

**SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Church of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas**

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**The Most Rev. Brendan J. Cahill, S.T.D., Bishop**  
**The Rev. Bryan Heyer, Pastor**

**Bishop Emeritus David Fellhauer**  
**Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Joe Machacek**

**December 10, 2017**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**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

**December 11 – Monday**

6:30 a.m. John & Frances Machacek

10:00 a.m. Johnny Seidenberger (Nursing Home)

**December 12 – Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Vietnamese Dominican Community.

**December 13 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Kral & Cerny Families

**December 14 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Ernest Berger

**December 15 – Friday**

11:00 a.m. Adela Berger

**December 16 – Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Frank I. & Ludmila Roznovsky

**December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent**

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

9:30 a.m. Daniel & Molly Peters



**From the Pastor's Desk**



As we continue our Advent preparation, the weather this past week really gives us a good reflection. This time of year is already the darkest given the short days but the cold and wet weather has made it feel even darker. There is also a general

silence that falls on the world. It is precisely now that we celebrate Christmas. It is in the midst of this dark cold stillness that Christ came into the world. The light of the world and the songs of angels flowed into that darkness and brought hope to all of humanity. This same hope grows in us as we're preparing for both commemoration of the birth of Jesus and his second coming. In our world today, there is a spiritual darkness of anger and division and a coldness of heart in society. Let us bring that hope and that light that we have been entrusted with at baptism and may it change our own hearts, our families, our community, and our nation. May we joyfully journey through our Advent with strong hope and expectation.

I want to also remind all of our parish family that on Monday, December 11, we will have our penance service starting at 5:30 p.m. Please take advantage of the numerous priests that will be present. There will be some limited opportunities to go at later dates but please do not put off going to this sacrament of forgiveness and come to the penance service.

Father Bryan Heyer

**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.**

**Want to do something special for Advent?**

Come spend an extra hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. 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. (every other week). Call the parish office at 594-3836 if you can take a time – even if it's only during Advent.

**Little Blue Books:** There are a number of these booklets available at the church entrances. Be sure to take one for your home for spiritual reading during Advent.



**Notice: All 7th & 8th Graders** who are interested in participating in the Christmas Eve program at the 5:00 Christmas Vigil Mass please attend practice on Tuesday, December 12, at 4:00 at the church. If you have questions, please contact Kim Ulcak at 594-3234.

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

**Adoration Chapel Schedule for Christmas Season:**

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Friday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. and adoration will resume on January 2, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.

**Parish Office Hours for Christmas Season:** The office will close at 11:00 a.m. on December 21 and remain closed until January 2. Any news for the Sunday, December 24 bulletin must be at the office by noon on Wednesday, December 20. There will be no bulletin published on December 31.



**The Vocations Committee** of our parish is asking that we pray especially this week for "Vocations to Ordained and Religious Ministries."

**Parish Pictorial Directories:** We have a number of extra directories to sell for \$10. They just might make a nice gift for out-of-town friends or family members.

**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.

**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.

**Altar Society** will meet Tuesday, December 12, at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. This will be a regular meeting. Members are reminded that the society Christmas Party will be on Thursday, January 4, which is still the Christmas season.

**Bible Study**: Mondays from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.



**January and February Ministry Schedules** can be found at the church entrances and on our parish website.

**Magnetic Decals**: The K.C.'s are providing magnetic decals to help promote "Keep Christ in Christmas." These decals are in back of church and free for the taking. Free will offerings accepted.



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

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



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

**Flowers on the Altar**  
Anonymous Donor

**Church Bulletin**  
In Memory of Deceased Members of  
Matias and Simper Families

**Children's Bulletin**  
By Shiner Knights of Columbus Council #3081

**Sanctuary Candles**  
In Honor of Living and Deceased Members of  
KJT Society #20

**Adoration Chapel Candles**  
In Memory of Deceased Members of  
Cimrhanzl and Desmond Families

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**  
By the Martinsen Family

**Vocations Cross**  
Patrick & Laura Klozik & Son

**Chili Meal for Youth Ministry**  
**Today, Sunday, 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 this 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. There will also be chili to go and a bake sale outside of church. All proceeds will help cover the cost of the trip. Your support will be appreciated!



**Shiner Catholic School Band Concert & Meal**  
**Monday, December 11**

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

**The Christmas Concert** begins at 7:00 p.m. in the gym and is free. Everyone is invited and welcome.



**Our Gifts to God This Week**

Envelopes.....	\$ 9,250.00
Loose Collections .....	\$ 914.00
Repair Fund.....	\$ 514.39

**The Second Collection** this weekend is a diocesan designated collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Elderly religious need our help. For years they have served others in various ministries. Yet, years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage in retirement funding. Your gift will help religious communities furnish necessities for their elderly members. Please be generous.



**2018 Legacy Gala**, will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on **Saturday, February 17, 2018**: The seated dinner, at 7:00 pm will include steak & shrimp, and The Emotions will perform, beginning at 9:00 pm. Advanced tickets are now available. Contact the parish office at 361-594-3836 to reserve tickets. Costs are as follows:

\$175 per couple  
\$100 per individual  
Texas Hold 'Em Seats: \$100 each



**Catholic Life Insurance Raffle Tickets** are available for \$5 each. 100% of the money raised will stay at Shiner Catholic School. The Grand Prize includes a choice of: (1) a 2018 Ford F-150 Truck; or (2) a 2018 Ford Fusion Sedan; or (3) a \$20,000 Prepaid VISA Credit Card. Drawing will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Tickets may be obtained from students, at the school offices, and at the parish office.