

**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 23, 2018**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

9:30 a.m. Isidor Camacho

**December 24 – Monday – Christmas Eve**

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

Belle Matula & Lavine & Judith Gloger

**December 25–Tuesday, Christmas, Nativity of the Lord**

**12:00 a.m.** Fred Bollom & Leon & Gertrude Kubiak

**7:30 a.m.** Clarence Wenske, & Johnnie & Hattie Knezek

**9:30 a.m.** Priest's Intention

**December 26 – Wednesday**

No Mass

**December 27 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Larry Dierschke

**December 28 – Friday – Feast of the Holy Innocents**

8:00 a.m. Bill Petru

**December 29 – Saturday**

2:00 p.m. Wedding – Oden & Ryan

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Pustka & Stock Families

**December 30 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph**

7:30 a.m. Marvin Michalec

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

This new beginning occurs, interestingly enough, at the darkest time; literally. The Light of the World comes when the world is dominated by night and darkness. This light is small; a babe born in a stable in a tiny spot in a tiny nation. But as everybody knows that the most oppressive darkness is sent fleeing by a single flame of a single match. And there is more than a match here. There is more than Jonah here; more than Solomon here. This light would shine into the heart of death and destroy its grip on the human soul. No dark will ever overtake the Morning Star in the soul of the disciple. God is truly with us and let the world rejoice and live our lives being truly with our God. 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.

Merry Christmas to all of you. Rejoice and be Glad! I give thanks that I may be your pastor and share these great moments with you. May God bless you all! Let us keep Christ in Christmas AND Mass in Chirst-mas.

Father Bryan Heyer



**From the Pastor's Desk**

Since this is the last bulletin for the year, I want to wish all of the parishioners and people of Shiner a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I absolutely love this time of year, minus the mountain cedar. People are abuzz with excitement and anticipation. Families gather and exchange gifts. People openly sing carols and songs without fear of being heard. Lights are strung on houses giving a festive glow to the streets. But most importantly, we celebrate the salvation of the world born into the world. God takes flesh and is born into the world so that flesh may receive divinity and be born into eternal life.

Love has come to the world. It was promised for generations. The world groaned in waiting and a weary world was given a Savior. Born of a virgin in a poor estate only to be visited by the least regarded (the shepherds) and by royalty (the Magi). The world is saved. This is a whole lot more than about a jolly elf and eight reindeer. It is more than Black Friday loot. It is more than George Bailey and Clarence and more than Ralphie's "official Red Ryder, carbine action, 200-shot, range model air rifle, with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time". It is all about Jesus and the fulfillment of God's promise to save us. All of Creation is renewed. It truly is a new beginning.

**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.);

December 25, Christmas Morning: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.

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

**Parish Office Schedule for Christmas Holidays:**

The office will remain closed through January 1. Regular schedule resumes January 2. This week's bulletin is a combined bulletin for December 23 & 30.

**Decorate Church:** The Pastoral Council will be decorating the church for Christmas after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday, December 23. Other parishioners who would like to assist are welcome to come give a hand.

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

December 30, 2018

**Sacred Liturgies**

**December 30 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph**

7:30 a.m. Marvin Michalec

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

**December 31 – Monday**

10:00 a.m. Irma Kubicek (Nursing Home)

**6:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass of Holy Day**

David Marcak

**January 1 – Tuesday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity (Holy Day)**

8:00 a.m. Alice Svoboda

**January 2 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Charles Netardus

**January 3 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Gladys Newby

**January 4 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. John & Virginia Pustka

**January 5 – Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

2:00 p.m. Wedding – Adamek & Jenkins

5:00 p.m. Edmund Zissa

**January 6 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

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

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



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" It is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative. On this

feast, it may be a good time to ask: "How can the Holy Family be a model for your family."

**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 feast day, January 1, is a holy day. **Masses will be as follows: Vigil Mass, 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 31; On Tuesday, January 1, Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.**

**The Christmas Season** continues until January 13, when we celebrate 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 Christmas tree, the Nativity scene, the extra greenery and other décor. Let us use them as a reminder to honor God's gift of his only Son to the world, a gift that we should celebrate throughout the year but especially during the entire Christmas season.



**A Vocation Blurp:** "It is by God's will that we have been sanctified." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, call Father Tommy Chen at 361-552-6140 or Father Kristopher Fuchs at 361-575-4741.

**The Altar Society** will have its Christmas Party on Thursday, January 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. Members are asked to bring a \$5 gift for exchange and a food item for lunch.

**Laudate Dominum:** Rehearsals on Mondays, January 7 & 14 at 7:00 p.m. for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on January 20.

**Totus Tuus Chorum:** Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 9 at 8:00 p.m.

**Parish Choir:** Next practice will be January 14 at 6:00 p.m. The choir will not sing in January.



**Adoration Chapel Schedule:** The chapel will remain closed until Monday, January 7 at 7:00 a.m.

**Thank You!** If you are currently signed up for an hour, Jesus thanks you! If you are not, please consider spending an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament once a week in the New Year. Please give this your consideration and call the parish office at 594-3836 if you can help.

**Open hours are:** Mondays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.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., 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.; 6:00–7:00 p.m. (every other week); Fridays, 1:00–2:00 a.m.

**Introduction to the Theology of the Body:** There are still a few more slots open for this program. 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 or for more information, call Sharon Patek at 594-3836.



**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 poinsettias that help make our church beautiful for the Christmas season.

**Sponsors for December 22/23**

**Flowers on the Altar**

Laura's Floral

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In Memory of Stock & Pustka Families by Family

**Children's Bulletin Sponsor**

In Memory of Laddie Wagner, Sr. by his Family

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Sophie Kubicek, Bernadette Kubicek, Sr. Francis Branecky, Sr. Hiltrude Wotipka by Frankie Kubicek

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

By the Altar Society

**Vocations Cross**

The Nick Kurtz Family

**Sponsors for December 29/30**

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In Memory of Deceased Members of Pustka & Stock Families By Mary Ann Stock & Family

**Sanctuary Candles**

In Memory of Gayle Lynn (Boedeker) Engelmohr By Frankie Kubicek

**Memorial Candle for the Unborn**

By the Martinsen Family

**Vocations Cross**

The Nick Kurtz Family

**Our Gifts to God for December 15/16**

Envelopes .....	\$ 7,406.00
Loose Collection .....	\$ 891.00
Parish Repair Fund .....	\$ 1,698.00