

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 1, 2018

Sacred Liturgies

April 1 – Easter Sunday-Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Anne & Ben Torres

9:30 a.m. Ernest Berger

April 2, 3, 4 – Monday through Wednesday

No Mass

April 5 – Thursday within Octave of Easter

6:30 a.m. Edward Boyle

10:00 a.m. Minnie Vera (Nursing Home)

April 6 – Friday within Octave of Easter

8:10 a.m. Laura Watzlavick

April 7 – Saturday within Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

5:00 p.m. Louis & Rosie Nevlud

April 8 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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

9:30 a.m. Jeanette Boedeker (Anniv.)

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Lord Jesus appeared to them. What joy filled the hearts of Mary His Mother and Mary Magdalene when they recognized Him. How wonderfully did that fear disappear when He said to them, "Peace be with you" and He showed them His hands and side.

We also face many frightening forces in our world: terror, violence, mass shootings, atheism and apathy. The secular world seeks to drive out religion; to remove it from public view or hearing. The Christian disciple has many things of which to fear. That fear can lead us to hide. It can cause us to cover our faith and hide it away. There are thousands of excuses and reasons to hide but there is only one reason to not. Today we celebrate that one reason. The Resurrection is the Good News that there is something eternal for which to live. Death and sin, weakness and suffering no longer have power over our soul. We have been saved. Our bonds have been shattered and our shackles smashed. For Jesus died for us so that we who die with Him may also rise with Him. Let us not be afraid of this Good News. Let us not be afraid of the ways of the world but rather proclaim to it: **THE LORD IS RISEN! WE HAVE BEEN SET FREE!**

I rejoice in all of you and in the faith you have. I am so blessed to be with you and to walk with you on the journey of faith. I am so grateful for you and your love and support. I thank God for you and I pray that I may serve you in all your spiritual needs. Let us love one another and express that affection to each other. Let us encourage all, support all, forgive all, love all. Let us not be afraid for we are people of the resurrection.



From the Pastor's Desk

It is with great joy and love that I announce to all of you that the LORD IS RISEN! After 40 days of sojourning through Lent, after sacrifices, and fasting, we have come to the central celebration of all Christians throughout the world: Easter. This celebration gives all other religious feasts their meaning and context. From Christmas to All Saints Day, all are celebrated in the context of the resurrection. For we are the people of the new covenant made in the blood of the New Lamb.

At the beginning of our Lenten journey, Jesus announced in the Gospel that He must go and be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes and be killed AND on the third day rise again. He told the people in the temple area to destroy this temple and in three days He would rebuild it.

Time and time again He proclaimed this, and each time it was misunderstood. Each time it was rejected as impossible even by those closest to Him (Peter). He even tried to strengthen them by taking four of the apostles up Mount Tabor and His glory was displayed. Of course, nothing could prepare them for the passion. It was so brutal. The rejection, mockery, scouring, thorny crown, and crucifixion all done by Jews and Gentiles, scattered the disciples into hiding out of fear. They had faith but they had greater fear.

What joy must have been in that upper room in which they had locked themselves away when the



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We extend a special "**Welcome to our Church**" to all of those who have completed their preparation for joining the Catholic faith. Members of the RCIA class have been meeting for the past several months in preparation for this day. Adults who have completed the program and will be received into the Church are: Brandy Egger, Justin Hanson, Eliece McDaniel, Cassandra Ruppel, Clint Egger, Jodi Adamek, Renee Hajek, Lauren Siegel, Brad Woodward. Students who will be received into the Church are: Harleigh McDaniels, Kruize McDaniels and Kasey Berel.

We give thanks to the instructors of the RCIA program: Deacon Joe & Mary Machacek, Paul Morkovsky and Sharon Patek.



Thank You: Thanks to all the donors of the Easter flowers, whose names are posted on the church bulletin board. Thanks also to members of the Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee for giving generously of their time in preparing for the Liturgies of Holy Week and for decorating the church for Easter. May God bless and reward you abundantly!

Easter Candle Donation: This year's Easter candle is provided through the kindness of the late Ann Kocian. May God grant eternal rest to her as we give thanks to God for her generosity.

The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 2, and resume regular hours Tuesday, April 3.

Adoration Chapel Notes

No adoration Easter Sunday and Monday. Adoration will resume Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00 a.m.

Notice: Adorers are needed to fill the following hours in the chapel: Tuesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 a.m. and Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:00 a.m. Please call the parish office at 594-3836 if you can help



Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Sunday, April 8, 3:00 p.m.

The Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 8, is a time for special graces and blessings. There will be a Holy Hour with Benediction and Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed in Church at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Participants in the Retreat of 33 Days to Divine Mercy will make their consecration during the service.



Lunch & Learn Lessons by Seminarian Chase Goodman:

The last class in this series of sessions will be on **Friday, April 6**, from 12:05 – 12:55 p.m. in the PAC.

Weekly Bible Study, No Bible Study April 2. Next Class Monday, April 9, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the PAC.



First Communion will be held on Saturday, April 14 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. To prepare for this special day, **First Communicants** will attend a retreat on Sunday April 8. Students and families will attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass and the retreat will follow. A parents meeting will be held in the PAC while students will be attending the retreat.



Church Bulletin

In Memory of Anne & Ben Torres
By Nieces and Nephews

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Jim & Tillie Mikes by James Mikes

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Bill Petru by Family

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

The Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Shane & Amy Wallace & Family

April 8, Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling Benefit
Yoakum Community Center, BBQ chicken plates, \$9, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (to go or dine in). Shiner Hobo Band, 10:30-12:30. Live and silent auctions, plant & dessert booths, kid's activities and other attractions.



Spring Picnic – Sunday, May 27

Picnic Raffle Prizes are needed at this time. If you are willing to be a donor, call the parish office at 594-3836. **The deadline for raffle prizes is Tuesday, April 3**

All Chairmen are asked to review their Picnic workers list and turn in the list at the parish office by Monday April 16.

A Chairman is needed for the **Bingo and Wheel of Fortune.** Please consider stepping up and taking on one of these positions. Call the parish office at 594-3836 to volunteer or to check out what's involved.



Our Gifts to God this Week

Envelopes.....	\$ 7,598.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 789.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$ 1,073.79
Repair Fund.....	\$ 1,315.00

Rice Bowl : Our second collection for the Rice Bowl continues through Easter Sunday. Please be generous.



Church and School Memorials

In grateful appreciation we wish to acknowledge Memorials received in March, 2018.

Church Memorial Fund:

- In memory of Jimmie Berckenhoff, \$10
- In memory of Larry Wenske, \$445
- In memory of Edwin Kusak, \$810
- In memory of Monica Machacek, \$80

Church Endowment Fund:

- In memory of Larry Wenske, \$35

Church Repair Fund:

- In memory of Msgr. Lawrence Matula, \$15
- In memory of Joseph Cahill, \$50
- In memory of Michael Chovanetz, \$15
- In memory of Doris Hajek, \$50
- In memory of Eugene Jirkovsky, \$15
- In memory of Edwin Kusak, \$70
- In memory of Larry Wenske, \$50
- In memory of Trey Hermann, \$40
- In memory of Monica Machacek, \$50

Shiner Catholic School Endowment Fund:

- In memory of Trey Herman, \$40
- In memory of Monica Machacek, \$20

Shiner Catholic School Memorial Fund:

- In memory of Henry Trey Hermann, \$25
- In memory of Monica Machacek, \$175
- In memory of Edwin Kusak, \$20
- In memory of Larry Wenske, \$70

St. Nicholas Society:

- In memory of Larry Wenske, \$25

Convent Restoration Fund:

- In memory of Doris Hajek, \$20
- In memory of Monica Machacek, \$65
- In memory of Trey Herman, \$20
- In memory of John Patek, \$20

Catholic Daughters:

- In memory of Edwin Kusak, \$100

Altar Society:

- In memory of Edwin Kusak, \$50

**Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, May 6!
Parish Family Day. Watch for more details soon!**