

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 3, 2019

Sacred Liturgies

March 3 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Frank Spann, Jr.

9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Peters and Pustka Families

March 4 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Jo Ann Trobl

10:00 a.m. Msgr. John Wagner (Nursing Home)

March 5 – Tuesday

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

March 6 – Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. B. J. & Adela Machart and John & Frances Machacek

8:10 a.m. Lawrence Heyer

12:05 p.m. Bernice Ebert

6:30 p.m. Dorothy Rybak

March 7 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Alice Laitkep

March 8 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Patricia Koehn

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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March 9 – Saturday

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

5:00 p.m. Joe & Frances Svatek, Joe R. & John, and James Mica

March 10 – First Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 a.m. Joseph Simper



From the Pastor's Desk

We have arrived at the cusp of the beginning of Lent. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and our annual 40-day journey begins. It is a journey that has one destination which is the nearness to our God. We believe and take comfort in the knowledge that our God is always near to us. He knows us more intimately than we know ourselves. He knows our needs and our wants. He also knows what we can be even if, or when, we don't. As Psalm 139 relates, there is nowhere that we can go or be that is hidden from God. He is always there. But where are we? Are we near to our God? Is it our choice to be with Him? Lent is a time of sacrifice and penance to be sure as we seek to put aside our sinful habit which keeps our back turned to God. It is also a time for all of the faithful to increase our nearness to God. It is about increased service and prayer and reflection, not merely as act of penance but as growth in our relationship which is not sorrow but in joy. The Church sets aside, yearly, 40 days for all Christians to increase their focus and I challenge all of us to do so. Included in this bulletin is some things that are going on in the parish during Lent that are to help each of us in our nearness to God. I very excited about the Kapaun's Men. This is a faith sharing series that focuses on the spiritual growth of men. It is named after Fr. Emil Kapaun who was an Army chaplain and died as a POW in the Korean War and was posthumously was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. I encourage the men of the parish to be part of this group.

No matter what it is that we are doing or doing without during Lent, I pray that all of us would include more time without the "noise" of our devices and technology. We have become a people of overstimulation and noise that we may not be able to hear the voice and consolation of God which is, as Elijah encountered, is a whispering sound. Let us all find time in our busy/noisy/hectic lives to be still and open. May our Lent be fruitful in our nearness to our God.

Lastly, I rejoice that all of our major construction projects have been completed and through the generosity of the parishioners and families at the school we have completed these projects without debt and we still have a comfortable "rainy day" fund. You will see in front of Saint Joseph's altar is a framed print of the Church that was given to the Church by Betco Restoration as a thank you. Listed on there are all the entities that were involved in the successful completion of the Church project. That being said, the most deserved thanksgiving belongs to the people of our parish for their generosity and patience.

+Father Bryan Heyer

ASH WEDNESDAY
First Day of Lent



Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 6, will be at:

6:30 a.m., 8:10 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed at these Masses.

Fasting and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting (ages 18 to 59) and abstinence, (all over age 14). All Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat and binding for all from age 14 onwards.

Lent 2019 is the title of the flyer attached to this week's bulletin. It outlines the details of opportunities for spiritual growth during Lent for people of all ages as well as details for fasting and abstinence. Save the flyer and refer to it often during Lent to avail yourself of as many of these spiritual opportunities as possible.

- † **Extra Hours for Confessions: Wednesdays and Fridays. Penance Services in all area parishes.**
- † **Kapaun's Men Group – Join Father Bryan and a new men's group for weekly sessions on Friday's at 6:30 a.m. in PAC.**
- † **Lenten Lunch Lessons – Fridays at 12:05 p.m. in PAC**
- † **Stations of the Cross – Fridays 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.**

Consoling the Heart of Jesus Lenten Retreat

The group will meet for nine Wednesdays, beginning on March 13, from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. each week at the PAC. You may ask yourself, "How can I console Jesus if He is happy in heaven? In heaven there is NO suffering." Join Fr. Michael Gaitley in a directed group retreat as he delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. He shares new insights into how you can console Jesus. Please register by calling Sharon Patek at 594-3836 by March 4 so books may be ordered. Cost of book: \$15.

Lenten Spiritual Reading: Little black books are available at the church entrances for all parish families to use during Lent. There are also a limited number of the booklet, "The Word Among Us."

Old Palms: If you have old palms you would like to dispose of, please leave them in the boxes in church by Monday, March 4.

Notice: There will be no Religious Education class on Wednesday, March 6, Ash Wednesday. Families are asked to attend Mass together at any of the Mass times.



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Notes

This week we have the following hours open in the chapel: Sundays, 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.; **Tuesdays**, 1:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. (every other week), 2:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m. (every other Week); **Wednesdays**, 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Please consider taking an hour and call the office at 594-3836.



A Vocation Reflection: *“Be firm, steadfast, always devoted to the work of the Lord.” When we do the work the Lord has chosen for us, we are at peace. Is the Lord calling you to do the vocation of priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, call Father Tommy Chen, 361-552-6140 or Father Kristopher Fuchs, 361-575-4741.*



Amor Meus Spirituality Center at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria will be offering several spiritual opportunities during Lent. For more details go to www.amormeusspiritualitycenter.org. **Guided One-Day Retreat**, March 9, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Solemn Lenten Vespers**, March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Taize Prayer Service:** March 19, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Emmaus Counseling Center, 1508 E. Airline, Victoria, is offering a 5 Week Study entitled: *“Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession”* beginning at noon on March 5, 2019. The study will reflect on recognizing the beauty of the Rite of Penance and the transformative power of the grace God offers us in this sacrament. Call The Emmaus Center at 361-212-0830 to sign up. Cost of materials, \$16.



Altar Society Bake Sale, March 9 & 10: The society is having its annual bake sale next weekend in front of church after all the Masses. Members are asked to bring baked goods, canned produce or make a cash donation. The society provides for the altar breads, altar wine, and other expenses for the needs of the altar and sanctuary in church. Your support will be appreciated. **Members who have not yet paid their 2019 dues may pay at the sale. New members are welcome! If anyone would like to join the Altar Society and support their work, annual dues are \$15.**



Weekly Bible Study, Mondays, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., Meeting Room.

Parish Choir Practice, Monday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. There will be no practice on March 11.

Laudate Dominum: Rehearsals on Mondays, March 4 & 11 at 7:00 p.m. for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on March 17

Totus Tuus Chorum: No rehearsal on Wednesdays, March 6 & 13. Rehearsals resume March 20 – every Wednesday through Easter.



Church and School Memorials:

In grateful appreciation we wish to acknowledge memorials received in February, 2019.

Church Memorial Fund:

In memory of Bernice Ebert, \$600
In memory of Janie Pickering, \$65
In memory of Evelyn Novak, \$10

Shiner Catholic School Memorial Fund:

In memory of Bernice Ebert, \$130
In memory of Janie Pickering, \$

Church Repair Project:

In memory of Bernice Ebert, \$100
In memory of Leroy Berckenhoff, \$20
In memory of Evelyn Novak, \$85
In memory of Janie Pickering, \$20

Save the Date – March 24-26, 2019

Adult Mission Trip to San Juan, Texas

Catholic Charities Respite Center

For more details, call Sharon at 594-3836.

Flowers on the Altar

In Honor of the Men on the ACTS Retreat this Weekend.

Church Bulletin

In Memory of Father Sean Donohue by Dennis & Marilyn Mraz

Children’s Bulletin Sponsor

In Honor of Living & Deceased Members of KJT Society #20

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Lawrence Veit by Mary Jo Veit & Family

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of B.J. & Adela Machart and John & Frances Machacek

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Confirmation Class



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes	\$7,422.00
Loose Collection	\$ 720.00
Parish Repair Fund	\$1,582.00

Special Collection: The second collection on Ash Wednesday will be for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

Rice Bowl: On the Sundays during Lent our second collections will be for Operation Rice Bowl. Suggestion: Eat at least one lesser meal a week or give up something special and donate the amount saved in the Rice Bowl.



Cardinal Booster Club Pork Steak Dinner Fat Tuesday, March 5

Menu includes pork steak, giblet rice and beans. Serving in drive thru lines at the Shiner KC Hall, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available from school families, at front office of school (new building) and also at various merchants. Delivery available to Yoakum (Jahn Refrigeration) and Gonzales (South Star Bank)-4:30–5:30 p.m., both locations.

A Huge Booster Club Raffle is also being held with prizes to be awarded on March 5. Prizes include a fishing trip, Spurs tickets, George Strait tickets, UT vs OSU football tickets, and other valuable prizes. Please see flyer on church bulletin board. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100 and are available at the school office or from any school family.

March and April Ministry Schedules are available in church and on our parish website.



Reporting Procedures for Suspected or Known Sexual Abuse of a Minor (person under 18 years of age) or Vulnerable Adult by a Member of Clergy. **Contact:** *The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, within **48 hours**, at **1-800-252-5400** or www.txabusehotline.org or local police department. If the person is in immediate danger, call 911 and contact Vicki L. Pyatt, LMSW, Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Outreach, Diocese of Victoria, (361) 827-7186 or email pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org; Or Bishop or Chancellor of the Diocese of Victoria at (361) 573-0828. *Written Allegations should be sent to: Office of the Bishop P. O. Box 4070 Victoria, Texas 77903. Mark as “Personal and Confidential”. *We will also help you bring your concerns to church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria. If you are unsure about bringing a complaint or would like further information, please contact Vicki L. Pyatt (361) 827-7186 or email pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org;