



STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 31, 2025

Mass Intentions

August 31 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Frank Targac +

September 1 – Monday

No Mass

September 2 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Henry Kalich +

September 3 – Wednesday

12:10 p.m. Edmund Caka +

6:00 p.m. Charles & Heather Bonorden –

31st Wedding Anniversary

September 4 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Lisa Rose Patek +

September 5 – Friday

8:10 a.m. George Simper +

September 6 – Saturday

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society Mass +

5:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary Novosad +

September 7 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Cole Kloesel and August & Sophie Kasper +

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

willing to do challenging things to illuminate us to God’s profound will. Ultimately, we must remember that spirituality is an action of growth. Thus, if our spiritual lives remain the same in the future, we are by definition worse because they have not grown. Our goal is to experience God’s deep and unitive love that yields completeness, peace, and holiness in our lives.



Changing gears, our Fall Picnic is this Sunday! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to see how God’s grace is actively working in the lives of our community. The amount of work and effort that is invested in these picnics is indicative of how important the parish is to each one of you. I thank everyone who has invested years of time, treasure, and talent and may we have a smooth and fruitful picnic filled with fellowship and joy.

Father Jacob



“If God were our one and only desire we would not be so easily upset when our opinions do not find outside acceptance.”
– Thomas à Kempis,
The Imitation of Christ

This past Monday I had the opportunity to speak to the Lavaca County Men’s Gathering on the topic of Spirituality. The reflection was rooted in the notion of the three stages of the spiritual life that are rooted in our western tradition of the saints like Theresa of Avila and John the Cross. The spiritual life is traditionally understood to include three basic stages. The beginner (the purgative way) is the Initial stage focused on overcoming sin and developing basic virtues. The proficient (illuminative way) where Deeper understanding of faith and increased spiritual awareness. And finally, the perfect (unitive way) which is a state of profound union with God, marked by deep love and contemplation. The stages begin with the Lord purifying us of sin and attachment to worldly things (purgative way). Then, the Lord increases our virtues and our intimacy with him (illuminative way). Finally, the Lord brings us into a profound union with himself, characterized by deep peace, spiritual joy, and the perfection of charity (unitive way).

The vast majority of us are in the purgative stage, or trying to begin the purgative stage, where we are trying to purge ourself of sin. This is where we can see the greatest initial growth in our spirituality, where we become less attached to sin and slowly tend closer to holiness and virtue. It is here that we recognize the many sins we commit that we never realized we may have committed. Our hearts and minds become more self-aware and we are

Confessions

Sunday, August 31, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 3, 5:00 – 5:50 p.m.
Friday, September 5, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Saturday, September 6, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday September 7, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

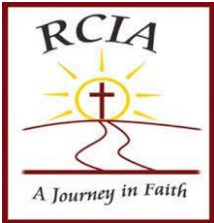


A Baptismal Class for parents and godparents anticipating Baptism in the next few months will be held on **Tuesday, September 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. Please note change of date. Pre-registration is required by calling 361-594-3836.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

A new program for adults interested in the Catholic faith will begin on **September 23**. Registration is open for all adults who are interested in being baptized or professing faith in the Catholic Church or if you just want to learn more about your faith. Please call Deacon Michael Morkovsky at the parish office, 361-594-3836.



**Sts. Cyril and Methodius Homily
YouTube Channel:**

Several times a month Fr. Jacob will post his Sunday homily on our new parish YouTube channel. You can subscribe to these recordings at [YouTube.com/@ShinerCatholic](https://www.youtube.com/@ShinerCatholic)



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Adoration Chapel Hours for Labor Day Weekend



The chapel is closed until Tuesday, September 2, when adoration resumes at 7:00 a.m. Please call the office at 361-594-3836 if you can take any of these open hours.

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

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**First Day of Class for Religious
Education Students
Wednesday, September 3,
6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

If you have not registered, be sure to do so as soon as possible on the parish website at

www.sscmshiner.org. Use the Faith Formation tab and complete all the information requested. For questions, please call Kim at the parish office, 361-594-3836.

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Upcoming Choir Rehearsals for Confirmation Mass:

*Saturday, Sept 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the loft, *musicians only*.

*Monday, Sept 8 6:45 p.m. in the loft, *singers only*.

*Saturday, Sept 13, 1:00 p.m. in the loft, final rehearsal for musicians and singers.

*Sunday, Sept 14 3:00 p.m., Confirmation Mass.

We are still in need of one trumpet player and one trombone/baritone/euphonium player for this Mass. If you are a musician and are available to play, please contact Marty Egan at 361-401-9807 as soon as possible - and come to rehearsal! Of course, anyone of any age is welcome to come and sing. Thank you.

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The Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

(JCDA) will meet for their first meeting of the year on Sunday, September 7 at 8:00 a.m. in the PAC. Girls in grades 1st –12th are welcome to join us for fun, friendship, and faith. We can't wait to see you there! Please reach out to Chairwoman Lauryn Filip at 512-902-9825 or laurynfilip@gmail.com with any questions.

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**Lavaca Catholic Women's Gathering
Monday, September 8, 6:00 - 7:30**

at Queen of Peace Family Life Center, Sweet Home. Presentation by Michelle Hall on "Igniting our Hearts with The Flame of Love" followed by The Flame of Love Rosary! Please join us and bring a friend!

For more information call

Patty at 361-293-1665 or Theresa at 361-293-1967.



**Welcome to Our
104th Annual Fall Picnic!**

On behalf of our parish family, we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend. Thank you for coming to spend part of your Labor Day weekend at our Picnic.

The Picnic Workers List is available at the church entrances and online. Check it over and please work where assigned. If you are not listed – please don't be offended! There are some areas that could use more workers. Just step up and give a hand where needed!

Country Store opens at 8:00 a.m. with kolaches, pigs-in-blanket, other pastries, and canned goods.

Drive-Thru Drop-Off of Donations: 8:00-10:30 am at Picnic grounds. Watch for the drive-thru area to drop off your donations.

Picnic Meals: To-go plates at Kaspar Pavilion, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or till sold out. Meals at KC Hall served from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All meals are \$15.

Picnic Burgers will be available in the afternoon and evening.

More Cattle Donors: Gary & Lindy Honish, Certified Wagyu Bull; Patrick & Barbara Pesek, Angus Beefmaster Cross Heifer. These added to the previous donors means we will have seven head of cattle for the auction. Thanks to all the donors! Cattle auction is scheduled to start around 3:00 p.m.

Other Auction Items will be accepted at the auction trailer on the Picnic grounds today.

Bingo in A/C Dining Hall from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grocery Wheel gets started around 5:00 p.m.

Washer Tourney, 4:00 p.m.

Other Attractions: Wheel of fortune, mechanical bull riding, face painting, other games and activities all day.

Family Fun! Watch for games of various kinds to entertain the kiddos! A wristband will be required for a full day of enjoying the water slides. Other games and activities will be available at various prices.

For More Details about games and attractions go to the parish website page at www.sscmshiner.org. and also follow the Picnic Facebook page for the latest in Picnic news.

Raffles: Don't forget to turn in your general raffle tickets at the raffle stand today. Kawasaki Mule tickets will be available at \$25 each or 5 for \$100 until sold out.

Cash Donation Envelopes were included in your Picnic mailing. These donations help give a jump start to assuring the success of our Picnic.

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In Memory of Oscar A. Hirsch by Family

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In Memory of Frank Targac by Mildred Targac

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Our Gifts to God This Week

Church Support Envelopes	\$ 6,161.00
Loose Collections	\$ 1,267.00
Repair Fund	\$ 405.00