

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Church of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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July 27, 2025

Mass Intentions

July 27 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Edwin Werner

9:30 a.m. Parishioners of Sts. Cyril & Methodius

July 28– Monday

6:30 a.m. Frances Castro

July 29 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Susan Snyder

July 30 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Dorothy Patek

July 31 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Mary Jo Veit

August 1 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Charles & Bessie Kurtz,
Albert & Anna Kohl & Arthur Kurtz

August 2 – Saturday

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

5:00 p.m. Adolph Novosad, Sr.

August 3 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Parishioners of Sts. Cyril & Methodius

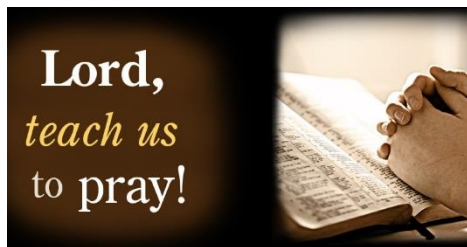
9:30 a.m. Allan Timm

Therefore, in order that our vocal prayer be real prayer, we must first recollect ourselves in the presence of God, approach Him, and make contact with Him. Only when we have such dispositions will the words we pronounce with our lips express our interior devotion and be able to sustain and nourish it. Unfortunately, inclined as we are to grasp the material part of things instead of the spiritual, it is only too easy in our vocal prayer to content ourselves with a mechanical recitation, without taking care to direct our heart to God; hence we should always be vigilant and alert. Vocal prayer made only by the lips dissipates and wearies the soul instead of recollecting it in God; it cannot be said that this is a means of uniting us more closely to Him.

—*Divine Intimacy* Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D

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Today's Gospel: Luke, 11:1-13

Today we hear Luke's rendition of the "Our Father" and Jesus' teaching on prayer. The Our Father is certainly the most sublime formula possible and contains the whole essence of the most elevated mental prayer. However, Jesus gave it as a formula for vocal prayer: "When you pray, say. . . ." (ibid. 11:2). This is enough to make us understand the value and importance of vocal prayer, which is within the reach of everyone, even children, the uneducated, the sick, the weary. But we must realize that vocal prayer does not consist only in the repetition of a certain formula. If this were true, we should have a recitation but not a prayer, for prayer always requires a movement, an elevation of the soul toward God.

In this sense, Jesus instructed His disciples: "When thou shalt pray, enter into thy chamber, and having shut the door, pray to thy Father in secret.... And when you are praying, speak not much as the heathens" (Mt 6:6-7). It is interesting to note that in St. Matthew these prescriptions concerning the exterior and interior dispositions necessary for well-made prayer immediately precede the teaching of the *Our Father*.

Confessions

Saturday, August 2, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 9, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Beginning the week of August 10, the new times for Confessions will take effect:

Sunday, August 10, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 13, 5:00 – 5:50 p.m.

Saturday, August 16, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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Registration for Religious

Education Classes for the Sts.

Cyril & Methodius Religious

Education Program is now

available on the parish website

at www.sscmshiner.org. Students

in grades K – 10 are to complete

the Registration Form by going to

the Faith Formation tab, Religious

Education. Please be sure to complete all sections.

New students need to send a copy of Sacramental records and a New Student Form, you will receive an

email with this information after completion of your

online registration. New families are asked to call Kim

at the Parish office to schedule an appointment. The fee

for the Religious Education program is \$40 for one

student, \$60 for two students and \$75 for three or more

students. The deadline to register is September 17,

2025. Please feel free to contact Kim at the Parish office

361-594-3836.

**The first day of class is September 3, 2025,
from 6:45 pm until 8:00 pm.**

Can You Help? Our Religious Education Program is in need of teachers and aides. If you are willing to share your faith with the young people, please call Kim at the parish office at 361-594-3836.



*Come to Me, all who
are weary and
burdened, and I will
give you rest. Mt 11:28*

Adoration Chapel Open Hours

Please call the office at 361-594-3836 if you can take any of these hours in the chapel.

- Sundays:** 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- Wednesdays:** 1:00 – 2:00 am (on 1st, 2nd, & 5th Wednesdays); 3:00 – 4:00 am (every other week); 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Thursdays:** 12:00 – 1:00 am & 1:00 – 2:00 am



A Picnic Planning Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC (after 6:00 p.m. Mass). All Chairpersons and other interested parishioners are asked to attend.



Lavaca Catholic Men’s Gathering, Monday, July 27
Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville – Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Meal & Program – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: Rev. Christopher Kwabena Bediako, Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville. Theme: "FEAR NOT: A Call to Courageous Manhood." Join Catholic men from across Lavaca County for an evening of faith, fellowship, and formation. More info at: www.lavacacatholicmen.com

Catholic Life Insurance Shiner/Yoakum Branch #23
will meet on August 1, 5:30 p.m. in Shiner KC Dining Hall. All members are invited. Please call or text Barbara Klozik at 361-772-6276 or email bklozik@yahoo.com by July 29.

Choir Rehearsals: Sunday, Aug 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the loft and Sunday, Aug 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room for the 9:30 Mass on Aug 10. New members always welcome. Contact Marty Egan for info at 361-401-9807.

Attention: Catholic Daughters

A planning meeting is scheduled for Mon., Aug. 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the PAC. Officers and committee chairs are asked to make a special effort to attend. Other members are also encouraged to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make plans for the court’s projects and programs for the coming CDA year, which runs from September through June.



Come & See: The Sisters of the Incarnate Word & Blessed Sacrament are hosting a COME AND SEE DAY at their convent in Victoria on August 16, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This event is for single Catholic women who are 18 - 40 years of age. Come join the sisters for a visit, to tour the convent, to enjoy lunch and to meet other women exploring God’s call in their lives.

The Gabriel Project of the Crossroads supports moms and babies through their Mother-Baby Outreach in 10 counties and the Bethlehem Maternity Home in Victoria. Those interested in supporting this ministry, please call 361-541-5695. There are several ways to make an impact. Or for more details go to victoriagabrielproject.org

Connect 2025 for College Students: The transition from high school to college can be tough, but there is a Student Outreach Team called **Connect** at St. Mary’s Catholic Center in College Station, Texas, that can help the transition go smoother. It is a process that welcomes incoming freshmen and transfer students at Texas A & M University and Blinn College. This group will help ensure all Catholics feel loved and welcomed into their new home at St. Mary’s Catholic Center. For more details check out www.stmarysconnect.com or email Blake Maresh or Gabriela Rodriguez: connect.logistics@aggiecatholic.org.



August Ministry Schedules are available at the church entrances and on parish website.

Flowers on the Altar

By David & Donna Schmidt on their 40th Wedding Anniversary

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By Leist & Kubenka Families

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Our Gifts to God This Week

Church Support Envelopes.....	\$ 9,511.00
Loose Collections	\$ 1,145.75
Repair Fund	\$ 488.00



Parish Picnics:
Aug. 3, St. Joseph, Yoakum. Stew, sausage & trimmings; auction, country store, games, kids korner, Mexican food in afternoon.



Shiner Catholic School Benefactors and Blessings Annual Giving Fund for 2024 – 2025 year concludes July 31. Thanks to those who made contributions this past week to raise the level of our thermometer to \$45,500. May God bless all donors to this fund. No matter if your gift is large or small, it will be appreciated!

- Ways to donate:**
1. Online by scanning the code.
 2. Mail a check to Shiner Catholic School, P. O. Box 725, Shiner, TX 77984. Attn: Kaily Hillman
 3. Drop off donations at the SCS front office during summer hours of Mondays from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

GOAL: \$60,000

