

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Church of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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The Rev. Bryan Heyer, Pastor

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

December 17, 2017

Sacred Liturgies

December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. Daniel & Molly Peters

December 18 – Monday

6:30 a.m. B. J. & Adela Machart

10:00 a.m. Christie Sofka (Nursing Home)

December 19 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Frances Berger

December 20 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of
Leininger & Elder Families

December 21 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Deacon Joe Machacek –
8th Anniversary of Ordination

December 22 – Friday

8:00 a.m. Laura Watzlavick

December 23 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Robert Weitzel

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 – 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



From the Pastor's Desk

During this time of preparation for the coming of Christmas, we make lists. Buy this, bake this, go to that party. We need the lists in order to keep everything straight in our day. Without it we would forget half of it and then everything would be chaos. Lists keep it ordered. I would like to propose that this Sunday, Saint Paul gives us a list. It isn't to be a Christmas to do list but rather an everyday list for the disciple. I simply repeat his words and I pray that we all follow it as best we can:

1. Rejoice always.
2. Pray without ceasing.
3. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
4. Do not quench the Spirit.
5. Do not despise prophetic utterances.
6. Test everything; retain what is good.
7. Refrain from every kind of evil.

Just as reminder, 1-5 of this list and the strength to do #6-7 is provided most excellently and completely in the Mass; at every Mass.

Lastly, as a reminder, all parishioners must attend Mass twice next weekend; once for the 4th Sunday of Advent and once for Christmas. You cannot go to one Mass on Sunday evening and have it count for both. Also, January 1st is a Holy Day but it is not obligatory this year in the United States. The Church encourages all of the faithful to attend Mass this day but it does not make it obligatory. Please check the bulletin for Mass times.

Father Bryan Heyer

Welcome to the Catholic Faith! After eight months of preparation, three teens from our parish, Travis and Grant Woodward and Skyeler McDaniel, will be receiving the Sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, on Wednesday, December 20. We congratulate and welcome these three new members of our Church!



Confessions: will be heard this week during the following times: Wednesday, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration Time, Wednesday, December 20: Since there is no adoration in our chapel this week, for those who may wish to spend some extra time with the Blessed Sacrament during the coming week, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar of church from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, during the time Father Bryan will be hearing Confessions.

Adoration Chapel Schedule for the Christmas Season:

There will be no adoration in the chapel during the Christmas holidays. Adoration will resume on January 2, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.

Parish Office Hours and Bulletin: The parish office will close at 11:00 a.m. on December 21 and remain closed until January 2. **Please note:** The bulletin for December 24 and December 31 will be a combined bulletin and will be printed on December 20. Any news for that bulletin must be at the office by noon on Wednesday, December 20.



Community Dinner Thank You's: A big note of thanks goes to everyone who helped cook, serve or assist in other ways with the Community Dinner hosted by our parish on December 3. Special thanks to Robert Werner and Werner's Restaurant for donating the turkey and dressing portion of the meal and also to Vic Patek and Gerard Janak for providing musical entertainment. A total of about 400 people came to enjoy the good food and the camaraderie of this dinner. Thanks to members of the Pastoral Council who chaired the event and took care of arrangements.



2018 Church Calendars: The new church calendars are available at the church entrances. We take this opportunity to thank the following local merchants for providing these calendars: Patek Grocery & Market, Inc., First National Bank of Shiner, Robert Adamek Insurance, Maeker's Sausage & Processing, Mraz Lumber Co., Inc., Friday's Fried Chicken.

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.

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

Little Blue Books: There are a number of these booklets still available at the church entrances. The daily reflections continue through January 8, 2018. So if you do not yet have a booklet, be sure to pick one up.

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.

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.

Found in Church: A Kendra Scott necklace. Owner may claim at the parish office during regular hours.



CDA/K.C. Christmas Party: Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus members and their families are invited to a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 21 at the K.C. Hall. A social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner provided by the K.C.'s. CDA members are asked to bring either a dessert or hors d'oeuvres. Santa will make an appearance so be sure to bring the children.

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsals on Monday, December 18 and Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. for Christmas Mass.

Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsal on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. for Christmas Midnight Mass.

Combined Choir – Laudate Dominum, Totus Tuus, Brass Quarter and Clarinet Duo: Final rehearsal for Christmas Midnight Mass on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. This is the final rehearsal (yea!), so please plan to stay until we get through everything.



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

In Honor of 8th Anniversary of Ordination of Deacon Joe Machacek and in Memory of Elmer & Nellie Foucheaux and Daniel Machacek

Church Bulletin

In Memory of Deceased Members of Roznovsky & Kasper Family by Victor & Susan Kasper

Children's Bulletin

In Memory of Laddie Wagner, Sr. by Family

Sanctuary Candles

By Shiner Knights of Columbus Council #3081

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Deceased Members of Couvillon & Maillet Families

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Kenneth & Julie Stock

Tamales for Sale: The Catholic Daughters have a very limited number of tamales left for sale from their recent Tamale Sale. Price: \$10/dozen.

Strudels Not Picked Up: There are several customers who ordered strudels but have not yet picked them up. Please pick up your order as soon as possible.

For Tamales or Strudels, be sure to stop by the parish office before Thursday, December 21, 11:00 a.m., when the office will be closing for the Christmas holidays.



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. Prices are: \$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.



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$ 8,624.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 1,430.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 240.00

**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church – Income & Expenses
November, 2017**

INCOME	
Collections	\$37,785.66
Repair Fund Collections	12,014.66
Seminarians Donation	1,000.00
Building Rentals	150.00
DSA Collected	1,600.00
Other Income	5,150.00
Purgatorial Mass Donations	50.00
Religious Ed, Chastity Book Sales	440.00
Strudel Bake Sales	30,289.00
Memorials to Church	195.00
Flowers Donations	320.00
Interest Earned	39.81
Total Income for Month	\$89,034.13
EXPENSES	
Salaries/Benefits	\$17,515.60
Clergy Assistance	125.00
Payroll Taxes	2,907.56
Seminarians Donation Transfer	1,000.00
Utilities	1,443.41
Other Expenses	398.71
Auto Expenses – Gas & Insurance	73.69
Repairs & Maintenance	116.92
Religious Ed & Chastity Books	184.84
Parish Office Supplies/Household	1,015.99
Strudel Bake	5,167.97
Total Expenses for Month	\$29,949.69
Monthly Income Exceed Expenses	\$59,084.44