

# SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**February 10, 2019**

## Sacred Liturgies

### **February 10 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 a.m. Evelyn Novosad

### **February 11 – Monday**

6:30 a.m. Joyce Farrell and John Andrew

10:00 a.m. Communion Service (Nursing Home)

### **February 12 – Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Edwin & Lillie Kusak

### **February 13 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Family & Friends of  
Michael & Rebecca Till

### **February 14 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Colby Craig

### **February 15 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. Robert Weitzel

### **February 16 – Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Boyce John Michalec

### **February 17 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. Members of Junior CDA

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



## Reflection on the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Luke 5:1-11, we hear how Jesus engages his disciples in the midst of their daily lives. He meets them at the lakeshore and teaches them from Simon Peter's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. We hear Peter calling Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity.



Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners, James and John, are also named as witnesses to this event. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

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The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life was celebrated in our parish this past week. In connection with this observance, we are sharing the vocation story of one of the religious in our parish, namely, Sister Maria Raphael. In last week's bulletin we told of the early days of Sister's calling to the Sisterhood when she was invited to join a religious order and decided she would "give it a try." She admitted that a big part of that "calling" was that it would take her to the United States and possibly sunny California. Here is the rest of Sister's vocation story.

### **He Gently Leadeth Me = Part II**

Unbeknownst to me, Sister Margarita, (the sister who recruited Sister Maria Raphael) was transferring to the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Conception Province, a Vietnamese Dominican Community based in Houston. When she transferred in the summer of 1983, she introduced me to the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans). The Province's postulant house, however, was in frigid Wisconsin. So, instead of going to sunny California, I was on my way to Old Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Some of the potential candidates flew north, others, myself included, braved the 1,200 miles road trip there. Meandering there in a 15 passenger van was an unforgettable experience. We traveled a day and a half before we stopped at the Congregation of Mary Co-Redemptrix in Missouri and attended Marian activities there. After traveling another half day we finally reached our destination. After a week there, however, we were told that since there were too many postulants, the youngest candidates had to return home with a "rain check" to return the following year if our youthful heart desired it. Thus, back to Houston we went. A year later I returned and, as they say, the rest is history.

When I made my first profession, I had decided that once I pronounced the evangelical counsels (vows) there would be no regrets, no undoing (the pact was sealed). There have been many ups and downs in my religious life, but I have also come to realize that no matter how many curved balls are tossed my way, I have made my decision and I am going to stick to my commitment.

In 2015, I celebrated my 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious profession and I had time to reflect on my journey. I can honestly say that it is full of graces upon graces. God has been leading, and still gently leads me, on this earthly pilgrimage to His Heavenly Homeland.



## Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Notes

**This week we have the following hours open in the chapel:** **Sundays**, 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.; **Tuesdays**, 1:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. (every other week), 2:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m. (every other Week); 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (every other week); **Wednesdays**, 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; **Thursdays**, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Please consider taking an hour and call the parish office at 594-3836.



Confirmation Retreat: The members of this year's Confirmation class are making a retreat this weekend at Disciple Oaks Retreat Center, Gonzales. There are 31 Confirmation students, 17 Senior students on the retreat team and 12 adult chaperones. Please keep all in your prayers this weekend.

**Church Cleaning:** It may not be spring yet – but, we are having an old-fashioned “spring cleaning” of our church. While the extensive work done on the outside of our church left the church looking great on the outside, it has also left a bit of dust and dirt on the inside. There will be work for every willing volunteer– men, women, teens – all are needed! **The date set for this general cleaning is Saturday, February 23, beginning at 8:00 a.m.** It is hoped we will finish no later than 2:00 p.m., possibly earlier if we have ample volunteers. A light lunch will be provided for the workers. Plan now to come and help give our church a good cleaning!



**Altar Society** will meet Tuesday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. Members are reminded that 2019 dues are payable. Dues for members who serve as hostess are \$5.00; dues for non-hostess members are \$15. Pay at meeting or to: Treasurer, Mary Rose Barta, 1003 S. Peck St., Shiner

**The Vocations Committee** is sponsoring a **FREE night of babysitting** in the PAC on **Sat., Feb. 16** after the 5:00 p.m. Mass until 9:30 p.m. Advance reservations required. For questions call Sharon at 594-3836.



**CDA Collecting Items for the Homeless:** The Coalition for the Homeless in Victoria is in need of cold weather items to help them serve the homeless in the area. The Shiner Catholic Daughters will have collection containers in church for the **next two weeks** to receive donations of gloves, warm socks, thermal underwear, warm-ups and stocking caps. The donations will be promptly delivered to Victoria to help make the homeless a bit more comfortable during the last few weeks of winter in this area. Parishioners are invited to join in this effort to help the homeless. **Please leave your donations in the containers provided by February 17.**

**Old Palms:** If you have old palms you would like to dispose of, please leave them in the boxes in church by Monday, March 4. **Ash Wednesday is on March 6.**

**March and April Ministry Schedules** are available in church and on our parish website.



**Weekly Bible Study,** Mon., 8:00 – 9:00 a.m, Meeting Room.

**Parish Choir Practice,** Monday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. Next date for choir to sing is February 23.

**Laudate Dominum:** Rehearsals on Monday, Feb. 11, for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Feb. 17.



**Flowers on the Altar**

In Memory of Evelyn Novosad by Family

**Church Bulletin Sponsor**

In Memory of Victor Pustka by Mary Ann Pustka & Family

**Children's Bulletin Sponsor**

In Memory of Evelyn Novosad by Family

**Sanctuary Candles & Adoration Chapel Candles**

In Memory of Evelyn Novosad by Family

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

By the Martinsen Family

**Vocations Cross**

Confirmation Class

**Women's ACTS Retreat – February 21-24, 2019**

For an application call Becca at 979-732-1710

**Men's ACTS Retreat – March 7-10, 2019**

Applications available in the back of the church.

**Women's Evening of Recollection, February 11, 2019**

Begins with Confessions at 6:30 p.m., and concludes with Benediction. Place: Featherock Conference, Schulenburg. For more information call Jan at 630-525-1687

**God's Embrace Ministries Day Retreat – February 16, 2019**

“Make Us Your Holy Family” - 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. GEM Conference Center, Schulenburg Register at [www.godsembrace.org](http://www.godsembrace.org).

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**Save the Date:**

**Sunday, May 5, 2019 – Family Fun Day**

**Save the Date:**

**Adult Mission Trip to San Juan, Texas  
Catholic Charities Respite Center  
March 24 – 26, 2019  
For information, call Sharon at 594-3836.**



**Our Gifts to God This Week**

Envelopes .....	\$ 9,411.00
Loose Collection .....	\$ 735.00
Parish Repair Fund .....	\$ 88.00
Church in Latin American Special Coll...	\$ 347.00

**2018 Contribution Statements** for those requesting them last year are in the church foyer. If you need a statement and don't find yours there, call the office at 594-3836.



**Fried Chicken Dinner**

**Shiner CDA and JCDA** are sponsoring a four-piece fried chicken dinner on **Sunday, February 17**. Price: \$10. Menu includes fried chicken, giblet rice and green beans. Serving will be in drive-thru lines at the K.C Hall. Advance tickets are recommended. Tickets are available at local merchants and from JCDA Members.



**Reporting Procedures for Suspected or Known Sexual Abuse of a Minor (person under 18 years of age) or Vulnerable Adult by a Member of Clergy: Contact:**

\*The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, within **48 hours**, at 1-800-252-5400 or [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org) or local police department. .If the person is in immediate danger, call 911 and contact Vicki L. Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186 or email [pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org); Or Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria at (361) 573-0828.

\*Written Allegations should be sent to: Office of the Bishop P. O. Box 4070 Victoria, Texas 77903. Mark as “Personal and Confidential”.

\*We will also help you bring your concerns to church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria. If you are unsure about bringing a complaint or would like further information, please contact Vicki L. Pyatt (361) 827-7186 or email [pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org);