



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st Saturdays 8:30AM (FMI: Virginia Loza 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

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.

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 Pastoral Council: Deborah Hensel
 Finance Council: Chris Nemecek
 Holy Cross Cemetery: Parish Office
 Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 3, 2017

Saturday	Sept. 2	8:00AM For greater respect of all human life 6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	Sept. 3	10:00AM †Alice Taisler; † Vince Marek; † Tim Martinka; † Amy Wolf, Bennet Stelly, Bernice Vrabel; † Elick & Mildred Kaspar
Tuesday	Sept. 5	12:00PM † Joe Vrana; † Alfred Vrana
Wednesday	Sept. 6	6:00PM † Anton, Sr. & Anna Vanek
Thursday	Sept. 7	4:00PM Adoration/4:30PM Confession/5:30PM Evening Prayer/5:45PM Benediction <i>Healing Mass</i> 6:00PM † Ed Cmerek
Friday	Sept. 8	8:00AM † Hortense Svehlak
Saturday	Sept. 9	6:00PM †Annie & Anton Vanek; † Willie Cervenka; † Henry & Angeline Dillard, Mary Conlee; † Bobby Bohac; 56th Wedding Anniversary of Darwin & Kay Karkoska
Sunday	Sept. 10	10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Offering: Sunday: \$2,881.00 Children: \$20.00 Bazaar: \$5,049.00 Thank you for your generous support of our Parish!

Liturgical Ministers Sept. 9-10 (Please find replacement if you are unable to serve)

Saturday	6PM	Lector: Blanca Olivas Music: Volunteer	EMHC: Mark & Wendy White, Cirila Gomez, Diana Kerlin Servers: McKenna, Daryl, Luke & Caleb Stefek
Sunday	10AM	Lector: Ellen Wolf Music: Volunteer	EMHC: Elena Castro, Regina Carlson, Deborah Hensel, Lillie Huf Servers: Elena & Tony Juarez, Alex Perez, Onesimo Rodriguez

Route EMHC: Mark White, Wendy White, Frankie & Shirley Volek, Diana Kerlin

Religious Articles Store: 6PM: Gail Heger 10AM: Esther Villarreal

A special collection will be taken up today for the Hurricane Harvey disaster. All funds will go to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of the Catholic Charities USA. Donations may also be made online at <http://www.cctx.org/donations-form.html>.

Special collection next weekend is for the Parish Building and Maintenance Fund. We will also have a collection for the visiting missionary, Fr. Christopher Magesa from the Catholic Diocese of Geita in Tanzania. See letter box.

Flowers: (Main) In loving memory of Amy Wolf from her family.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Sept. 3	: 11AM Parish Bazaar/ 1:30PM Will O Bell Legion of Mary Rosary
Monday	Sept. 4	: Holy Trinity in Corn Hill: 6PM Mass of Healing for Billy Meissner (All are welcome)
Tuesday	Sept. 5	: 5PM FCCLA/Purple Santa Bingo Kitchen—hot dogs, Frito pie, nachos and various desserts
Wednesday	Sept. 6	: 7PM Religious Ed begins
Thursday	Sept. 7	: 7:30PM KC meeting (Hall)
Sunday	Sept. 10	: 11AM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen—hamburgers, fries, desserts/ 2PM KC Bingo : 3PM Granger Villa Legion of Mary Rosary : Deadline for Pastoral Council nominations

Parish News

Pastoral Council Nominations: A nomination form is in the foyer of the church. All active parishioners over 18 years of age will be allowed to nominate four people to be considered for the four positions on the Pastoral Council. Please **do not** nominate any of the people that are now serving on the Finance or Pastoral Council. **Deadline to submit nomination is September 10, 2017.**

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins September 20 in the DPC at 7PM: Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. The cost will be \$30. For more information or to register for the study, call Lillie Huf at [512-694-2801](tel:512-694-2801) or email Virginia at sscmre@gmail.com.

The Legion of Mary will celebrate its 96th birthday on September 8th at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Pflugerville. The rosary will begin at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm. The main celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop Danny Garcia. All members are urged to attend. If you would like a ride, we will meet in the church parking lot at 5:45 pm. For more information or to confirm a ride, please call Theresa Valdez [\(254\) 657-2374](tel:254-657-2374).

EIM Workshop: All clergy, religious, seminarians and employees, and all volunteers serving in ministry to minors or the vulnerable, must attend an EIM Workshop every 3 years.

There will be a workshop offered on Tuesday, September 12 from 7-9PM in the SSCM DPC. To Sign Up for a Workshop (bottom right of your account page), login to your EIM account at https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp?ORGZ_KEY=4. If you don't recall your User ID/Password, please use the Alternate Login option. If you have never submitted an EIM application (required for employees, and volunteers serving in any ministry requiring EIM compliance), use the above link to create your EIM account and complete the application. Please contact your parish EIM site administrator Virginia Loza-Lee at [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634), if you need to complete a paper EIM application or need other assistance with EIM compliance matters.

Workshop Notes: 1) plan to arrive promptly as late arrivals may not be admitted 2) children should not be brought to EIM workshops.

If you are a victim of sexual abuse and have concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at [512-949-2447](tel:512-949-2447) to discuss an alternative workshop arrangement.

Area Events

St. Mary's Parish in Taylor will host their 83rd Annual Fall Festival and Parish Picnic on September 10th at the KC Hall in Taylor. The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters will be hosting a meal at 11AM. Cakewalk, toy booth, train ride, games, silent auction and country store will start at 11AM and the live auction will start at 1PM.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill invites everyone to join them on Sunday, September 17, for their annual Bazaar. Start the day by celebrating the Holy Mass at 10:30 a.m., then enjoy a delicious meal of Corn Hill Fried Chicken & BBQ, served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (adults plates \$10 / children \$5; and drive-thru is available till 12:30p.m.). There will be live polka music during the meal, children's games, live and silent auctions, bingo and kolaches for sale. Hamburgers will be available at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a day of good food and fun for the whole family!

The 100 Years of Our Lady of Fatima retreat will be held at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton Oct. 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In the spring of 1917, three children reported a vision of a beautiful lady in Fatima, Portugal. The last time the Blessed Mother appeared to them was Oct. 13, 1917. Her message continues to be one of prayer; especially, praying the rosary for peace. Brian Egan, Beverly Collin and Deacon Klaus Adam will lead the day of prayer in honor of the 100th anniversary of Fatima. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. http://www.cedarbrake.org/event/100-years-our-lad-of-fatima/?instance_id=80

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, each year the **Mission appeal** provides a prayerful moment to experience and participate in our baptismal call to mission. We actively participate in the global Church's Mission to support those who are struggling and the less privileged. **The Diocese of Geita Tanzania**, located on the Eastern part of Africa, has many struggling brothers and sisters in Christ. The Diocese of Geita requests you to prayerfully support it in the following priorities:

(a) **Helping the orphans:** Geita diocese built an orphanage center in response to the presence of innocent children who have lost their parents because of HIV/AIDS. The orphanage center is called Moyo wa Huruma, and is located within the Diocese's property. As of April this year (2017), it had 102 children ranging from 17 years to 2 years. These innocent children are now saved from potentially joining gangs, turning to drugs, and probably prostitution. Geita Diocese provides for their accommodation, food, education, and formation. However, the Diocese of Geita depends on donors to run that orphanage. We appeal to your support in this holy work through your prayers and generous donation.

(b) **Education:** (I) we have started a big project of constructing a Catholic high school aiming at helping our youth both girls and boys, but with a special emphasis to girls. There has been a long standing tradition of inequality between boys and girls in terms of education. Our aim is to break this line of inequality by providing more opportunity to girls to acquire high school education without neglecting education to boys as well. The project is making slow progress due to financial issues. We expect to finish the construction by 2019 and enroll at least 300 girls and about 200 boys in 2020. This will also help not only to form the youth in the Christian values, but also to Evangelize those who are none Catholics. (II) Supporting Seminarians in their studies; it is the undeniable fact that without priests the Church cannot continue to exist. Each year the Diocese of Geita is blessed to have some young men who are eagerly ready to join the priestly vocation. However, financial costs do silence their dreams. It costs \$900 annually to pay for one seminarian. Please become part of this sacred mission this year through your prayers and generous donation.

(c) **Evangelization:** The proceeds from the Missionary Cooperation Plan will also be invested in Faith formation or evangelization: Each year we have many converts into the Catholic Church. Surely, this is good news, but it comes with some challenges: the priests we have are busy administering sacraments and other administrative duties. They hardly have time to train the newly converts. Therefore, we focus on training catechists, who in turn are the basic teachers for the catechumens' candidates, and confirmation programs in parishes and mission churches. This, in turn, demands capital. These are some of our challenges for which we seek your prayerful and generous support.

GRANGER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND HOPE NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2017

Families Served – 64 Cash Donations received for Food Pantry = \$608.00 Food Donations - 308 pounds of food
It was a hot month, but we were able to coordinate stuffing 100 plus back packs for Granger students K-6th that qualified. So far, 107 back packs have been distributed. Thanks for your donations and to all of the children and adults who braved the weather and volunteered to help to make this happen!

Anonymous Couple Sun City – 225 pounds of food SSCM – \$183.00 and 53 pounds of food Granger Pit Stop - \$75.00
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - \$300.00 BRETHREN - \$50.00 and 30 pounds of food BIG B'S – Provides meat and eggs at cost.

What Can You Do? Items needed are canned veggies, tuna, soups, chili, spaghetti sauce, ketchup, mustard, pastas, breakfast items, desserts, sugar free jello and pudding. Toiletries, laundry soaps, shampoos are welcomed and money can always be used to purchase needed groceries.

Next Food Pantry: The next food pantry will be September 21 from 12:00 – 4:00. Please deliver your donations to the church office the day before.