



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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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

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 25, 2015

Saturday Jan. 24	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday Jan. 25	10:00 AM	†Daniel Naizer; † Joe & Agnes Vrabel; † Joe E. Stefek; † Lee Castro
Tuesday Jan. 27	8:00AM	† August Motloch, Sr. ; † Virginia Vanek
Wed Jan. 28	6:00PM	† Frank & Annie Vrana; † Martin & Dorothea Mokry
Thurs Jan. 29	4:00PM	Adoration/Benediction
	6:00PM	† Frank & Elizabeth Kollaja
Friday Jan. 30	8:00AM	† Albin Bohac; † Raymond Mokry, Jr.
Saturday Jan. 31	6:00PM	†Henry Rozacky, Jr; † Alfonse, Betty, Ted & Nicholas Stojanik ; † Nathan Huf
Sunday Feb. 1	10:00 AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish

We pray for Healing: Arthur Palla, Hannah Frank, Donald Pacha, Gail Heger, Nicole Geil, Kevin Carr, Connie Lopez, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, Mary Motloch, J.D. Shirocky, Julie Kaderka, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana, Edith Kurtin, Isabel Luna. *

Welcome to our Parish Family: Elia Alexandra Jones baptized on January 11.

Offering: Sunday: \$ 4,261.00 Children: \$25.00 Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers January 31- Feb. 1

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Terry Lee Pekar	EMHC: Marilyn Gaydos, Mike Vrana, Deborah Hensel, Henrietta Hajda
	Music: Traditional Choir	Servers: Kyle Hamons, Garret Repa
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Wendy White	EMHC: Mark White, Greg Gonzalez, Bill & Mary Pavlat
	Music: Teresa Caslavka	Servers: Delia, Anthony, Elaina Aleman

EMHC Route: Deborah Hensel, Marilyn Gaydos, Margaret Vrana, Teresa Valdez

Religious Articles Store: 6PM -Hortense Svehlak 10AM – Rose Fischler

Flowers (Main) In loving memory of Daniel Naizer from Sybil Naizer and family.

(Sacred Heart) In loving memory of Joe E. Stefek from his family.

Special collection next weekend is for the Catholic Higher Education

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Jan. 25	: 11AM KJZT bingo kitchen—Taco Soup and Cornbread
Tuesday	Jan. 27	: 5PM bingo kitchen--Soft Tacos, Hot Dogs, Nachos
Wednesday	Jan. 28	: 6PM Upper Room for High School Students
		: 7PM RE Classes
Sunday	Feb. 1	: 12 noon KC hamburgers

Parish

KJT Society #28 will sponsor a Fried Pork Steak Dinner on Sunday, February 15th after the 10 AM Polka Mass. Serving for the dinner begins at 11 AM at SSCM Hall. Plates are \$9.00 (no Children's plates). All proceeds benefit the restoration of our church with a matching grant from the KJT Home Office. Parishioners are asked to donate sweets to sell with the meal. Thank you!!

The Diocese of Austin is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Gabriel Life Association**. The Gabriel Life Association is the unified Catholic response to those facing crisis pregnancies in Central Texas. WE work together to maximize services to families, avoid duplication and shepherd women to available resources to ensure comprehensive care, even beyond pregnancy. Our vision is a culture in Central Texas that provides every woman the support she needs to embrace life. If you would like to work toward this vision with us or are in need of assistance, please contact any of the member organizations of the Gabriel Life Association. You can find us at www.austindiocese.org/gla or call (877)WE-CARE-2. Brochures are available in the Main Entrance of the Church today .

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. Beginning February 20th, please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Each day of prayer, representing one year in the life of Christ is done privately in our own homes using the consecration preparation prayer book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by January 31st to receive your FREE copy of the Monfort prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you.

Is it time for a Change? Walking toward Eternity - Daring to Walk the Walk DVD Study with Jeff Cavins is coming to SSCM. This is an inspiring series designed to help you live your faith more fully by developing and nurturing characteristics that are essential to the Christian life. Through daily prayer and meditation with Scripture (lectio divina) you will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ. You will learn to walk in: Love, Forgiveness, Humility, Prayerfulness, Faithfulness, Sacrifice and Thankfulness. Cost is \$20.00 and we will meet every Monday morning from February 23 until April 20, 2015 from 8:30 until 10:30. We welcome all to attend this 8 week session in walking these virtues and putting our faith into practice. DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS February 6, 2015. To register, contact Mary Geil at 512/576-7371 or email mgeil@eccwireless.net.

Area Events

Holy Trinity Corn Hill is hosting Elite Medical Imaging on Saturday, February 7. Elite Medical Imaging (EMI) will offer a variety of preventative health screenings at a reduced cost. An EMI representative will join us next weekend (January 31/February 1) and will be available for appointment sign-ups and to answer questions.

Czech Mass - Vítame Vás na Corn Hill: The annual Czech Mass in honor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic, will be held on, Friday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill. All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. Come and pray with us in Czech and celebrate your Czech heritage.

Please join us on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 for a special "Festival," sponsored by the Missionaries of Hope, a non-profit organization established to provide education and healthcare to the desperately poor children of Pakistan—who have neither hope nor any future. The Festival will be held at the Holy Family Parish Activity Center in Lexington (1027 FM 696) -- from 12:00 noon until 4 p.m. The event will feature a delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. Guests can bid on specialty items at the Silent Auction – and browse an exotic Bazaar filled with unique items from Pakistan. Tickets are \$9 (adults) and \$4 (children). Please contact Virginia Lee ([512-426-9795](tel:512-426-9795)) for more information.

The third annual Austin Catholic Men's Conference will be held Feb. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. William Parish in Round Rock. Featured speakers include **Jesse Romero**, a contributing author to the book "*Welcome Home*" and a full-time bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist, and **Charlie Aeschliman**, a former Navy SEAL who compares the total commitment required to become a SEAL commando with Christ's call to holiness. There will also be time for reflection, prayer and fellowship with other men. The cost is \$39 online, \$20 for college students or younger, or \$45 at the door. For more information, contact Robert Tunmire at RTunmire@gmail.com or (254) 744-4199.

Visit www.CatholicArmorOfGod.com for complete information about the conference.

Maintenance Position at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Temple. This is a full time position that requires experience with electricity, plumbing and carpentry. The person is responsible for the overall maintenance of the Cedarbrake facility and will assist with landscape duties. All applications must be submitted directly through the Diocese of Austin web page: <http://austindiocese.iapplicants.com/searchjobs.php>

Message from Our Bishop

"It is with great joy that I announce to you that today our Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed Father Daniel E. Garcia, Vicar General, as auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Austin. Bishop-Elect Garcia is the first auxiliary bishop in the 67-year history of the diocese. Please join me in congratulating Bishop-Elect Garcia."

The Mass of Ordination will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez

Bishop of Austin

Message from Father Chris

Risk dominates the story in today's gospel. John the Baptist, Jesus' first disciple and Jesus himself are all embarking on a ministry of personal risk in proclaiming the kingdom of God. Christians today must be prepared to take risks in witnessing to their belief in the gospel of Christ. Indeed, many in such places as the Holy Land are suffering intense persecution as they continue as a small minority among the oppressive majority.

EXEGESIS:

This gospel reading by Mark is a variation of the event in John's gospel from last Sunday. The courageous John the Baptist has risked his life by his public criticism of some of the Jewish leaders including King Herod, and how he has been imprisoned. Jesus then begins his own public ministry by expanding upon the Baptist's theme of the need for immediate repentance and preparation for the kingdom of God. Jesus calls his initial apostles, Simon (Peter) being the first mentioned as symbolic of his future headship over the others. Jesus designates them as "fishers of men"; fishing has the themes of seeking, mystery (deep water), patience, food, and risk. Like John the Baptist and Jesus himself, Jesus' disciples will face ultimate risk in their future ministry. They already are risking their livelihood in abandoning their nets. Note that Mark takes care to imply that the father of James and John will not be abandoned, as Mark indicates that the "hired men" will continue assisting the father who is not called by Jesus.