

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 9, 2018

Sacred Liturgies

December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. Lester Haas

December 10 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Fred Koenning, Jr.

10:00 a.m. Adeline Krenek (Nursing Home)

December 11 – Tuesday

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

December 12 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Ben Rivera

December 13 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Christie Sofka

December 14 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Dwayne Biehunko

December 15 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Kral & Cerny Families

December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Strauss & Appelt Families



Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

This week our Gospel invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John baptizes for repentance

and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In today's Gospel reading, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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Schedule of Confessions in our Deanery
During Advent

December 10, 5:30 p.m., St. Joseph, Moulton

December 11, 5:30 p.m., Sacred Heart, Hallettsville

December 13, 5:30 p.m. Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner

December 14, 5:30 p.m., St. Joseph, Yoakum

Other Confession Times: Wednesday, 5:30-5:55 p.m.;
Saturday, 4:00-4:45 p.m.



Coming Soon – Introduction to the Theology of the

Body: If you are wondering if there's more to life than just "getting by" and are ready to discover the Master Plan for your life, then discover the Catholic teaching known as the Theology of the Body (TOB). It is a biblical reflection on the meaning of human embodiment as male and female, particularly as it concerns the call of the two to become "one flesh." But it is crucial to realize that the TOB is **not** only meant for married people. Join Kevin and Wendi Twyford as they explore TOB and take us on an exhilarating "Trinitarian journey" that leads us ever-upward from the body to (1) the union of man and woman, (2) the union of Christ and the Church, and from there (3) into the eternal union of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Class schedule will be on Saturdays, Jan. 6 – Feb. 16, 6:15 p.m. in the PAC, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

To register call Sharon Patek at 594-3836 by Dec. 19 so that books may be ordered. Cost: \$15 for Workbook. First four persons to register – no charge!



Thank You! A huge note of thanks goes to Werner's 5 Ninety 4 Grill for donating all the turkey and dressing for the Community Dinner held last Sunday. Thanks to all those who took time to attend and enjoy the camaraderie and good food. And thanks also to everyone who worked or helped in any way to make this another successful Community Dinner.



A Vocation Blurb: Are you seeking "knowledge and full insight to help you determine" your vocation in Christ as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life? Call Father Tommy chen, 361-552-6140 or Father Kristopher Fuches, 361-575-4741.

Adoration Chapel Notice: **Open Hours** in the Adoration Chapel are: **Sundays, 2:00-3:00 p.m. (every other week) and Thursdays from 12:00 to 1:00 A.M.** Call the office at 594-3836 if you can help.

Little Blue Booklets for Advent: These booklets are at the church entrances and are available for your use. Be sure to pick up a copy and use it with your family.

The Angel Tree in the back of the church is sponsored by the SSCM Assistance Ministry to benefit the residents of the Shiner Nursing Center. Take a name and return the gift to the rectory by Thursday, December 13. Please note the new date.



Ministry Schedules for January and February will be in church this weekend and on our parish website.

Weekly Bible Study: Mondays from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All are welcome!



KJZT Society #5 will have their Annual Christmas Social on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Parish Dining Hall. Social starts at 10:45 a.m. and dinner at 11:30 a.m. All members are invited with their spouse. Members are asked to provide the dessert.

KJT Society #20 will meet Sunday, Dec. 9, in the PAC, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Refreshments will be served.

Altar Society will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 2:00 in the PAC. Hostesses are Fran Pesek, Ann Meyer and Dorothy Marcak. This will be a regular meeting. The society's Christmas Party will be held in January.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Friday, December 14 at 7:15 a.m. in the Cafeteria to wrap Christmas presents.



Parish Choir will practice Mon., Dec. 10, at 6:00 p.m. Choir will sing Dec. 15 (note changed date).

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsal on Monday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 p.m. for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Dec. 16 and on Monday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 p.m. for Christmas Midnight Mass.

Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsals on Wednesdays, Dec. 12 & 19 from 8:00 – 8:50 p.m. for Christmas Midnight Mass.

SSCM Combined Choir - Brass Quintet, Laudate Dominum & Totus Tuus: Rehearsal on Thursday, Dec. 20 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for Christmas Midnight Mass



Donations for Poinsettias for Church will be appreciated. Please leave donations in the collection basket or at the parish office.

Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Johnny Hybner by
Florene Hybner & Family

Church Bulletin Sponsor

In Memory of Deceased Members of
Couvillon and Maillet Families

Children's Bulletin Sponsor

In Memory of Father Charles Kram by Hrnccir Family

Sanctuary Candles & Adoration Chapel Candles

In Honor of Living and Deceased Members of KJT #20

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Holly Rosales & Family

Strudels for Sale

Due to a miscount somewhere in the process, we discovered this past week that we have 60 strudels left to sell. They are available for sale on a first come first serve basis at \$16 each. Also, if you placed an order and did not pick up your strudels, please stop by the parish office as soon as possible.

Booster Club Tamale Sale: The tamales for those who pre-ordered will arrive here frozen and vacuumed packed. Pick-up time is **Thurs., Dec. 13 from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.** at the Catholic School Cafeteria. Price: \$12/dozen.



Bids for Used Cooler: A walk-in cooler located in the Cafeteria of the Shiner Catholic School is in need of replacing. The used cooler, which is still in working condition, is being offered for sale. The size is: 6 feet wide, by 8 feet long, by 7 ½ feet tall. To view the equipment or for more information, contact Deacon Joe Machacek at 361-550-6080. Bids must be submitted in person or by mail to 306 S. Avenue F, Shiner, TX 77984 by December 18, 2018.



Our Gifts to God Last Week

Envelopes	\$ 8,793.00
Loose Collection	\$ 651.00
Parish Repair Fund	\$ 616.72

The second collection this weekend will be for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.** Today the sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have served the Church faithfully in the past may be elderly and their religious communities often struggle to meet retirement needs. Your donation in this collection will help this cause.



The Annual Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents will be offered at Raphael's Refuge near Flatonia on December 28. Bishop Cahill will celebrate the Mass at 11:00 a.m. A Rosary will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by Christmas carols, and then Mass. Refreshments will follow. For more information,



The Emmaus Center, located at 1508 E. Airline, Victoria, TX provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective. The staff includes licensed professional counselors and registered interns who devote themselves to assist those in need regardless of their religious affiliation, gender, race or age. To schedule an appointment call 361-212—0830.