

**SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**September 9, 2018**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**September 9 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 a.m. Gary Mikes

**September 10 – Monday**

6:30 a.m. Lambert & Jane Pollok

10:00 a.m. Mercedes Rivera (Nursing Home)

**September 11 – Tuesday**

6:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Vietnamese

Dominican Community

**September 12 – Wednesday – Most Holy Name of Mary**

7:00 p.m. Frank & Mildred Targac –

55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**September 13 – Thursday – St. John Chrysostom**

6:30 a.m. Helen Matula

**September 14 – Friday – Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:10 a.m. Bill & Julia Polasek and

Eugene & Kathleen Trobl

**September 15 – Saturday**

5:00 p.m. August & Mary Welfl

**September 16 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30 a.m. Ernest Berger



**From the Pastor's Desk**

As children of the living God, called as disciples of that Gospel of Life, we are confronted with the reality that the ways of God can be difficult to understand especially when they seem at odds with the worldly experience or expectation that we as humans experience on a daily basis.

This Sunday's gospel is a great reminder of this and how as disciples we need to trust in the goodness of the Lord as it is lauded in the first reading. I have always viewed this Gospel reading with a questioning of why Jesus did what he did. We hear the many stories of Jesus curing, casting out demons, and even raising people from the dead with just a word or a simple touch. In this gospel, he sticks his fingers in the man's ears and spits on his tongue. Why? Is a speech impediment harder to cure than raising the dead? I believe Jesus is testing the trust this man has in Him. I am sure the man wondered why but he trusted that the work of Christ would save him from his condition. He believed more in who Jesus is than he questioned His methods.

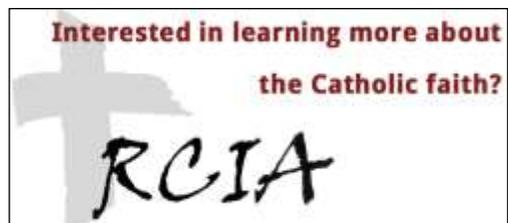


I recall when Jesus rebuked Peter, he said, "Get behind me Satan! . . . You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." As disciples we must grow in our trust in the ways of God. We must trust in the Promise. We may not

always be comfortable. We may not always understand. But, we must always believe that God desires and promises to save us and we must trust in Him. Otherwise, we may never truly experience God's healing or the fulfillment of His promise.

I want to also take this opportunity to thank everyone who so wonderfully dedicated their time, talent, and treasure into this Fall's Picnic. It was a record-setter in many respects (5600 plates served, "Mule" tickets sold out by 6:00 p.m., the third best auction in history). It is your hard work and open heart that continue to bring visitors from all over. I never heard one complaint, and instead I received compliment after compliment. There is no way that we would be able to continue to have these epic celebrations without all of the dedication of people before, during and after the Picnic. Thanks and God Bless you all.

Father Bryan Heyer



**New RCIA Classes Begin September 19**

A new class for adults interested in learning about the Catholic faith begins September 19. This program, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), requires participants to attend weekly classes that culminate with reception into the Catholic Church on Easter, April 21, 2019. Interested persons are asked to contact Mary Machacek at 401-1254 or Sharon Patek at 594-3836.



**Two Open Hours in Adoration Chapel**

**Monday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Please call the parish office at 594-3836 if you can take either of these hours.



**Adult Mission Trip:** In the past our parish has arranged mission trips for the youth. This fall the parish is organizing a mission trip for adults only. Are you willing to share the love and hope of Christ in a part of Texas that needs to be reminded of His love for them? If your answer is yes, you are invited to a meeting on **Monday, September 10**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. More details will be discussed at the meeting. If interested but unable to attend meeting, call Sharon Patek at 594-3836.

**KJT Society #20** will meet on Sunday, Sept. 9, in the PAC after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. A report will be given on the state convention that was held in July.

**The Altar Society** will meet Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. Hostesses are Marjorie Kresta, Pat Pesek, Mary Rose Barta.

**Pastoral Council** meets Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the PAC.

**KJT Society #5** will hold its quarterly meeting on Sept. 23, at the PAC at 8:30 am. All members are encouraged to attend. Please come join us.

**Weekly Bible Study Resumes September 10.** Everyone is invited to attend a weekly Bible Study held on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Activity Center. The sessions last about an hour and anyone interested in learning more about the bible is welcome.



### **Religious Education Program News**

**The first Mass** of the Religious Education Program year will be on Wednesday, **September 12 at 7:00 pm.** All parents are encouraged to attend the Mass. There will be a short informative meeting right after the Mass. Please make every effort to attend the Mass and meeting.

**Please review the handbook** with your children and then complete the handbook acknowledgement form and return by September 12. The handbook and acknowledgement can be found at [www.sscmshiner.org](http://www.sscmshiner.org).

**All new students** should register by calling the Youth Ministry Office at 361-594-3234. Deadline for registration: September 12, 2018.

### **Catholic School News**

**The Annual Shiner Catholic School Fall Festival** is scheduled for **September 23** at the K.C. Park. BBQ chicken plates will be available in drive-thru or dine-in for \$10 per plate from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Live auction begins at noon. Carnival games available from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**St. Paul FCA** group is planning to go to an A & M football game on September 15. Registration is due by September 10 to Riley M. Johnson. Cost: \$30.



**Parish Choir Notice:** The choir will practice on Monday, Sept. 10.

**Laudate Dominum:** Rehearsal, Monday, Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. for 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sept. 16.

**September and October** ministry schedules are available at church entrances and on parish website.



### **Flowers on the Altar**

In Memory of Kathy Fluit by Joe & Benita Roller

### **Church Bulletin**

In Honor of Living & Deceased Members of KJT #20

### **Children's Bulletin:**

In Memory of Fred Koenning, Jr. by Mary Koenning & Family

### **Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Matt Pustka by Family

### **Adoration Chapel Candles**

In Honor of the 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Mildred Targac

### **Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

The George Martinsen Family

### **Vocations Cross**

Joseph & Joan Simper

**Church Cleaning Ministry:** We want to thank all the wonderful people who help keep our church clean. There are five groups of volunteers who rotate the weekly cleaning chores. In an effort to show appreciation to all of them, whether they have served numerous years or a short time, we have compiled a list of the workers and their number of years of service: Dolores Morkovsky, 25; Paul Morkovsky, 10; Agnes Sedlmeyer, 25; Alice Machacek, 9; Sharon Fuller, 4; Marvin Oehl, 4; Gabe Adamek Family, 3; Members of the Anton & Mary Bujnoch Family, 15; Mary Ann Stock, 30; Mary Rose Filip, 20; Anita Grabarkievtz, 19; Mary Jo Veit, 13; Lois Pilat Dierschke, 11; Stacey Kubecka, 18; Peggy Malinovsky & Family, 6; Dolly Boehm, 2; Mildred Timm, 3; Lori Rother, 2. Another group of workers keeps the sacristy and sanctuary clean. They include Betty Adamek, Gertrude Vrazel and Carolyn Malik. Betty has been help involved in this ministry for 30+ years while Gertrude and Carolyn are more recent volunteers.

The parish is grateful to all of these volunteers for their outstanding service to the Church. If there are other families or individuals who would like to serve in this ministry by forming a new group, or helping one of the other groups, please call the parish office at 594-3836.



**The Picnic Auction Report** is available at the church entrances and on our parish website.

### **Our Gifts to God Last Week**

Envelopes .....	\$ 7,219.00
Loose Collections .....	\$ 1,190.00
Repair Fund .....	\$ 930.25



### **Amor Meus Spirituality Center - One-Day Silent Retreat - New Beginnings: Gifts in Every Day Life - September 15 - 9:30AM – 3:30 PM**

Retreat includes short presentations by Sr. Frances Cabrini, time to reflect in the chapel or on the convent grounds, and concludes with group discussion. Purchase a \$5.00 box lunch or bring your own. Drinks and snacks provided. Suggested offering, \$20 or more. Register by calling Sr. Emilie Eilers at 361-575-7111, IWBS Convent 1101 N.E. Water St. Victoria. **People of all faith traditions are welcome.**

**Dynamic Catholic is Coming to Victoria Diocese!** Jonathan Fanning will present "Find Your Greatness – Four habits that will transform your life." September 15, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Victoria. Cost \$25. Purchase tickets online at [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com) or 1-859-980-7900.

**The Emmaus Center in Victoria** will be offering the following groups and classes this fall:

- Grief Support Group for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one
- Hope Remains Group for survivors of a loss to suicide
- Caregivers Support Group for those who are taking care of someone with a long-term illness
- Parenting Class for anyone who is helping raise a child (classes will be split based on the age of the child(ren)).

**For more information or to schedule appointments call 361-212-0830.**



### **Picnics**

**Sept. 9: St. Joseph, Inez.** Fried chicken, brisket & sausage dinner, live & silent auctions, country store, kids games.

**Sept. 9: Holy Cross, Yorktown.** Polish sausage & BBQ dinner, country store, cake walk, games, music, auction.

**Sept. 16: St. Joseph's, Moulton.** Fried chicken & stew dinner, games, hamburgers, cake & plant walks, auction.