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## SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CHURCH

*Serving God's People and building His Kingdom since 1891*

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**SSCM Parish Office:** 104 N. Brazos Street Phone & Fax: (512) 859-2223

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Bible Studies: Mondays 8:30AM; 1st Saturdays 8:30AM (FMI: Virginia Loza 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

Nursing Home Masses: Granger Villa 2nd Thursday/Will O Bell 3rd Thursday (Subject to change)

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.

### First Sunday of Advent ~ December 3, 2017

Saturday	Dec. 2	8:00AM For greater respect of all human life 6:00PM The Kurtin Family; † JD Shirocky; † Emil & Evelyn Matula; † Hattie & Rudolph Polasek; † Emil & Mildred Naizer; † John F. Knapek
Sunday	Dec. 3	10:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Tuesday	Dec. 5	NO MASS: Day of Prayer for Priests
Wednesday	Dec. 6	6:00PM † Raymond Michalek; Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Dec. 7	4:00PM Adoration/4:30PM Confession/5:30PM Evening Prayer/5:45PM Benediction
<i>Healing Mass</i>		6:00PM † Bennie Bartosh

#### *Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation*

Friday	Dec. 8	8:00AM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish 7:00PM † Susan Skrovan; † Deacon Johnnie Thornton; † Johnnie A. & Antonia Knapek, Nathan Huf
Saturday	Dec. 9	6:00PM Living and deceased members of SSCM Parish
Sunday	Dec. 10	10:00AM † George Vrana; † Frank & Betty Cervenka, Carolyn Borst; † Cyril & Frances Polasek; † Charlie Pajestka; † Edwin & Marie Repa; † John Pavlat

Offering: Sunday: \$2,938.00 Children: \$30.00 Thanksgiving: \$894.00 Homebound: \$1,214.00

#### **Liturgical Ministers** December 9-10 (Volunteers needed for Friday, December 8/8AM and 7PM Masses)

Saturday	6PM	Lector: Debra Cavanaugh Music: Volunteer	EMHC: Henrietta Hajda, Theresa Hajda, Paula Marak, Blanca Olivas Servers: Tony & Elena Juarez, Alex Perez, Lexi Lopez
Sunday	10AM	Lector: Ellen Wolf Music: Mary Unnasch	EMHC: Harold & Carolyn Kaderka, Kurt Kaderka, Rita Marburger Servers: Caige & Cash Hajda, Alexi Montagnino, Izaak Morales

**Route EMHC:** Mark White, Wendy White, Margaret Vrana, JoAnn Pavelka

**Religious Articles Store:** 6PM: Gail Heger 10AM: Esther Villarreal

**Special collection** this weekend is for Retirement Fund for Religious. Help care for elders.

**Special collection** next weekend is Parish Building and Maintenance Fund.

Granger Food Pantry collection begins this week for the December 21 distribution.

### *Calendar of Events*

Sunday	Dec. 3	: 11:30AM KJT bingo kitchen—stew & cornbread, chicken salad sandwiches, homemade desserts
Tuesday	Dec. 5	: 7PM KC Bingo
Thursday	Dec. 7	: 7PM KC meeting
Friday	Dec. 8	: Parish and Diocesan Offices Closed (Masses 8AM & 7PM)
Sunday	Dec. 10	: Diocesan Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (See announcement) : 11AM Youth Ministry bingo kitchen—hamburgers, fries, desserts : Legion of Mary Rosary: 1:30PM Will O Bell/3PM Granger Villa

In this Fatima centennial year and in the 70th year since the founding of our diocese, Bishop Joe Vásquez has decided to consecrate the local church of the **Diocese of Austin to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**. On Dec. 10, all priests and people in the diocese are invited to unite in a solemn prayer of consecration to the Mother of God, asking for her maternal help and protection, entrusting ourselves to her loving heart, and asking her to bring us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. For resources and further details, visit [www.austindiocese.org/ihmconsecration](http://www.austindiocese.org/ihmconsecration).

### *Parish News*

**KJT** will be serving Stew and Cornbread at Bingo on Sunday, December 3rd. Bowls will be \$8. Take out bowls will be available. Serving will begin at 11:30 am.

**Christmas Flower** donation envelopes are at the bulletin tables. Thank you for helping us to decorate the church.

**Save the date: Monday, December 4, 2017** is the SSCM Christmas meal for the homebound, sick, elderly, widows/widowers and disadvantaged. The meal is provided under the sponsorship of Under the Blue Mantel. Parishioners are asked to help prepare the meal and fill to-go plates at the hall starting at 7 am. Volunteers and recipients are invited to eat at the hall and socialize. If you know of someone or would like to receive a plate please contact John Pavelka ([512-859-2748](tel:512-859-2748)) to organize delivery. Dine-in begins at 11:30. If you received a plate last year you are automatically included. You must be on the list to receive a meal.

**Turkey Dinner Results** - Once again, We want to express our many Thanks to everyone who helped with the Turkey Dinner. With the added contributions from the KJZT Home Office, our total profit was \$11,150.51, and we served over 1450 plates during the lunch rush. THANK YOU and God Bless each of you.

**Card of Thanks:** My sincere thanks to my family, relatives and friends for their prayers, cards, visits, food and flowers during my recent stay in the hospital and rehab. May God bless you and keep you in His care. -- Mary Ann Strmiska

### *Area Events*

**The annual Advent Dinner** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton will be Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join in an evening of wine and cheese, a delicious dinner, with a reflection on the season of Advent by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. The cost is \$25 per person. To register, call ([254](tel:254-780-2436)) [780-2436](tel:780-2436) or visit [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org).

**Join us for a night of song and story on December 8th**, with nationally recognized composers and recording artists David Kauffman and William Gokelman! This free concert will be at St. Patrick's Church, 2500 Limmer Loop Hutto, TX from 7:00-8:30 PM (donations will be accepted). More information at [stpatrickhutto.org](http://stpatrickhutto.org)

**Fatima Tour for Peace:** The world famous international Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is touring the dioceses of Texas this fall as part of a nation-wide call to prayer and penance for peace in our nation and conversion of hearts. From December 6-10 the statue will visit five parishes in the Diocese of Austin: St. Luke in Temple, St. Helen in Georgetown, St. Mary Cathedral in Austin, St. Thomas Aquinas in College Station and St. John the Evangelist in Marble Falls. For more information about the parishes and schedules check the bulletin board at the main entrance or visit [www.austindiocese.org/fatima100](http://www.austindiocese.org/fatima100)

### **Dec. 2-3 -- First Sunday of Advent**

Advent invites us to watch for the coming of the Lord: to be awake and vigilant. The Lord breaks into our world and into our lives in unexpected ways, as he did in Bethlehem. Today he may come in the face, the voice, the need of a stranger, or a child, or the poor, or our own family. We place ourselves, this day and this season, in an attitude of quiet, prayerful hope-filled expectation, so that in the frantic busying of life, we will not miss the Master's coming. What can you do this week to be awake and vigilant for the Lord?

### **GRANGER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY -- NOVEMBER 2017**

Approximately \$2300.00 was spent buying food for those in need in our area this Thanksgiving. We received \$2565.00 in donations. This speaks volumes for the generosity of our community. Once again, thanks be to God for all of you!

**Families Served – 75      Cash Donations received for Food Pantry = \$2575.00 and 318 pounds of food**

**SSCM – \$1175.00 and 148 pounds of food      KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - \$300.00      SORORITY - \$200.00**

**LIONS CLUB - \$100.00      RVOS - \$100.00      GEMINI - \$500.00      GRANGER PIT STOP - \$50.00**

**BRETHREN CHURCH - \$50.00 and 20 pounds of food      BIG B's – Provides meat and eggs at cost**

**BOWLING LEAGUE - \$100.00 and 150 pounds of food**

**What Can You Do?** Cold weather is coming! We need to restock our pantry with comfort and warming foods. Items needed are soups, canned vegetables, tuna, chili, spaghetti sauce, ketchup, mustard, pastas, breakfast items, desserts, sugar free jello and pudding. Toiletries, laundry soaps, shampoos are welcomed and **money** can always be used to purchase needed groceries. This Christmas we will be giving families a small ham. Any monetary donation to purchase the hams will be welcomed!

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