

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 19, 2019

Sacred Liturgies

May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 a.m. Paul E. Stock

May 20 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Martha Janota

10:00 a.m. Albert Boehm (Nursing Home)

May 21 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Julie Mikes (Anniv.)

May 22 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. John Hybner (Anniv.)

May 23 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Charles & Georgia Nerada, James & Oscar Weber & Darryl Pekar

May 24 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Charlie & Bessie Kurtz

May 25 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Gene Nagelmueller

May 26 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Darlene Pokluda

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

Today's Gospel

Today's **Gospel** is from John 13:31-33a, 34-35. We are followers of Christ, but how many of us would pass the test that Christ lays down for deciding who are his true followers? The word "charity" unfortunately has come to have a very restricted meaning today. It often signifies giving alms to a neighbor or needy person. This is but a very small part of true charity. He who truly loves his neighbor must be interested in things which concern that neighbor's purpose in life – his eternal salvation.

Here is where so many good Christians fail in true charity. Advising and encouraging, with true Christian kindness, a neighbor who is beginning to grow lax in his attendance to his Christian duties, or who is forming habits that may bring misery and suffering to his family, and even the possibility of his own eternal destruction, is also an exercise of real Christian charity.

There are thousands of broken homes today which would not be broken if there was true charity in those homes. There are thousands in jails and in hospitals of rehabilitation who would not be there if their families and neighbors fulfilled their obligation of Christian charity. There are many, far too many, lapsed Catholics in the world today, who would not have lapsed had true charity been practiced by their relatives and neighbors. And, last but not least, there are millions of people who have remained outside the Church because the hallmark of charity, which Christ said was its distinguishing mark, was tarnished or invisible. Each one of us could spend a few moments looking into ourselves and comparing our thoughts and our words and our actions with the thoughts, words and actions of love which Christ expects from his followers.

It is never too late to mend. Begin today to take a true Christian interest in the spiritual fate of your family and neighbors. Where words have already failed perhaps, try prayer and example. The grace of God will cooperate with your sincere, charitable effort.

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The Sunday Readings, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Weekly Excerpt from Consoling the Heart of Jesus

Retreat – By Father Mike Gaitley

Session 5: Our Weaknesses, Sinfulness, & Attachments

Have you ever had the experience where, when it came time to pray, your mind is filled with distractions? Distractions in prayer are common. However, if we are aware of our distractions, we can look to the Lord and his saints for strength to overcome them. Last week we looked at possible reasons for our distractions, starting with 1) weaknesses. This week will look at 2) sinfulness and 3) attachments.

2) Sinfulness is the sins that we commit deliberately.

We'll always be stumbling and falling. We've got to accept that fact while striving to avoid sin. Yet when we do sin voluntarily and seriously, we should have the attitude to go running into the loving and merciful arms of our heavenly Father. We must never forget the great love and mercy our Lord Jesus showed by His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "The flames of mercy are burning Me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!"

3) Attachments may prevent us from going to the Lord because we are afraid that He will make us get rid of them. Instead our Lord, wants us to come to Him with our attachments and He will help us to let go of them at our own pace. Jesus simply wants us to go to Him. When we do go, to our surprise, He often tells us: "No, you're not ready to let go of that attachment, but please just come to me, be with me, and console my Heart. Do me the kindness of holding my hand, for my Heart is filled with such sorrow." So there we are, clutching the attachment with one hand and holding onto the Lord with the other. This attitude of going to the Lord as we are is an effective way to console Jesus and progress in holiness.

Adoration Chapel Notes

We are in need of persons to fill the following hours:

Sundays, 12 noon to 1:00 pm; **Tuesdays**, 1:00 – 2:00 am and 2:00 to 3:00 am (every other week); **Wednesdays**, 3:00 – 4:00 am; **Thursdays**, 11:00 pm – 12:00 midnight; 594-3836 if you can take any of these hours.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: We take this opportunity to thank all those parishioners who serve in this important ministry. According to Church guidelines, these ministers must attend an instructional class at least once every five years. The terms of the current ministers will expire this year. It is hoped that all those who presently serve will continue their ministry by attending this class that will be held in the near future. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

Ministry Schedules for May and June can be found at the church entrances and on our parish website.

Bible Study: Mondays, 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome!

Teen ACTS Retreat, July 18-21 and Young Adults ACTS Retreat, (For Ages 20-30) June 6-9: Application forms and more details are available in the church foyer.

CDA Meeting, Monday, May 20: Due to Memorial Day, the Catholic Daughters will hold their May meeting on Monday, May 20. To honor the Blessed Mother, a Rosary will be prayed at **6:15 p.m.** along with a May crowning of Mary. Members are invited to bring flowers for Mary. A meal and meeting will follow. Convention delegates will report on the recent convention and provide a meal.

Parish Choir Practice Tuesday for Polka Mass:

Tuesday, May 21, 6 p.m. Note: Anyone wanting to sing or play for the Polka Mass is invited to come to this practice.

Flowers on the Altar

In Honor of the Graduates of St. Paul High School on their Graduation Day, May 19.

**Church & Children's Bulletin Sponsor
Sanctuary & Adoration Chapel Candles**

In memory of Eugene (Geno) Pustka
By Betty & Marlon Pustka

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

George & Nancy Martinsen

Vocations Cross

Russell & Kim Ulcak & Family

Spring Picnic, May 26

Our Picnic has a reputation as one of the best in the area! Let us each do our part to help keep this reputation by personally inviting co-workers, family and friends to come spend the day in Shiner next Sunday. Personal invites are still the best way to make our great Picnic grow!

Other Publicity also plays a major role in the success of our Picnic. We give a big thank you to Mildred Targac who has been responsible for all the newspaper articles, radio ads and other publicity duties for many years now.

Kitchen Donations: Letters were mailed this past week for food donations for each family based on last name. A-J, 12# potatoes; K-N, gallon of green beans; O-P, 32 oz. instant Tea w/sugar & lemon; R-Z gallon of sauerkraut. Items can be paid for at Patek Gro. and they will be delivered, or they can be dropped off in the kitchen on Picnic morning.

Workers Lists were mailed to parishioners. Please check the list and report to your assigned areas. The list is also posted on the church bulletin board and on the church website.

The Grocery Wheel has become a part of the Spring Picnic and starts at 5:00 p.m. Please consider donating some grocery items for the game. These can be brought to office during the week or dropped off Picnic morning.

For your convenience, we will once again offer a drive-thru drop-off of your donations from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Picnic morning. Location is between auction pavilion and dining hall. Drop off cakes for kitchen or Cake Walk, plants for Plant Wheel, groceries for Grocery Wheel, auction items. There will be volunteers to get items to the correct spot.

Homemade goodies of all kinds will once again be needed at the Country Store, Cake Wheel, and for the meals – both dine-in (KC Hall) and plates-to-go (Kaspar Pavilion). Please cut and wrap the items for the plates-to-go.

Thank You to **Robert Werner** for donating all the hamburger patties for the Hamburger Stand. Also thank you to **Tommy Schuette of Shiner BBQ** for donating the BBQ on the bun sandwiches for Saturday night activities.

Cattle for Auction: Thanks to Oak Valley Ranch (Don & Melva Brown, Brad & Nicco Brown) for donating a Brangus purebred heifer (pick of the crop); and to Patrick & Barbara Pesek for a Beefmaster heifer (16 month old -exposed to bull). Cattle donors may drop off their animals at Shiner Animal Hospital. Contact person for cattle is Jeff Pesek at 361-772-3702. Cattle sale begins at 3:00 p.m. It is hoped we will have more cattle donors for the Auction.

Auction Donations Needed: If possible, please bring other donations to meeting room this week so they can be logged in the computer and tagged.

Raffles: Don't forget to turn in your tickets if you want a chance to win in the regular raffle as well as the tractor raffle.

New Church A/C Installed: As was reported last week, it was necessary to replace one unit and repair the second unit of our church air-conditioning system. We want to give thanks to several persons who helped with this process this past week so that the work was completed in a very timely manner. Thanks to Robert Mikes for the use of his equipment and special thanks to Harvey Picha for his volunteer work in coordinating this project.

Kids Kamp will be held June 17 – June 21, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for students entering Kinder-7th grades. Brochures are available in the back of church or online at sscmshiner.org or contact the office of Youth Ministry at 361-594-3234.

Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes \$ 9,927.00
Loose Collections..... \$ 912.00
Repair Fund \$ 602.05

Special Collection: This weekend's 2nd collection is for the Priests of the Victoria Diocese who are Retired and have Special Needs.

Save the Date!

**Statny Hacek Fishing Tournament
July 12 -13, 2019, Rockport, TX
Go to www.shinerreef.com for more details.**

**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church – Income & Expenses
April, 2019**

INCOME	
Collections	\$56,645.50
Donation for Seminarians	1,000.00
Building Rentals	
Repair Fund Collections	6,585.93
Other Income	2,574.00
DSA Collected	6,400.00
Royalties-Oct. thru March 2019	67,007.30
Religious Ed/Chastity Books Sales	15.00
Purgatorial Society Stipends	25.00
Interest Earned	2,203.81
Total Income for Month	\$142,456.54
EXPENSES	
Salaries/Benefits	\$17,816.25
Clergy Assistance	100.00
Payroll Taxes	3,103.56
Seminarians Donation to Diocese	1,000.00
Utilities	1,838.82
Other Expenses	1,193.86
DSA to Diocese-2018 Remaining Balance	22,875.00
DSA to Diocese	6,400.00
Auto Expenses – Gas	83.73
Repairs & Maintenance	16,648.39
School Subsidy	35,000.00
Parish Household/Office	1,061.24
Family Fun Day	164.07
Religious Ed/Chastity Books	48.55
McAllen Mission Trip	382.37
Total Expenses for Month	\$107,715.84
Monthly Expenses vs. Income	\$34,740.70