



STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 14, 2025

Mass Intentions

September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 a.m. Ella Berger +

9:30 a.m. Eric Hartmann +

3:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass

September 15 – Monday – Our Lady of Sorrows

6:30 a.m. Charles & Martha Veit & Sons and

Arthur & Ida Kloesel & Helen +

September 16 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. For Blessing of Rain

September 17 – Wednesday

12:10 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of

Theodore & Agnes Wenske Family

6:00 p.m. Michael Pohler +

September 18 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Otto Koliba, Jr. +

September 19 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Charles Machacek +

September 20 – Saturday

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Kutach &

Berckenhoff Families +

5:00 p.m. Elsie Kurtz +

September 21 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. John Polasek & Edward Picha +



This Sunday is the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

and we are reminded of Christ victory over sin and death on the cross.

Christ overcame hatred, lies, and devilish deceit as he rose victoriously from the

underworld on Easter Sunday. Thus, the cross reminds us of the warfare in which Christ won for us his ultimate victory. In this battle, if the evil one is the father of lies, and if much of the battle against him involves rejecting his lies and standing in the truth of God, we should be alert to the most insidious and destructive types of the devil's lies. They are: he lies to us about God; he lies to us about ourselves; and he lies to us about others. We need to be alert to these lies, quick to recognize them and firm in repudiating them.

Here's a key principle of spiritual warfare: the devil hates it when people live in harmony and mutual love, and he constantly tries to destroy the bonds that unite Christians, mainly by telling lies. We should take it as a matter of course that any important relationship we may have—with our spouses, our children, our neighbors, our colleagues and friends—will regularly come under attack. If we are to be intelligent fighters, we need to be aware of this and battle for our key relationships. We should be slow to allow our minds to run to suspicion, to impute motives, and to allow such thoughts to fester in darkness. Sometimes the lies come from the gossip of



other tongues. The devil delights to inspire slander and gossip, knowing how he can use them to destroy the work of God. Often enough the lie arises within ourselves, as the enemy suggests to our minds nasty things about those closest to us, playing upon our weaknesses and vulnerabilities, urging us to dwell on difficult things, inflaming our resentments and suggesting impure motives in others. He pulls at our own insecurities and tells us how unlovable we are. His aim is always to destroy trust and sow division. That is one reason why St. Paul urges us to deal with one another “with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Thus, it is essential that as we endure our day-to-day life and dutifully do our daily tasks that we remember all that is at stake. As we commemorate the Exaltation of the Cross may the Lord grant us a greater sense of diligence to remain steadfast in faith and to show the victory that he won for us on the cross against sin and death.

Father Jacob



Confessions

Sunday September 14, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 17, 5:00 – 5:50 p.m.
Friday, September 19, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Saturday, September 20, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday September 21, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.



strengthen their faith and continue to guide them in their life's journey.



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)



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Classes Begin September 23

Registration is open for this new program for adults interested in the being baptized or professing faith in the Catholic Church. Or if you just want to learn more about your faith, you are welcome. To sign up, call Deacon Michael Morkovsky at the office, 361-594-3836.





of John. To sign up call Sharon Patek at the parish office, 361-594-3836. Accompanying book available for \$10.



Adoration Chapel Notes

Check out the open hours listed below and consider taking one of these times.

- Tuesdays: 1:00 – 2:00 am
- Wednesdays: 1:00 – 2:00 am (on 1st, 2nd, & 5th Wednesdays)
- Thursdays: 3:00–4:00 am; 5:00–6:00 pm

Substitutes Needed: If you are available occasionally to fill in for someone, please call the office at 361-594-3836 and your name can then be added to a substitutes list. Thank you!



Program Notes

September 17, all students in the Religious Education program will have the Protecting God's Children Teaching Safety-Empowering God's Children training during class.

September 20: Diocesan Catechist Rally and Commissioning, at Shiner K.C. Hall, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Catechists from throughout the diocese are expected to attend. For more information contact Kim Ulcak at the parish office at 361-594-3836.

September 24, Regular Class

October 1, students will be attending Mass at 7:00 p.m. Parents are highly encouraged to attend the Mass. A mandatory meeting for parents will follow the Mass.



Women's ACTS Retreat – October 2 – 5 Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center

You are invited to join other women who want to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, renew themselves spiritually, and offer new meaning to prayer life and Sunday Liturgy. More information is available on registration forms that can be found in the foyer of church. Or call Lisa Horan, 979-743-6026; Dana Blahuta, 361-772-7441; or Trish Kapavik, 361-772-4610.

KJT Society #20 will meet in the PAC after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 14, for their regular meeting. The Membership Appreciation Dinner will be discussed.

Knights of Columbus will meet Thursday, September 18. Officers meeting at 6:00 p.m.; social hour and regular meeting to follow.

Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, September 22 in the PAC. Rosary prayed at 6:00 p.m.; light meal and meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m. Please Note: Shiner CDA would like to announce the opening of their new Facebook page. Go to Shiner Catholic Daughters Court St. Paul #1604 to sign up to be a part of the group to keep up with news and activities of the local CDA.

Strudel Bake Meeting Monday, September 15, 5:00 p.m. Help Needed!

Everyone loves a good strudel, right!? But wonder if everyone realizes how much work goes into the making of this pastry? Our parish has helped keep the strudel making tradition alive and well for the past 38 years. Some of the same people have been heading up this project for many years. We are in need of new people to step up and give a hand if we are going to be able to continue the Strudel Bake. There are several areas where chairs and co-chairs are needed to take charge and oversee a part of the process. Please consider offering your services. If everyone will give a few hours, it will make the work easier for everyone involved. All interested persons, as well as Chairpersons, are asked to attend a planning meeting Monday, September 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC. Come to find out how YOU can help!

Lavaca Catholic Men's Gathering Monday, September 22, 2025 Guest Speaker: Reverend Caleb Krischke Topic: "Prayer and Meditation: Spiritual Freedom according to Catholic Tradition"

Location: Queen of Peace Church, Sweet Home. 6:30 PM: Mass ~ 7:00–8:30 PM: Meal and Program All men are welcome — come grow in faith, fellowship, and brotherhood!

Flowers on the Altar In Memory of Henry Kalich by Lillie Kalich & Family

Church Bulletin Sponsor In Memory of Living & Deceased Members of KJT

Children's Bulletin & Sanctuary Candles In Memory of Ella Berger by Family

Adoration Chapel Candles In Memory of Paul & Ann Novosad by Family

Memorial Candle for the Unborn Shiner Knights of Columbus Council #3081

Our Gifts to God This Week	
Church Support Envelopes	\$ 8,824.00
Loose Collections	\$ 1,493.00
Repair Fund	\$ 822.35

Picnic Sept. 14, St. Joseph, Inez. Fried chicken, sausage, brisket & trimmings lunch, auctions, country store, cake walk, bucket game, kid's game room.

Shiner Catholic School Fall Festival Sunday, September 28 - KC Hall

BBQ Chicken and trimmings, \$12, dine-in or drive thru, 10:30 a.m. Tickets available at school office, Patek Grocery, and students. Pre-sale tickets only. Live auction, 12:00 noon. Games for kids, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Raffle Prizes: 2025 Kawasaki Mule, \$500 and \$250 Visa gift Cards. Donation for raffle, \$25/each or 5 for \$100. All proceeds benefit the SCS PTC and go towards funding various programs, scholarships, and student activities.