

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon: The Rev. Mr. Joe Machacek

December 24, 2017

Sacred Liturgies

December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. Bill Petru

5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass of Christmas

Deceased Members of Pustka & Stock Families

December 25–Monday–Christmas, Nativity of the Lord

Midnight Mass – Joe Mozisek & Louis & Judith Mozisek

7:30 a.m. Willie & Frances Harabis

9:30 a.m. Priest's Intention

December 26 – Tuesday

No Mass

December 27 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Larry Dierschke

December 28 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. 60th Wedding Anniversary –

Frankie & Agnes Darilek

December 29 – Friday

8:00 a.m. David Marcak

December 30 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Dwayne Biehunko

December 31 – Sunday – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 a.m. Emil & Emily Ondrusek and

Joe & Aliene Vinklerek

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

January 1 – Monday - Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Muras



From the Pastor's Desk



During this time of the year there is a great feeling of accomplishment. The year is coming to an end. Advent is coming to an end. Many of us have gone to confession making an end of our enslavement to sin. But in this time, more importantly, we celebrate newness. The birth of Jesus, is a celebration of new beginnings; of re-creation. The nativity of the Christ puts an end to the power of sin and death and ushers into existence, salvation. In the prophet Isaiah, he prophesied that the Lord would do something new. The whole order of human existence would change. As people of the resurrection, we know how the life of Jesus plays out and how the Church is born. It is indeed made new by the forgiveness of our sins. In our celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation, we do indeed look at our actions of the past and the mistakes and sins we commit and we give these unto the Lord and we are forgiven. However, we would be remiss, if we didn't also see how it makes our lives new once again. By the forgiveness of our sins, our lives going forward are not burdened by the past and the strength to go in virtue and changes how we will be. We are free to change, to repent and to live our lives as God calls us.

Of course, the end of 2017 is a celebration of the beginning of 2018. The new year celebration leads to resolutions and promises of what we are going to be and it is always to be better than the year before.

As Christian people our faith is constantly a focus on newness; a fresh start. We are an optimistic people that point to salvation and hope through faith that love will reign in our hearts and in the hearts of all people. We believe that this gospel message is truly the fulfillment of all creation's desire and it is possible for all creation.

There is no person too bad that cannot begin anew through God's mercy. No heart too hard that can't be softened. This is the principle of discipleship. We can, through and with Christ, continue to make all things new.

We can be different. We can be better. We can because God became one like us. He came as a child through the womb of humanity. He did not come upon a chariot with flashes of flame and lightning. His vehicle was a manger and his might: His humility. The birth of Christ teaches us that through humility and belief in the potential of each human person for new life, all evil in the world can be defeated, all wrongs can be forgiven and peace can reign.

May the Christ child inspire in us the constant renewal of our lives and the life of all mankind. May God bless you all this Christmas season and may we all have a happy and blessed new year.

Father Bryan Heyer



O Come All Ye Faithful – to Midnight Mass. Join the ancient, universal tradition of welcoming the Christ Child at the earliest possible moment – the stroke of Midnight on Christmas Day. Carols will precede this most festive occasion, beginning at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Come celebrate with our parish musicians who would like to help you begin the Christmas Season in a truly merry fashion.

On the Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28, Bishop Cahill will preside at a Mass at 11:00 a.m. at Raphael's Refuge in Flatonia. All are welcome and invited.



Church Bulletin

In Honor of 60th Wedding Anniversary of Frankie U. & Agnes Darilek

Children's Bulletin

In Memory of Frank V. & Roselee Henke, Elton & Lillie Syamken and In Honor of Sister Rosalyn M. Henke By Rhonda & Douglas Syamken

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Emily & Joseph Patek, Sr., Joe, Jr., Robert and David Patek

Adoration Candles

In Memory of Agnes Cerny by Felix Cerny

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Kenneth & Julie Stock

Our Gifts to God – December 16/17

Envelopes.....	\$ 6,738.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 974.00
Repair Fund.....	\$ 486.80

December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sacred Liturgies

December 31 – Sunday

7:30 a.m. Emil & Emily Ondrusek and
Joe & Aliene Vinklerek

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

January 1 – Monday - Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Muras

January 2 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Ivan Pfeil

January 3 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Willie Marcak

January 4 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Victor Krejci

January 5 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Deceased Members of Machicek and
Siegel Families

January 6 – Saturday

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society Members

5:00 p.m. Edmund Zissa

January 7 – Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Steve & Mary Pokluda and
Emil & Lillian Condel

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



The Christmas Season: The liturgical season of Christmas continues until January 8, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During the entire Christmas season we celebrate the Birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with Him. Let us not be

in a hurry to put away the traditional symbols of this season, i.e. the Christmas tree, the Nativity scene, the extra greenery and other décor. Let us use them as a reminder to honor God the Father's gift of his only Son to the world, a gift that we should celebrate throughout the Christmas season.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1, honors Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. By celebrating this solemnity of Mary's motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that He is both human and divine. This year, January 1 is a holy day, however, since it falls on a Monday, it does not carry with it an obligation to attend Mass. However, there will be one Mass on January 1, and it will be at 8:00 a.m. As with any Mass, attendance is encouraged.



The Annual Pro-Life Eucharistic Procession in our parish will take place on Sunday, January 21.

Adoration Chapel Schedule for the Christmas Season:

The chapel is closed until January 2, when adoration will resume at 7:00 a.m. **Please Note:** There are hours open that need filling in our Adoration Chapel. They are as follows: Tuesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 a.m.; Thursdays, 3:00 – 4:00 a.m.; and Fridays, 1:00 – 2:00 a.m. (all for every other week); and on Sundays, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Church Bulletin

By Shiner Knights of Columbus Council #3081

Children's Bulletin and Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Fred Koenning, Jr.
By Mary Koenning and Family

Adoration Chapel Candles

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January and February Ministry Schedules are available at the church entrances and on our parish website.

Parish Office Hours and Bulletin: The parish office will be closed until January 2. **Please note:** The bulletin for December 24 is a combined bulletin for the next two weeks. No new bulletin for December 31.

Thank You: A special note of thanks to Mraz Lumber Co., Inc. for generously picking up the tab for the remainder of the expenses for our Community Dinner held recently. The parish is grateful to everyone for their donations and support to help make this parish project a grand success!

Thank You to all the donors of the Christmas poinsettias in church. The donors' names are posted on the church bulletin board. And thanks also to the Pastoral Council and others for decorating our church for the Christmas season.

Thank You to the Religious Education Families for adopting a family for our Advent Project! We were able to collect enough money for the family to purchase the stroller that they needed and a little extra to help with medical expenses. **Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3.**

Thank You: On behalf of the Parish Youth Ministry, thanks to everyone who worked and patronized the recent Chili Dinner. It was a grand success – thanks again to everyone!



Laudate Dominum Choir: Next rehearsal – Monday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on January 21.

Totus Tuus Chorum: No rehearsals until sometime in late January. Enjoy your break!

Altar Society Christmas Party: The Altar Society will have its Christmas Party on **Friday, January 5,** at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. Members are asked to bring a food item for the lunch and a \$5 gift for exchange. Special guests will be residents from the Shiner Nursing Home.

2018 Church Calendars are available at the church entrances.



Tamales for Sale: The Catholic Daughters have a very limited number of tamales left for sale from their recent Tamale Sale. Price: \$10/dozen. If you need some for your holiday gatherings, call Margie Kresta at 594-2361.

2018 Legacy Gala, will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on **Saturday, February 17, 2018.** Advanced tickets are now available. Contact the parish office at 361-594-3836 to reserve tickets. Prices are: \$175 per couple, \$100 per individual, Texas Hold 'Em Seats: \$100 each.