



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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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.

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Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 16, 2014

Saturday Nov. 15 6:00PM † Alfred Vrana; † Robert Gonzales; † August Motloch, Sr.; † Viola & Joe Sevcik

Sunday Nov. 16 10:00 AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

Tuesday Nov. 18 8:00AM † Tracy Gilliam; † Agnes Stojanik

Wed Nov. 19 6:00PM † Mabel Cantrel; † John & Rosie Pavlat

Thurs Nov. 20 4-5:45PM Adoration/Benediction 10AM Will o Bell: † Johnny P. Martinka

6:00PM † Alfred Cervenka, Jr.; Healing of Matthew Lee

Friday Nov. 21 8:00AM † Albin & Albina Dykowski (Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday Nov. 22 6:00PM † Frank & * Helen Jezisek; † Henry Rozacky; † Frank Mikulencak; † Danny Naizer; and the Pavelka & Holubec Families

Sunday Nov. 23 10:00 AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

All Souls intentions will be prayed for at all Masses during the month of November.

*We pray for Healing: Julie Kaderka, Bryce Tubbs, Matthew Lee, Perri Perez and son, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Edith Kurtin, Robert Rister, Misty Gonzales, William Pedroza * ☺*

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Adam (Amber) Martinka married last Saturday.

Offering: Sunday: \$4,422.00 Children: \$10.00 Building & Maintenance: \$1,354.50 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers November 22-23

Saturday 6PM Lector: Deborah Hensel EMHC: Lawrence Novak, Marilyn Gaydos, Mike Vrana, Cirila Gomez

Music: Guitar Group Servers: Nicholas & William Novak

Sunday 10AM Lector: Virginia Loza Lee EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, George Strmiska, Greg Gonzalez

Music: Darve & Karen Servers: John & Mary Unnasch, Mario Gonzalez

EMHC Route: Griselda Steglich, Barbara Hill, Mary Pavlat, Bill Pavlat

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

Special collection today is for the Christmas Meal for the homebound. The SSCM Christmas meal for the homebound, sick & elderly, widows & widowers, & disadvantaged will be on Monday, December 15th. If you or someone you know should be included to receive a meal please call John Pavelka @ [512-859-2748](tel:512-859-2748). Volunteers will be needed to de-bone turkeys on Sunday, December 14th @ 4pm and to help prepare the meal on Monday (7am) and deliver plates (10:30am).

Next week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. Please give to the CCHD Special Collection.

Catholic Services Appeal: Please remember to send in your pledge to the Diocese.

Granger Food Pantry is in need of donations to be able to provide Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. Envelopes are in the back of the church and can be placed in the offering. Please return by November 16th. All donations are greatly appreciated. Next Pantry date is November 20 any food items need to be in by noon November 19th.

Flowers: In memory of George Vrana from his wife Margaret for their wedding anniversary.

Calendar of Events

Sunday Nov. 16 : 12 noon KC hamburgers (Hall)
: 4:30PM KJZT meeting (Hall)

Wednesday Nov. 19 : 6PM Upper Room
: 7PM Religious Education

Sunday Nov. 23 : 11AM KJZT bingo kitchen—homemade chicken noodle soup (Benefits the Food Pantry)

Parish

November 30 Fried Chicken Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus to benefit the restoration and painting of the interior of the church. All parishioners are encouraged to help either in the kitchen or by bringing desserts.

McAllen Mission: due to weather and a scheduling conflict, the trip to McAllen has been postponed. Thank you for your generous support and donations. The church office will continue to collect donations. For more information please call Deborah at [979-571-0461](tel:979-571-0461).

Card of Thanks: Many thanks for all the prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food, and memorials during the loss of our mother. A special thank you to Fr. Chris and Fr. Barry for their beautiful homilies and to the Guitar Group for the music which made for such a memorable service. Thanks also to the Eucharistic Ministers who brought her weekly communion and to the Legion of Mary members who prayed the rosary while she was a resident at Will-O-Bell. Your kindness and care will not be forgotten. God bless you all. *The family of Lydia Pekar*

Area Events

St. Stephen Salado will host Turkey Bingo-November 16th, 2014 2 pm – 5pm 601 FM Road 2268 Salado, Texas.

Eagle's Wings Retreat Center will host its first Fun Run/Walk Dec. 6 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the retreat center near Burnet. Olympic Silver Medalist Leo Manzano will be the special guest for the day; he will speak to and run with the participants. Msgr. Elmer Holtman will also participate in the run. To register or for sponsorship information, visit www.unbearablefunrun.weebly.com.

Anyone needing an EIM workshop will sign up on-line through their EIM account. The sign up process is explained once you access your EIM account; please contact our parish EIM site administrator if you need assistance. Go to https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp?ORGZ_KEY=4 to log in to your EIM account in order to find the schedule of EIM workshops and to sign up.

Message from Our Pastor

In today's gospel, Jesus uses one of his several parables dealing with the use and misuse of money and material goods to illustrate how his followers must be faithful, confident, and disciplined in their practice of their faith.

EXEGESIS:

Several of Jesus' parables deal with the use of money in a secular setting which is not specifically religious; this is one of them. However, the religious meaning behind the parable is of value for his disciples and for us Christians. Interestingly, even though the first two servants double the money of their master, the master considers these accomplishments to be "small matters." But the "faithfulness" and savvy of the servants are rewarded by giving them greater responsibilities. The third servant, motivated by lack of confidence or fear of his master, simply buries his share of the money, which, of course, does not earn profit. That servant is called "wicked and lazy" by the master and is severely punished by the master. That servant is prevented from "sharing the master's joy" (a reference to an appreciation banquet).

Jesus is telling his followers that they cannot be lax in their faith, nor can they be driven by fear of the world. If they know their master (Jesus), they know that He himself is committed, fair, hopeful, and future-oriented, and they know they must imitate Him. It is the dedicated disciples of Christ who ultimately will feast with Him at the great heavenly banquet at the end of time.