



SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Youth Ministers: Wendy & Mark White hafa_adai65@hotmail.com

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.

Pastor: Very Rev. Chris Ferrer

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Executive Assistant: Joanne Selucky

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Holy Cross Cemetery: Cecilia Stefek

Calvary Cemetery: James Cervenka

5th Sunday of Easter—May 3, 2015

Saturday	May 2	8:00AM	† Lydia Pekar
		6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	May 3	10:00AM	†Mary & Daniel Merka; Living & Deceased members of the Martin & Frantiska Vrabel Family
Tuesday	May 5	8:00AM	†Bennie & Genevieve Naizer
Wed	May 6	6:00PM	† Johnny Michalek; † Agnes Stojanik
Thurs	May 7	4:00PM	Adoration/Liturgy of the Hours/Benediction
		6:00PM	†Helen Brundige (Healing Mass)
Friday	May 8	8:00AM	†Lillian Matula
Saturday	May 9	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	May 10	10:00AM	Mother's Day Mass Intentions

We pray for Healing: Bernice Vrabel, Terry Griffith, Ed Machac, Roselle Fischler, Bernice Huf, Minnie Perez, Josh Hughes, Ann Pease, Larry Maresh, Monica Horak, Bennie Bartosh, Deacon John Thornton, Donald Pacha, Nicole Geil, Alice Taisler, Joseph Campos, Albina Teltow, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana (Please contact office when the immediate need of prayer has passed.)

Offering: Sunday: \$2,894.00 Children: \$31.00 Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

Liturgical Ministers May 9-10

Saturday 6PM Lector: Ronnie Steffek EMHC: Henrietta Hajda, Marilyn Gaydos, Diana Kerlin, Mark White
 Music: volunteer Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez

Sunday 10AM Lector: Jolene Volek EMHC: Harold & Carolyn Kaderka, Darve Horak, Rita Marburger
 Music: Kathy Janke Servers: Brian, Emily & Evan Polasek

EMHC: Mark White, Wendy White, Margaret Vrana, Diana Kerlin

Religious Articles Store 6PM: Janice Novak 10AM: Bernice Jezisek

Flowers: In honor of our First Communion Class

Granger Community Food Pantry: We are grateful to all that continue to support the efforts of the Granger Food Pantry. We have had an abundance of canned goods in the pantry all year long. However, our pantry is extremely low of supplies. With the summer months approaching and children home, please consider donating canned goods (i.e. vegetables, fruits, spaghetti sauces, peanut butter). As always, thank you for your generosity. 58 Families Served in April. April Newsletter with complete report is available at main entry of the Church. Next distribution is May 21.

Calendar of Events

Sunday	May 3	: 8AM KJT meeting (Hall)
		: 11:30AM KJT hamburgers at bingo
Monday	May 4	: 7PM KC meeting
Tuesday	May 5	: 5PM Bingo kitchen—
Thursday	May 7	: 6PM Healing Mass
Sunday	May 10	: Happy Mother's Day (NO BINGO)

Parish

First Communion: Congratulations to the following students who made their First Communion today: Christopher Benevides, Sofia Bernal, Raiden Castro, Elsik Cooper, Eliana Flores, Timothy (TJ) Hajda, Marissa Hall, Nayeli Hurtado, Hunter Ivicic, Jaime (Tony) Juarez, Anthony Luna, Marcus Martinez, Gabriel Pérez, Cody Polasek, Luke Stefek and Barbara Struble. Thank you to Rose Unnasch and Elizabeth Steglich, the teachers who helped prepare them for their sacrament.

Graduate's Mass: All high school and college students graduating this year are invited to participate in the Graduate's Mass on Sunday, May 17 at 10:00am. If you are interested in being a lector or bringing up the gifts, please let us know. Wear your cap and gown and meet at the DPC at 9:45 to line up. If you are attending please email sscmre@gmail.com or call [512-859-2634](tel:512-859-2634). Cookies and punch will be served afterwards in the DPC. All are welcomed to attend.

Chicken Dinner Sign-up: There will be a Parish 5th Sunday Chicken Dinner on May 31, 2015. Parishioners are asked to please volunteer their time and sign up for a shift either on Saturday or Sunday. The sign-up sheets are at each entrance of the church. Thank You for all your time and talent that you give to this parish. Desserts will also be needed for this event. (The proceeds from the chicken dinners will be going towards the upcoming restoration of our church and the Big Celebration that is being planned for our 125 years as a parish.)

A 3-hour Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Basic Workshop on child sexual abuse will be held at SSCM on June 8 6:30-9:30PM – please arrive promptly as late arrivals will not be permitted entrance. All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete a one-time Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service and attend an EIM workshop within 60 days of submitting the application. Please login to your EIM account (use the Alternate Login option if needed) to pre-register to attend an EIM workshop; if you have not completed the EIM application, visit the EIM page at www.austindiocese.org to do so. Please do not bring children to an EIM workshop [*if your parish provides childcare for workshops, include that info here*]. Materials used in the workshop include testimonies from victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse; if you have any concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at [\(512\) 949-2447](tel:512-949-2447) to make an alternative arrangement to receive your training. Such inquiries shall remain confidential.

Area Events

Healing Hearts, a weekend retreat designed for women who have suffered any kind of sexual trauma, will be held May 29-31 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The weekend begins Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$135 (includes room, linens, materials and meals). For more information and to register, call [\(254\) 780-2436](tel:254-780-2436) and ask for Beverly.

Our Lady of Wisdom University Parish and CCRA of the Diocese of Austin is hosting a 10 hour non-stop Praise and Worship event celebrating Pentecost; a time when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit enabling them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all Nations. Please join us for this wonderful spirit filled event! Pentecost Vigil: Veni Creator Spiritus - 10 Hours of WORSHIP When: Saturday, May 23rd Time: Starts at 9:00 AM Ends with Pentecost Vigil Mass at 6:00pm Where: Our Lady of Wisdom University Parish, 100 Concho St, San Marcos, TX. 78666 FMI: Contact: Christina [Turullois @512-563-7851](mailto:Turullois@512-563-7851) event@ccraustin.

The Central Council of the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet on Thursday, May 14 at Holy Trinity in Corn Hill. Registration begins at 9:30AM. FMI: Diane deRoulac 512-251-9813

Message from our Pastor

In today's gospel we are presented with a spring-time imagery of tending gardens and plants. In our Christian spiritual life, we are like branches intimately connected to Our Lord, the Great Vine of Life itself. If we do not produce good fruit by our faith and deeds, we risk being pruned away and disconnected from Him.

EXEGESIS:

The vine (so important in Jesus' agricultural society) was a symbol for Israel itself in the Old Testament. Here Jesus teaches that He himself is fulfilling all Jewish expectation in light of the covenant with God the Father. The pruning of vine branches not only enabled the plants to blossom, the branches themselves were tied and bundled for future use as firewood. Thus Jesus invokes eschatological (end of time) imagery to show the seriousness of all disciples remaining united to Him (and his future Church), or else they would risk being pruned away as fruitless branches into the fire of punishment. Jesus also repeats how the Father is ultimately in charge of the welfare of "the vine," i.e., Israel and the Church.