

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 16, 2018

Sacred Liturgies

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

December 17 – Monday

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

10:00 a.m. Dorothy Muras (Nursing Home)

December 18 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Dan Lannen

December 19 – Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Susan Snider

6:00 p.m. Ernest Berger

December 20 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Margaret Aschenbeck

December 21 – Friday

8:00 a.m. Deacon Joe Machacek-
9th Ordination Anniversary

December 22 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. Joe Mozisek and Joe & Emily Mozisek

December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. Isidor Camacho

Hours for Confessions before Christmas

Wednesday, December 19, 5:30 – 5:55 p.m.

Thursday, December 20, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Friday, December 21, 6:00 p.m. to ?

Saturday, December 22, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

December 24, 5:00 p.m. (including a children's portrayal of the Nativity).

December 25: Midnight Mass, (preceded by Christmas carols at 11:30 p.m.); 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Parish Office Schedule for Christmas Holidays:

The office will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20 and remain closed through January 1. Please note that the final bulletin for 2018 will be December 23, which will cover two weeks. Any information for that bulletin must be called in by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 19. Regular schedule resumes January 2.



3rd Sunday of Advent



"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh."
As Christmas draws near,
the Church emphasizes the
joy which should be in our
hearts over all that the birth
of our Savior means for us.
The great joy of Christians

is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

Source: Catholicculture.org

2019 Church Calendars: The new calendars are available at the church entrances. We take this opportunity to thank the sponsors for donating these calendars. They are: Patek Grocery & Market, Inc., First National Bank of Shiner, Robert Adamek Insurance, Maeker's Sausage & Processing, Mraz Lumber Co., Inc., and Friday's Fried Chicken.



A Vocation Blurb: "All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Tommy Chen, 361-552-6140 or Father Kristopher Fuchs, 361-575-4741.



Adoration Chapel News: The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Friday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m. The chapel will remain closed until Monday, January 7 at 7:00 a.m. when regular hours resume.

Your attention, please! During the two weeks when the chapel is closed, efforts will be made to fill several hours that have recently become vacant. If you are currently signed up for an hour, you are to be commended. If you are not, please consider spending an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament once a week or every other week in the New Year.

Following are open hours: Mondays, 4:00 – 5:00 a.m.; Tuesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 a.m. (every other week). Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 a.m.; Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:00 a.m.; Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (every other week); Fridays, 1:00 – 2:00 a.m. Call the office at 594-3836 if you can take an hour.

Little Blue Booklets for Advent: There are a few of these booklets left at the church entrances. Pick one up and use it these last days of Advent.

Ministry Schedules for January and February can be found in church and on our parish website.

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



Parish Choir will practice Mon., Dec. 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsal for Christmas Midnight Mass on Monday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, Dec 20 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsal for Christmas Midnight Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 8:00 – 8:50 p.m. and on Thursday, Dec. 20 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Midnight Mass: Carols begin at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve as a prelude to Mass at Midnight. The Saint Cyril & Methodius Combined Choir is providing music for Christmas Midnight Mass. "O Come All Ye Faithful" and join us in celebrating Our Lord's Birth at the earliest possible moment.



Combined K.C./CDA Christmas Party: All K.C. and CDA members and their families are invited to the K.C. Hall on Thursday, December 20. A social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with a meal provided by the K.C.'s to follow at 7:00 p.m. CDA members are asked to bring either a dessert or a chip/dip or other appetizer. Bring the children for a visit with Santa, who will also be available for pictures.

Notice – Altar Society Members: The date for the society Christmas Party is Thursday, January 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. There was a conflict with the original date planned, so please make note of the new date.



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. 5 – Feb. 16, 2019, at 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.**



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

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

Flowers on the Altar
By Frankie & Agnes Darilek

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In Memory of Ulcak & Vrazel Family Members

Children's Bulletin Sponsor
In Memory of Fred Koenning, Jr.
By Mary Koenning & Family

Sanctuary Candles
In Memory of Mary Nell Holub by Adolph & Agnes Migl

Adoration Chapel Candles
In Memory of Joe & Frances Svatek, Joe R., John & James Mica

Memorial Candle for the Unborn
By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross
The Nick Kurtz Family

Shiner Catholic School will dismiss classes for the Christmas Holidays on Wednesday, December 19, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Classes resume on January 3, 2019.



Bids for Used Cooler Due December 18: 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.

Strudels for Sale

We have only 17 strudels left for sale. If you want one, be sure to stop by the parish office this week. Keep in mind that the office will close at 5:00 p.m. December 20 and remain close through January 1. Price: \$16. Also, If you placed an order and did not pick up your strudels, please pick them up this week.

Our Gifts to God Last Week – Weekend & Holy Day

Envelopes	\$ 9,019.50
Loose Collection	\$ 1,092.42
Parish Repair Fund	\$ 616.72
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 459.27



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