



## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

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Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:darve.horak@gmail.com)

Quinceanera: Religious Education Attendance and Instruction required.

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### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 13, 2015

Saturday Sept. 12	6:00PM	†Agnes Stojanik; † Isabelle Cameron; † Joe & Viola Sevcik; † Jannie Prein
Sunday Sept. 13	10:00AM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday Sept. 15	8:00 AM	†Deborah Rose Hajda; † John & Edith Kurtin
Wed Sept. 16	6:00 PM	†Robert Jezisek; † Lorraine Remmert
Thurs Sept. 17	10:00AM	Will O Bell: † John Kurtin
	4:00 PM	Adoration/Liturgy of the Hours/Benediction
	6:00 PM	† Danny Naizer
Friday Sept. 18	8:00AM	Georgia Mikulencak; † Delvin Huser
Saturday Sept. 19	6:00PM	Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday Sept. 20	10:00AM	†Elick & Mildred Kaspar; † Orpha & Jack McGarghan; † Alfonso R. Luna, Sr.; †Albert & Johnnie Sladeczek

*We pray for Healing:* Georgia Naizer, Shirley Volek, Alyssa Martinez, John Hernandez, III, Arthur Palla, Danny Stefek, Sr., Josh Hughes, Edwin Matysek, Annie Vanek, Liz Vrana.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Pease and Alice Taisler. May they rest in peace.

Offering: Sunday: \$5,055.00

Children: \$16.65

Thank you for your support!

#### Liturgical Ministers September 19-20

Saturday 6PM	Lector: Pat Greger/Ronnie Steffek	Servers: Aaron & James Arellano Cortez
	Music: Volunteer	EMHC: Beatrice Perez, Henrietta Hajda, Ronnie Steffek, Paula Marak
Sunday 10AM	Lector: Confirmation	Servers: Christopher, Nicholas & Thomas Hall
	Music: Guitar Group	EMHC: Dennis & Michelle Messex, Bill & Mary Pavlat

Route EMHC: Virginia Loza Lee, Ann Hall, Frankie & Shirley Volek, JoAnn Pavelka

Religious Articles Store 6PM: Gail Heger 10AM: Theresa Valdez

**Flowers:** In honor of Janet & Louis Repa on their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Louis' 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday on September 13.

**Special collection** this weekend is for our Parish Building and Maintenance Fund.

#### *Calendar of Events*

Sunday	Sept. 13	: 11AM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen—Hamburgers : Baptism Class following 10AM Mass
Tuesday	Sept. 15	: 5PM Youth Ministry Bingo Kitchen—BBQ bun, sausage wraps, chicken salad sandwiches, nachos
Wednesday	Sept. 16	: 7 PM Religious Education Classes
Saturday	Sept. 19	: 9AM Trust Fund Committee meeting (DPC)
Sunday	Sept. 20	: 10AM Confirmation : 12 noon KC Bingo Kitchen—hamburgers

Next Food Pantry is September 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 4:30. The shelves are empty and we need your help. Please deliver your donations to the church or the parish office no later than noon the day before.

### *Parish*

**A huge THANK YOU** to everyone who worked so hard to make the Parish Bazaar a grand success. Thank you also to everyone who came to dinner, auction and dance. May God bless you all abundantly.

**The SSCM Church Trust Fund Committee** will meet on Saturday, September 19 at 9 AM in the DPC.

**Please mark your calendars for our Parish mission** which will be held November 8-11, 2015. Plan to spend the evenings with us as Fr. Barry Cuba, associate pastor of San Jose in Austin, will present the topic, Faith, Hope, and Love, Theological Virtues and Everyday Life. The mission will end with a Veteran's Day Mass with prayers for our country.

**Baby Banks are coming!** The Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living will be organizing a Baby Bank Campaign during the month of October, Respect Life Month, to foster a greater respect for the sanctity of human life. For more information on volunteering please contact Diana Kerlin at 512-818-7723, Pro-Life Committee Chair.

### *Area Events*

**St. Mary's 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Festival and Parish Picnic** Sunday, September 13 11AM-5PM Lunch begins at 11AM (\$10 Adults/\$5 Children) Live Auction 1:30PM. Join them for lots of games, food, music and fun at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Taylor

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill** invites you to their annual Bazaar on Sunday, September 20. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. and followed by a great meal and full day of fun for the whole family! BBQ & Fried Chicken dinner: \$10/adults and \$5/children; served from 11:00 - 1:00. Drive-thru available. Live polka music, live & silent auctions, raffle, children's games & bingo. Hamburgers sold at 2:30pm.

### *ROAR II Progress Report*

We are 78% of the way there! Get those pledges in today!

Please continue to pray for the success of our Church Restoration. A huge thank you goes to all who have made their pledges. Remember no amount is too small or too large when it comes from the heart.

Our Goal is \$150,000 which will replace our pews, carpet and cover any incidentals that may occur.

80 of 400+ parish families have answered the call. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

You may drop your pledge/payments in the collection basket.

Pledged: \$90,015.00 [Paid as of September 11, 2015: \$54,355.00] 40 Pledges Paid in Full

Fundraisers thus far: \$21,165.30 Memorials and Donations: \$6,265.00

\$150,000-117,445.30=\$32,554.70 needed to reach our goal

### *Message from Our Pastor*

Today's gospel contains the powerful theological explanation of the person and mission of Jesus on Earth, at the heart of which is redemptive suffering and the call to belief in the cross.

EXEGESIS:

Jesus tests the political climate, so to speak, by asking his disciples who the Jewish crowds think He is. Some people think He is John the Baptist, an unusual answer in light of the fact that John is now dead. But this answer could mean that the preaching of John and Jesus is similar; moreover, because the two men were cousins, they might have looked alike, causing some confusion. Some people think Jesus is Elijah. As the greatest prophet who was not known to have suffered a natural death, but to have been taken "into the clouds" by God, Elijah was popularly believed to be returned to Earth by God at the end time to introduce the appearance of the Messiah. Some people think, naturally, that Jesus is otherwise a prominent prophet. But Jesus' own disciples think He is the Messiah, that is, the God-sent political-military king who will lead the Jews in overthrowing the pagan Roman government and establishing God's glorious reign on Earth. Jesus tries to silence this opinion of his disciples, because He is not meant to be a political king.

Rather, Jesus predicts the suffering and death He must endure and his subsequent resurrection. But Peter, speaking for the disciples, censures Jesus for such talk simply because the disciples cannot grasp what Jesus is predicting. After all, the Messiah is not meant to be killed like that; and resurrection of an individual person is not in their belief system. Jesus responds by harshly criticizing Peter's misunderstanding, and then He proceeds to re-emphasize the importance of the cross and of commitment to it by those who call themselves his followers.