

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 19, 2023

Mass Intentions

February 19 – Sunday – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Mary Lou Zissa

February 20 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Harvey W. Jaks

February 21 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Margaret Aschenbeck

February 22 – Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m. Dotsy Caka, Bobby Pavliska, Kenneth Rebecsek

8:10 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Fikac and
Leininger Families

12:05 p.m. Willie Marcak

6:30 p.m. Adolph & Gladys Kubecka

February 23 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Charles & Martha Veit & Sons and
Arthur & Ida Kloesel & Helen

February 24 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Fred Koenning, Jr.

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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February 25 – Saturday

2:00 p.m. Wedding – Siegel & Pesek

5:00 p.m. Laura & George Watzlavick

February 26 – Sunday – First Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 a.m. Robert Patek

meatless. This is the way in which the whole Church worldwide participates together in the witness to the command to fast.



I want to encourage us to participate in the weekly Stations of the Cross. This devotional created by St. Francis of Assisi and wonderfully reflected upon by St. Alphonsus Liguori is a fantastic spiritual exercise of communal prayer. It leads us

in a deeper reflection of the depth of Christ's love for us, and the suffering that he willingly endured for our sake. A deeper prayerful reflection of the cross opens our hearts to the immeasurable love of God and our call to love him in return.

Lastly, Catholic Relief Services, who is the recipient of our Rice Bowl collection, operates and funds recovery efforts around the world hit by natural disaster, war, famine, or disease. It is a way for us to communally participate in almsgiving to aid people in grave need. A generous heart is a soft heart, and a soft heart is a loving heart.

May we all have an active and fruitful Lenten observance and arrive at the Easter celebrations with a more dedicated and vigorous zeal for the love of God.

Father Bryan

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Adoration Chapel Open Hours

Note that these open hours are for **every other week**. Please consider volunteering for one of these times by calling the parish office at 361-594-3836.

- ✦ **Wednesdays**, 12:00 – 1:00 a.m. (every other week)
- ✦ **Thursdays**, 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. (every other week);
3:00 – 4:00 a.m. (every other week);
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (every other week).

Confession Times: Saturdays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.; and by appointment by calling the parish office and arranging for a time with the priest.

March Ministry Schedules are available in church or on our parish website sscmshiner.org.

Old Palms: If you have old palms to discard, please leave them in the boxes provided in church. These will be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

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Could you share a meal with a homebound parishioner or others who may need a temporary helping hand?

More volunteers are needed for "Martha's Meal Train" to help provide a meal (either homemade or purchased) for parishioners who are homebound or families welcoming new babies into their lives or dealing with an illness. You have the option to do this on a monthly basis and can choose your week or day. For more details on how to volunteer for Martha's Meal Train, call Sharon Patek at the parish office, 361-594-3836.

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From the Pastor's Desk



This week we begin the season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. As you can see in the bulletin there are four Masses

that will be celebrated, and ashes will be distributed at all, but only at Masses. We will bring ashes to the homebound if so requested. Nevertheless, Lent is a time in which we turn inwardly and examine our life as a disciple. We should examine our spiritual life and relationship with Christ. We should honestly expose our weaknesses and confront them. Let us strip away our rationalization and excuses and willfully do the work of repentance. Lent is a time of discovery and growth, and to aid us in this endeavor, Jesus Christ lays out three tools for us to employ; Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. We are called to them individually and the church observes them communally (stations of the cross, meatless Fridays, rice bowl collection, etc.). I encourage all of us to participate in the communal aspects but definitely as individuals as well. Dive deeper. Challenge yourself. God is ready and desires nothing more than you and your love.



I want to say as a reminder about fasting and abstinence. Ash Wednesday and Good

Friday are two days that the Church calls all to fast, which is defined as only one full meal and two small meals. That is not to say that you have two large meals and then an all you can eat, stuff you face until you are miserable meal. Also, we must abstain from meat. Abstinence is observed every Friday of Lent. All meals must be

**“He who sings,” said St. Augustine,
“prays twice.”**

The holy Bishop of Hippo meant that singing adds to our praise and worship of God—that our voices are gifts, with which we can make music to the Lord. Sung prayer expresses the joy of the heart, the happiness resulting from one who has encountered Jesus Christ and experienced his love.

Sung prayer reminds us of the choirs of heaven, with whom we are called to praise God eternally in heaven. Sung prayer reaches its high point in the sacred liturgy, the public worship of the Church. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is made more beautiful by the singing of every Catholic, who is called to active participation—through sung prayer, especially—in the Mass. (Archbishop James Conley, 3/20/2015)

In the not-too-distant past, our parish had three choirs: two adult choirs and a youth choir. However, former members have moved on – many to college, some to the heavenly choirs. We are down to one group, commonly referred to as the Chant Choir. This choir sings at the 9:30 Mass on the second Sunday of each month. We rehearse only twice: on the first Sunday of each month from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. and then again at 8:30 a.m. prior to singing at the 9:30 Mass. This adds up to about 3½ hours each month – one hour of which, is time you already commit to attending Mass. We are asking for about 2½ hours of your time each month.

The choir is inclusive – everyone and anyone sixth grade and up is welcome to join. Younger members will be admitted upon request. There are many, many lovely voices in our congregation. Even if you think you can’t sing, you actually can. Something happens when we raise our voices together in song. It’s all good. Please contact Marty Egan to join the choir: 361-401-9807.



Be a Man – Be a Saint is the theme for Diocese of Victoria’s 2023 Men’s Conference, Feb. 25, 8:00 - a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church, Victoria. For registration and more details visit www.victoriadiocese.org.

Lavaca Catholic Monthly Men’s Gathering: Next gathering, Mon., Feb. 27, at Queen of Peace, Sweet Home, with Fr. Richard Barfield, featured speaker. Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meal and program. Call Robert Lewis, 817-897-2678 or visit www.lavacacatholicmen.com.



Flowers on the Altar

Shiner Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Church Bulletin Sponsor & Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Charles & Martha Veit & Sons and Arthur & Ida Kloesel & Helen

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Mary Lou Zissa by Mildred Targac

Children’s Bulletin Sponsor

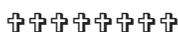
In Honor of Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren By Raymond & Georgie Kloesel

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

Shiner Knights of Columbus Council #3081

Vocations Cross

Jeff & Anne Pesek



Cardinal Booster Club Fat Tuesday Pork Steak Dinner

Pork steak, giblet rice & beans, \$12. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at K.C. Hall. Service in drive-thru lines, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

JCDA & CDA Fried Chicken Dinner – March 12, 2023

Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$9,429.00
Loose Collections	\$ 868.00
Parish Repair Fund	\$ 354.06

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe:

There is an envelope in your set for Ash Wednesday to be used for this purpose. The need for humanitarian aid for the Ukrainian people as well as people in other parts of Europe remains great. Please be generous.

Rice Bag: The second collection throughout Lent will be for the Rice Bag which is channeled through Catholic Relief Services. Check out Father Bryan’s explanation of this in his column.

2022 Contribution Statements can be picked up from the foyer of church for those who received a statement last year. If you need one and don’t see yours there, call the parish office at 361-594-3836.



Here’s the Scoop!

Shiner Catholic School

**Open House & Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

The program begins at 9:00 a.m. with an information session. A tour of the school and classes as well as a visit inside Saints Cyril & Methodius Church is on the agenda, followed by an Ice Cream Social. Register for this at <https://forms.gle/HGHWad19sToXrs29> or call the school office at 361-594-3836.

New Student Applications for the 2023-24 school year are also accessible by going to www.shinercatholicsschool.org and clicking on the Admissions tab.



**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church – Income & Expenses
January 2023**

INCOME	
Collections	\$48,453.97
Donation for Seminarians	1,000.00
Repair Fund Collections	3,910.05
Other Income	4,212.00
Memorials	1,675.00
Building Rentals	1,525.00
Special Collection-Church in Latin America	527.00
Interest Earned	1,357.53
Purgatorial Society Stipends	75.00
Total Income for Month	\$62,735.55
EXPENSES	
Salaries/Benefits	\$26,959.07
Payroll Taxes	5,048.62
Seminarians Donation to Diocese	1,000.00
Utilities	2,304.37
Other Expenses	2,802.48
Auto Expenses – Gas	163.63
Repairs & Maintenance	1,448.25
Special Collection-Church in Latin America	527.00
Religious Ed/Adult Ed	3,000.02
Parish Household/Office	1,148.35
School Subsidy	10,000.00
Total Expenses for Month	\$54,401.79
Monthly Expenses vs. Income	\$8,333.76