World!!! The 2016 Pentecost Vigil (May 14th) will be celebrated throughout the World on the night before Pentecost. SSCM will participate in this vigil after the 6:00 PM Mass on Saturday, May 14th in the Hall. After Mass, at 7:30 with Adoration followed by Praise and Worship Music, The Legion of Mary Rosary group, Scripture Readings and Prayers and Silent Adoration. We will conclude at 10:00 pm. We encourage all to wear RED in honor of our Holy Spirit.

Fr. Dave Pivonka, our Mission Priest a few years back, is coordinating a worldwide vigil of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Thank you Fr. Dave. We encourage prior to the event on the Vigil of the 14th, to pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit and fasting. The Novena will begin May 6th and end on May 14th. Copies of the Pentecost Novena are available at the bulletin tables. [A shorter version is below]

The first novena was established by our Lord Jesus when he sent his apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. When Jesus ascended to Heaven (Ascension Thursday), he told the Apostles and Blessed Mother Mary to wait in the upper room for the coming of the Holy Spirit and to pray so that they would have the power needed to establish the Church. It was exactly 9 days from Ascension Thursday until Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came and fell on all of those in the Upper Room. We are beginning our Novena Friday, the day after Ascension and ending on the vigil of Pentecost. Just like they did!!!! Come Holy Spirit.

Please join us in praying the Novena and for the Vigil on May 14th for this extraordinary event of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As Fr. Dave says, can't wait to see what the Holy Spirit will do...

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: to be prayed each day for nine days—May 6-May 14

Holy Spirit, third Person of the Blessed Trinity, Spirit of truth, love and holiness, proceeding from the Father and the Son, and equal to Them in all things, I adore You and I love You with all my heart.

Dearest Holy Spirit, confiding in Your deep, personal love for me, I am making this novena for the following request, if it should be Your holy Will to grant it: an outpouring of You, O Holy Spirit, over the entire world.

Teach me, Divine Spirit, to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase in faith, hope and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state of life.

Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient enough to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen