

**SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**The Rev. Bryan Heyer, Pastor**

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

**April 21, 2019**

**Sacred Liturgies**

**April 21 – Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. Erwin A. Biehunko, Dwayne Biehunko & Anton & Hermina Tupa

9:30 a.m. Irma Kubicek

**April 22 – Monday**

No Mass

10:00 a.m. Frances & Ed Pilsner (Nursing Home)

**April 23 – Tuesday**

No Mass

**April 24 – Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Donnie Siegel

**April 25 – Thursday**

6:30 a.m. Gladys Newby

**April 26 – Friday**

8:10 a.m. Eugene & Adeline Krenek

**April 27 – Saturday**

2:00 p.m. Wedding – Petru & Hensel

5:00 p.m. Matthew Pustka and Molly Peters

**April 28 – Second Sunday of Easter –**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Frank & Mary Jalufka

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

2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Service

3:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass

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**From the Pastor’s Desk**



Christ is Risen!! Happy Easter! We have come through 40 days of reflection, introspection, and reconciliation, preparing for this moment. Our mortality is no longer hopeless. Our mortality is no longer final. Death has lost its victory and its sting. Our earthly dwelling which turns to dust and passes away has given over to an

eternal dwelling prepared for us in heaven. All of humanity can announce, "This life isn't as good as it gets." What a wondrous gift we have been given by the glorious will of our Savior who embraced the weakness of humanity and all of its sin even though he had no sin himself and put it to death and rose again gloriously. His "Yes" to the Father undoes the "No" of Adam. We have been given an example in His life and teaching, forgiveness in His death, and eternal life in His resurrection.

Lent has been a time in which we are called to grow ever closer to Jesus. By sacrifice and an increase of prayer and charity, we have sought to adjust and improve our discipleship. All of this is awesome and wonderful. However, I challenge you; do not end your prayer and charity or even your sense of sacrifice just because Lent is over. A great example that I will highlight is the many people that attended daily Mass. It has been fantastic these past 40 days with the Mass attendance and reception of people throughout the week. I want to point out that there were no special Mass times or schedule change. The Mass times during Lent are the same as

the Mass times all year long. If we have gotten used to the habit of going to Mass during Lent, then why do we stop when Lent is over? If we started a daily rosary for Lent, why stop because Lent is over?

Did you know that the Church encourages that we abstain from meat on all Fridays. It is only obligatory during Lent. It is also why we never have meat on the Friday lunch menu at the Shiner Catholic School. The Church teaches that it is a form of fasting that recalls the sacrifice of Christ. Can we continue this after Lent?

I only bring this up to challenge all of us because getting ever closer to Christ, brings us ever closer to eternal life. It continues to increase our hope, faith and our active love of God and our neighbor.

Happy Easter to all and may God bless you and all of your family!

Father Bryan Heyer

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**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28**

The Bishops of the United States encourage all cathedrals and parishes to join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation. Join our parish as we participate in The Divine Mercy Novena, which began on Good Friday. There are pamphlets with the novena and chaplet at the entrances of church. Our parish will have a Divine Mercy service at 2:30 p.m. on April 28, prior to Confirmation.

In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Jesus chose St. Faustina, a Polish nun, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. In the revelations, He requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. He also said to her:

*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me... (Diary, No. 699).*

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**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

We extend a special "Welcome to our Church" to those who have completed their preparation for joining the Catholic faith. Members of the RCIA class have been meeting for the past several months in preparation for this day. Adults who have completed the program and will be received into the Church are: Darrin Bickham, Amy Davidson, Brian Kloesel and Tyson Sipple. We give thanks to the instructors for the RCIA program: Deacon Joe & Mary Machacek, Paul Morkovsky and Sharon Patek.

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**A Vocation Reflection:** "The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Call Father Tommy Chen, 361-575-4741, or Father Kristopher Fuchs, 361-575-4741.

**Adoration Chapel Notes**

**Adoration resumes Tuesday, April 23. We are in need of persons to fill the following Adoration hours:**



**Sundays**, 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.  
**Tuesdays**, 1:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m. (Both of these hours are for every other week.)  
**Wednesdays**, 3:00 a.m. – 4:00 a.m.  
**Fridays**, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
 Call the office at 594-3836 if you can take any of these hours.

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**Ministry Schedules for May and June** can be found at the church entrances and on our parish website.

**The Parish Office** will be closed Easter Monday, April 22. Regular hours resume Tuesday, April 23.

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**CDA Meeting:** The Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, April 22, in the PAC. A meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a meeting. Officers and Financial Review Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m.

**K.C. Meeting,** Thursday, April 25. Officers will meet at 6:00 p.m., followed by general meeting.

**The Totus Tuus Chorum, Laudate Dominum and Brass Quintet Groups** will be rehearsing with the combined choir at the following times: Mondays, April 22 & 29 for the Confirmation Mass on Sunday, April 28, final CCD Mass on Wednesday, May 1 and May Crowning Mass on Saturday, May 4.

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**Thank You** to all the donors of the Easter flowers whose names are posted on the church bulletin board. Thanks also to members of the Liturgy Committee and Pastoral Council for giving of their time in preparing for the Liturgies of Holy Week and for decorating the church for Easter.

**Church Bulletin Sponsor**  
 David & Dagmar Vana

**Children's Bulletin and Adoration Chapel Candles**  
 In Memory of Frank & Agnes Benes & Margie Benes  
 By Family

**Sanctuary Candles**  
 In Memory of Clarence Wenske, Johnnie, Hattie & Ervin Knezek by Family

**Vocations Cross**  
 Confirmation Class

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**Single Catholic Women.** 18 to 40 years of age, are invited to come meet nuns (Sisters) at a "Come and See" Retreat and examine their call to make Jesus, the Incarnate Word, known and loved. Explore your own call to follow Jesus through marriage, single state, or religious life on April 27-28, 2019 at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, (361) 575-7111 or email [iwbsvoc@yahoo.com](mailto:iwbsvoc@yahoo.com). See [www.iwbsvictoria.org](http://www.iwbsvictoria.org) for more information.

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**Our Gifts to God This Week**

Envelopes ..... \$7,872.00  
 Loose Collections..... \$1,189.50  
 Rice Bowl ..... \$ 837.06  
 Repair Fund Envelopes ..... \$ 193.00

**Spring Picnic, May 26**

**Picnic Sponsors:** At this time sponsors are being sought for various aspects of the Picnic. Sponsor donors of \$100 or more are recognized with signs at the Picnic. If interested in renewing your sponsorship or becoming a new sponsor, call Betty Kosler at the parish office, 594-3836.

**Attention: Picnic Chairpersons:** If you have not turned in your list of workers, please look over your list, update if needed, and turn in at the parish office **by Monday April 22** or email to David Schmidt at [daes61@gmail.com](mailto:daes61@gmail.com).

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**April 21:** Moulton Easter Picnic at St. Joseph's Social Center. Fried Chicken Dinner, mini-auction, music, games.  
**April 28:** St. Michael, Weimar. Fried chicken & sausage dinner, games, auction, bingo, music.  
**April 28:** San Luis Church, Yorktown, Jamaica. Carne guisada dinner with trimmings, music, bingo, auction, hamburgers.

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**Shiner K.C.'s 4-Piece Fried Chicken Dinner**  
**Sunday, April 28, K.C. Hall**

Serving will be in drive-thru lines at the K.C. Hall from 10:30 a.m. till... Advance tickets are encouraged. Price: \$10. Tickets are available at local merchants.

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**Sunday, May 5, Family Fun Day**

Get ready for a special time of camaraderie, games, food and fun! Activities will begin after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and continue until 2:00 p.m. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, popsicles, desserts and soft drinks as well as lots of games. Plan now to be a part of this parish family day of fun! All parishioners and their families are invited to participate.

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**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church – Income & Expenses**  
**March, 2019**

INCOME	
Collections	\$36,907.13
Donation for Seminarians	1,000.00
Building Rentals	435.00
Repair Fund Collections	2,424.57
Other Income	895.00
Purgatorial Society Stipends	50.00
Religious Ed/Chastity Books Sales	26.56
DSA Collected	1,600.00
Interest Earned	8.54
<b>Total Income for Month</b>	<b>\$43,346.80</b>
EXPENSES	
Salaries/Benefits	\$18,076.54
Clergy Assistance	435.00
Payroll Taxes	2,991.21
Seminarians Donation to Diocese	1,000.00
Utilities	1,613.07
Other Expenses	891.43
Auto Expenses – Gas	83.38
Repairs & Maintenance	4,067.15
School Subsidy	35,000.00
Parish Household/Office	443.86
Priest Retreat	20.00
Three-Day Parish Mission	2,283.64
McAllen Mission Trip	385.77
<b>Total Expenses for Month</b>	<b>\$67,291.05</b>
<b>Monthly Expenses vs. Income</b>	<b>(\$23,944.25)</b>