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SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

Serving God's People and building His Kingdom since 1891

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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 (DPC)

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

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.

Sunday of the Divine Mercy—April 3, 2016

Saturday	April 2	8:00AM † Matilda Taisler (DPC)
		6:00PM † Germilla Pavlasek; † Julie Kaderka; † Alfred Vrana; † Elaine & Dan Gaida (Hall)
Sunday	April 3	10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Hall)
Tuesday	April 5	12:00PM † Emil Matula; Living and deceased members of the Frances E. Pekar family (DPC) Fr. Tom Frank
Wednesday	April 6	6:00PM † Albin Dykowski (DPC) Fr. Tom Frank
Thursday	April 7	4:00PM Adoration/Confession/Evening Prayer/Benediction (DPC) Fr. Tom Frank
		6:00PM † Edith Kurtin (DPC) Fr. Tom Frank [Anointing of the Sick]
Friday	April 8	8:00AM † JD Shirocky (DPC) Fr. Tom Frank
Saturday	April 9	6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish (Hall)
Sunday	April 10	10:00AM †Joe B. Pekar; †Tracy Gilliam; †Lillian & Albin Steffek; Family of Cyril & Frances Polasek
		25 th Wedding Anniversary of John & Patricia Miller (Hall)

Offering: Sunday: \$7,343.00

Children: \$31.00

Holy Land: \$1,624.00

2015 Parish Reports will be available at weekend Masses April 2-3. **Update on the Restoration** will be given at Masses.

Liturgical Ministers April 9-10

Saturday 6PM Lectors: Pat Greger/Mark White

Servers: Kyle & Karsyn Hamons

Music: Karen Simcik

EMHC: Mike Vrana, Paula Marak, Mark & Wendy White

Sunday 10AM Lectors: Ellen Wolf/Theresa Valdez

Servers: Volunteers

Music: Olivia Unnasch

EMHC: Theresa Valdez, Mary Pavlat, Harold & Carolyn Kaderka

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

RE Store is open after weekend Masses in the south west corner of the Hall.

Ashes to Easter: Please be generous. Return boxes as soon as possible.

Special collection this weekend is for the support of Seminarians and Priests. As the Diocese of Austin rapidly continues to grow, we must ensure that we have an ample number of priests to celebrate the sacraments, preach God's word and guide us on our journey with Christ. Thus, to ensure our priests are well-prepared, a man in formation pursues an education in philosophy, theology and pastoral care. Seminarian education and formation in the Diocese of Austin can take up to nine years. We believe that financial impediments should never prevent men from responding to God's call to the priesthood. Most financial support for priests and seminarians is made available from the Catholic Services Appeal and a Seminarian Endowment in the Catholic Foundation, but the needs are far greater than our annual appeal can support. This special collection provides additional support for this very important effort. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.

Fr. Hilario will be on VACATION Monday April 4 until Saturday April 9.

Calendar of Events

Sunday April 3 : 8AM KJT Meeting (Hall)

: 11AM FCCLA Kitchen—hamburgers, fries, nachos, desserts and coffee

: 2PM KC Bingo

Monday April 4 : 7PM KC Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday April 6 : 7PM RE Classes

Saturday April 9 : 6PM Mass "Welcome to the Parish for Fr. Hilario (Also his Birthday) and our Newest Members"

Sunday April 10 : 11AM Youth Ministry Kitchen—hamburgers, fries, nachos, desserts

Parish

Welcome to the Parish and Happy Birthday Fr. Hilario!! We will have a covered dish supper following the 6PM Mass next Saturday, April 9 to welcome our newest Parish members and to celebrate Fr. Hilario's 56th Birthday. Please bring an entrée, side or dessert to share. Tea will be provided and the bar will be open.

Annulment: Pathway to Healing A Spiritual and Emotional Healing Experience for Persons considering an annulment. Seminar will be held at the Parish Hall on Friday April 22 from 7-9PM and Saturday April 23 9AM-4PM. This Seminar enables the attendees to move on with their lives and their faith through a straight to the heart response of acceptance, healing and understanding. Flyers are available at the Main entrance of the Hall during weekend Mass and the DPC Chapel. Fill out form and return by April 15.

A huge THANK YOU to the Altar Servers who worked so hard during Triduum. Head Server and Sound Tech Aaren Horak, MC Darve Horak, Senior Servers Jon Lee and Kurt Kaderka and Servers Evan Polasek, Garret Repa, James and Aaron Arellano Cortez and William Novak. Thank you to John and Olivia Unnasch for stepping in to serve. All of you are appreciated beyond words. May God bless you all abundantly.

Have you passed through the "Doors of Mercy"? Not sure what to do? Need someone to help you? The Legion of Mary and Religious Education would like to help. We will be going on a pilgrimage to Holy Trinity Catholic Church after the 10 am mass on Sunday, April 17th. Please join us. If you need a ride or just have questions, please call Theresa Valdez @[\(254\)657-2374](tel:2546572374). Rel. Ed will also be going to lunch and a movie afterwards. All are invited to join us. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Virginia at sscmre@gmail.com or [512-859-2634](tel:5128592634). She will be buying tickets ahead of time. This Jubilee Year of Mercy is one of the greatest gifts of our time. Don't let it pass you by.

Our traveling Blessed Mother Mary is now available for dates beginning in April and throughout the rest of the year. Please sign up at the south entrance of the hall. Thank you to all who have invited her into their homes so far. May you all be showered with many blessings!

An Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to attend an EIM Workshop and then a Refresher workshop every three years.

Please login to your EIM account https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp?ORGZ_KEY=4 (use the Alternate Login option if needed) to pre-register to attend an EIM workshop. Please do not bring children to an EIM workshop. If you have any concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at [\(512\) 949-2447](tel:5129492447) to make an alternative arrangement to receive your training. Such inquiries shall remain confidential. If you took the Basic Workshop or Refresher in 2013 you are due to take a Refresher in 2016. Call Joanie or Virginia if you need help checking your status. A Refresher Course will be held in the Fall.

Holy Trinity in Corn Hill will be hosting a BASIC EIM WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE PAC BLDG. If you have never attending a workshop this is your first step to being compliant. Follow the link above to register and fill out all of the necessary forms. Remember to click SUBMIT at the end.

Diocesan and Area Events

Tickets for St. Mary's Catholic School's Spring Fling Saturday, April 23 \$125 admits two and includes a meal, open bar, a live and silent auction as well as a "street" dance. Registration and social hour begins at 5:00 PM Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM All funds benefit St. Mary's Catholic School. For more information please contact Christie G. Salazar at [512-352-2313](tel:5123522313) or contact a local St. Mary's student family.

GRANGER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND HOPE NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

Families Served – 62 Cash Donations received for Food Pantry = \$740.00 and Food Donated = 159 pounds

SSCM - \$340.00 and 117 pounds of food Granger Pit Stop - \$50.00 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - \$300.00

BRETHEARN CHURCH – \$ 50.00 and 42 pounds of food

The Red and White Grocery – Thank you for providing eggs and meat at cost!!!

What Can You Do? We can always use breakfast items, canned vegetables, soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce, dessert items, toiletries and cash is always welcome.

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

HOPE PROGRAM IN GRANGER FROM THE CARING PLACE: HOPE (Healthy Options for the Elderly 55 and older) was distributed at the SSCM Parish Hall on March 8th. Four volunteers assisted with handing out food for 27 families. Nine home deliveries were made. Next HOPE distribution will be on April 12th from 1-3 pm at the SSCM Parish Hall.

ROAR II Progress Report ~ We have exceeded our goal! 124%

131 of 400+ parish families (Businesses) have answered the call. Pledged: \$132,080.68 (\$117,850.68 paid)

90 Pledges Paid in Full Fundraisers thus far: \$39,133.43 Memorials and Donations: \$15,655.33

\$150,000-186,869.44= (\$36,869.44) OVER our goal when all pledges are fulfilled

Restoration update: Pictures are posted on our website. www.sscmchurch.org and Facebook.

Only authorized personnel will be allowed into the church until the restoration is completed in July.

But alas, on that day in May, Bishop Gallagher exercised an additional prelate's option. He chose the occasion of the Confirmation ceremonies to announce the relocation of the Pastor of the Granger Parish, Father Pridal, to a new assignment in Brenham, thus delegating the parish, once again, to "mission" status to be served by Rev. M. M. Grove of Taylor. (2) Although, Rev. Frantisek Machan was named pastor on September 4, 1895 and remained for two years, the Granger parish found itself yet again a mission served by Rev. F. G. Sebik of West, Texas, until Father Machan's return on 1898. (2)

It was during Rev. Frantisek Machan's tenure as pastor in 1895-96 and again in 1898-1902 that the essence of what this parish would become was established. Possessed of a missionary spirit that equaled that of the congregation's patron saints, Cyril and Methodius, Father Machan was about his Father's business on all fronts. As he nurtured his fledgling flock, he welcomed each new arriving immigrant with missionary zeal. He urged the formation of fraternal organizations to further aid, support and unite the parishioners in their common bonds of Catholicism and their Czech heritage. The first fraternal organizations of many that would follow, the KJT, Katolicka Jednota Texaska (Catholic Union of Texas) was founded on June 15, 1895, and was dedicated to the patronage of St Methodius, numbered Lodge 28. (2)

As the members of KJT 28 gathered that day little did they know what far-reaching effect their actions would have, not only on their parish, but on the future of their Czech heritage and the Catholic Church in the state of Texas and beyond. (2)

(Taken from: A Narrative History Of The Congregation by Loretta Skrovan Mikulencak, Granger, Texas)