

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 3, 2017

Sacred Liturgies

December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish

9:30 a.m. James Patek

December 4 – Monday – St. John Demascene

6:30 a.m. Joe & Sylvia Siegel and Patricia Velek

10:00 a.m. Margaret Aschenbeck (Nursing Home)

December 5 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Fred Koenning, Jr.

December 6 – Wednesday – St. Nicholas

6:00 p.m. Herbert Marek and Allen Marek

December 7 – Thursday

6:00 p.m. Michael Dolezal (Vigil Mass for Holy Day)

December 8 – Friday – Solemnity of the Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. Adolph R. Novosad, Sr.

8:10 a.m. Calvin & Dorothy Blackman on their
55th Wedding Anniversary

December 9 – Saturday – St. Juan Diego

5:00 p.m. August & Mary Welfl

December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of
KJT Society No. 20

9:30 a.m. People of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish



From the Pastor's Desk

It is a crazy but wonderful time here at Ss. Cyril and Methodius. Christmas is less than four weeks away. We have penance services and confessions scheduled throughout the month. There are parties and kids are out of school. We are decorating and baking and shopping. It is such a bustle of activity. It is wonderful but it can be burdensome. This makes Advent such an important season. During this time, we are called to prepare our interior life for the coming of Christ. We assuredly believe that Jesus Christ was born in time AND that he will come back again. It is the fulfillment of the promise that was made (Christmas) that gives us confidence that the promise to return is certain. This sure hope is what we need to prepare interiorly.

Please do not let the hustle and activity of the "holiday season" distract us to the point that our spiritual preparation is lost. Trust me, an Advent that has that interior preparation will increase our capacity to traverse the trials of society's material and consumer driven expectations of a Merry Christmas. Also, for some of our families this is a very difficult time of the year. There are those that suffer from great loneliness, serious illness, death of a loved one, etc. I encourage us to be in touch with one another and help support them with words and acts of kindness.

In order to aid you in this preparation, we are having a parish penance service on Dec. 11th at 5:30pm. There will be 6-7 priests available to give absolution. There will be other opportunities that will be announced as we move through advent. We are also offering an Advent prayer book to take home for personal prayer. Let us stay focused on our spiritual journey.

I want to highlight a few other things going on this month that you need to know. First, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation.

All parishioners need to schedule it into your Friday plans. The office will be closed at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 21st and will remain closed until 8 a.m., January 2nd. This next bit of information is very important: Christmas this year falls on a Monday. That means that the 4th Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve. You cannot "double dip" with your Mass attendance. You can't go to the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass and have it "count" for both Sunday and Christmas. You must go to Mass twice; once for the Sunday of Advent and once for Christmas.

Father Bryan Heyer



Welcome to our 7th Annual Community Christmas Dinner Sunday, December 3, 2017

More than 400 people have made reservations for our Community Dinner today. **Serving**

time will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thanks to the Pastoral Council members for organizing the dinner and thanks to everyone who made their reservations. Come and enjoy the good food and camaraderie among the citizens of Shiner!

As the host for this dinner, let us all, as parishioners, extend a warm welcome to all our sisters and brothers in Christ who come to this event as we gather as a community and wait with great anticipation the coming feast of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas.



Immaculate Conception – Holy Day

Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on **Thursday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. and Friday, December 8, 6:30 & 8:10 a.m.**

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 8.



Marian Consecration: For the past 33 days, participants have been traveling a spiritual journey to prepare for a Marian Consecration. They will be making their individual consecration on Friday, December 8, at a prayer service in church at 6:00 p.m. During these prayers, they will also be consecrating our parish to the Blessed Mother, under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

The Final week's meetings in preparation for the Marian Consecration will be on Monday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m. and Friday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the PAC.



The Advent Season begins today.

Six minutes a day – that's what we are asked to give during the 22 days of the Advent season, and the 15 days of the Christmas season. Don't let the hustle and bustle of the season overtake our need to spiritually prepare for Christmas. The little blue

booklets and booklets entitled "A Minute in the Church" are available at the church entrances.

Advent Candles to use for an Advent wreath in your home are available at the parish office. \$5/set of 4.

Schedule of Penance Services during Advent:

December 11: Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner

December 12: St. Joseph, Moulton

December 14: St. Joseph, Yoakum

December 15: Sacred Heart, Hallettsville

All services begin at 5:30 p.m.

First Reconciliation Retreat, Sunday, December 3. Students and parents will be attending the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Students will then attend the First Reconciliation Retreat at the school and parents will attend a class at the Parish Activity Center. First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, December 16, at 9:00 a.m. at the church.



Bible Study: Everyone is invited to a weekly Bible study held on Mondays from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. in the PAC.

Adoration Chapel Notice: Persons are needed in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel on Tuesdays from 2:00 – 3:00 a.m.; Thursdays from 3:00 – 4:00 a.m.; and Fridays from 1:00 to 2:00 a.m. **All of these times are for every other week.** Call the parish office at 594-3836 if you can take a time.

December Ministry Schedules can be found at the church entrances and on our parish website.

Parish Pictorial Directories: There are parishioners who have not picked up their complimentary directory. Come claim your copy at the parish office. We have a number of extras to sell for \$10. They just might make a nice gift for out-of-town friends or family members.

Angel Tree: Please have your items placed in gift bags with the angel attached and brought to the rectory no later than Dec. 12, 2017. Thank You.

KJT Society #20 will meet on Sunday, December 10, in the PAC at 1:30 p.m. The upcoming state convention in July will be discussed.

Save the Date: KJZT Shiner Society #5 Annual Social, December 10, 11:30 a.m. at the Parish Dining Hall. RSVP: 594-2304 or 594-8428. Dinner will be provided. Members are asked to provide the desserts. All members are encouraged to attend.



Combined Choir – Laudate Dominum, Totus Tuus, DJ³ Brass Quartet, Clarinet Duo: One rehearsal only this week for everyone: Mon., Dec. 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Welhausen Park, weather permitting. Christmas in the Park on Thurs., Dec 7 – time TBD.

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsal on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 p.m. for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Dec. 17.

Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsals on Wed, Dec. 13 from 8:00 – 8:50 p.m. and Wed, Dec 20 at 7:00 p.m. for Christmas Midnight Mass.



Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Herbert Marek and Allen Marek
By Mary Ann Marek

Church Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

In Memory of Father Charles Kram on his Ordination Anniversary by the Hrcir Family

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Ben & Marie Zissa by Frank & Mildred Targac

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Edward J. & Elizabeth Novosad

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Donnie & Gayle Schaefer

Donations for Poinsettias for our Church would be most welcomed. Donations may be left at the parish office or in the weekend collection.

CDA Cookies Collection Drive for Shut-Ins:

CDA members are asked to donate one dozen cookies (preferably homemade) and bring them to the PAC anytime on Tuesday, December 5, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cookies will be packaged on December 6 at 8:00 a.m. The Catholic Daughters will be delivering the cookies to nursing home residents, shut-ins and parishioners who have lost their spouses during the past year.

CDA Tamale Sale, Thursday, December 7

If you have not placed your order, be sure to do so by Monday, Dec. 4 to be assured of delivery. Pick-up time is 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the PAC on Dec. 7. Price is \$10 per dozen. There will be a limited number of extras for sale. To order call Marjorie Kresta, 361-594-2361 or Betty Kosler, 361-649-4248.

Chili Meal for Youth Ministry, December 10

SSCM Youth Ministry will be taking 51 students and adults to Washington, DC, on January 17-20, 2018 to attend the March for Life. The group will be having a chili fundraiser on Sunday, December 10 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. A quart of chili and cornbread will be \$10. The drive thru will be at the KC Hall along with a bake sale. All proceeds will help cover the cost of the trip. Your support will be appreciated!

Shiner Catholic School Band Concert & Meal, December 11

The Cardinal Band is sponsoring a loaded baked potato meal and a concert on Monday, December 11. Meal tickets, are \$7. Drive through will be from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the parish gym; dine-in is from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The concert is free and begins at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$ 7,587.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 831.00
Repair Fund.....	\$ 1,273.00
Special Thanksgiving Collections for the SSCM Assistance Ministry totaled	\$1009.00.



Save the Date - February 17, 2018
Legacy Endowment Fund Gala



Church and School Memorials:

In grateful appreciation we wish to acknowledge memorials received in November, 2017.

Church Memorial Fund:

In memory of Frank Orsak, \$100
In memory of Barbara Condel, \$410
In memory of Lester Hoepfl, \$35
In memory of Tom Lewis, \$50

Church Endowment Fund:

In memory of Ernest Berger, \$10
In memory of Louis Spann, \$10

Church Repair Fund:

In memory of Alfonse Svetlik, \$20
In memory of Lester Hoepfl, \$10

St. Nicholas Society:

In memory of Alfonse Svetlik, \$25

Shiner Catholic School Endowment Fund:

In memory of Tom Lewis, \$10
In memory of Darlene Pokluda, \$10

Shiner Catholic School Memorial Fund:

In memory of Alfonse Svetlik, \$20

Convent Restoration Fund:

In memory of Rose Butschek, \$625

Church Window Restoration Fund:

In memory of Louis Spann, \$100

God's Little Helpers:

In memory of Alfonse Svetlik, \$20