

# July 23, 2023

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRED HEART PARISH (SH); SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH (SSCM)  
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**MONDAY, July 24**

**TUESDAY, July 25**

*Saint James, apostle; feast*

**WEDNESDAY, July 26**

*Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary; memorial*

**6:00 - 6:30 p.m.** SH, Sacrament of Penance  
(confessions / confesiones)

**THURSDAY, July 27**

**6:30 – 7:30 a.m.** SH Parish Hall, Men's Group

**FRIDAY, July 28**

**SATURDAY, July 29**

*Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus; memorial*

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**5:00 p.m.** SH, Sunday Eucharist

**SUNDAY, July 30**

**8:00 a.m.** SSCM, Sunday Eucharist

**9:30 a.m.** SH, Sunday Eucharist

### OUR OFFERING TO GOD

#### Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish

Sunday Collection: \$745.00

On Line Giving through June 27, 2023: \$173.00

Special Collection for Black & Native Americans, Catholic  
Communications Campaign and Catholic University of  
America: \$223.00

#### Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday Collection: \$2,019.75

On Line Giving through June 27, 2023: \$322.00

Special Collection for Black & Native Americans, Catholic  
Communications Campaign and Catholic University of  
America: \$332.25

### PICNICS

August 4 & 5 Holy Family Knights of Columbus 9088  
Port O'Connor, Fishing Tournament  
August 13 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ganado

### FUTURE EVENTS

**SUNDAY, August 6**

**5:30 p.m.** SSCM, Saint John Hall next to church

It's a follow-up refresher of the picnic plan, cover loose ends, confirm workers and needs in each area. This is especially for everyone that is in charge of an area, but all parishioners are welcome to participate. Contact Betty Danner for more information.

**WEDNESDAY, August 9**

No Confessions

**SUNDAY, August 27**

Saints Cyril & Methodius Annual Homecoming Picnic

### FOR THE WEEK

#### Scripture Readings

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20 Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8 Jn 11:19-27

**Sunday:** 1Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

#### Remember in your prayers

#### the following Catholic clergy:

Pope Francis, Bishop Brendan Cahill, Bishop Emeritus David E. Fellhauer, Rev. Joseph Mai, Rev. Gabriel Maison, Rev. Jacob Mendoza and Deacon Bennie Holesovsky

#### Mass Intentions

+Henry Mica, +Bob Hansen, +Adela Netro; Barbara Charba, +Ed Hughes, +Rosie Boehnke; Parishioners of Saints Cyril & Methodius & Sacred Heart

### DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL 2023

*As of June 5, 2023*

#### Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish, Cistern

**Parish Assessment** \$ 8,705.00

**Parishioner Contributions** \$ 2,450.00

**Balance Owed February 28, 2024** \$ 6,255.00

*Praise to God for those who have given!*

#### Sacred Heart Parish, Flatonia

**Parish Assessment** \$21,953.00

**Parishioner Contributions** \$ 6,560.00

**Balance Owed February 28, 2024** \$15,393.00

*Praise to God for those who have given!*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I just saw the movie **Sound of Freedom**; it reveals the dark world of human trafficking and is not a movie for young children. You can preview the movie at <https://www.angel.com/freedom>. It is a hard movie to watch, but I am so glad I saw it and encourage all adults and teenagers to see it. It is presently showing all over; we have the convenience of going to see it at Film Alley Theater in Bastrop. Go to <https://bastrop.filmalley.net> for showtimes.

I will be taking a week of vacation August 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>; there will be no confessions on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and **Father Dennis Darilek** will be presiding at Sunday Eucharist August 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>.

*Acabo de ver la película **Sound of Freedom** (Sonido de la Libertad); revela el oscuro mundo del tráfico de los seres humanos y no es una película para niños pequeños. Puede obtener una vista previa de la película en <https://www.angel.com/freedom>. Es una película difícil de ver, pero estoy muy contenta de haberla visto y animo a todos los adultos y adolescentes a verla. Actualmente se muestra por todas partes; tenemos la comodidad de ir a verla al Film Alley Theatre de Bastrop. Vaya a <https://bastrop.filmalley.net> para ver el horario. Gran parte de la historia tiene lugar en Honduras y Colombia, por lo que mucho de la película está en español.*

*Estaré tomando una semana de vacaciones del 6 al 13 de agosto; no habrá confesiones el miércoles 9 de agosto y el **Padre Dennis Darilek** presidirá la Eucaristía dominical 12/13 de agosto.*

Peace / Paz, Eddie Winkler

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEACON

In today's gospel, Jesus teaches once again with a sowing parable. Bad seed is planted by the evil one among the good wheat. Interesting enough, the plants are very similar and become so intertwined with each other that removing the weeds would harm the good plants, so the plants are essentially treated the same until harvest time. In private, Jesus explains that the wheat represents the children of the kingdom, and the weeds are evildoers and those who cause others to sin. There are three characteristics Jesus reveals about God. God is patient, God is confident in his children and God can bring good from anything.

Saint Isadore, who is the patron saint of agriculture, explains that by leaving the weeds, which are technically darnel, God is actually giving them time to repent and produce good fruit. God isn't impatient and doesn't get rid of the evil in the garden as soon as it is noticed. Instead, he lets the plant grow and gives it every opportunity to be good wheat. Imagine if God wasn't patient. Would any of us be left?

By leaving the weeds in the field for the wheat to compete against, God demonstrates his confidence that his children, the good wheat, will persevere. As prolific as weeds can be, they cannot prevent the wheat from producing that which it was planted. Goodness prevails. It always does. Too often we let ourselves be deceived in that we believe that the evildoers are the ones that prosper materially in the short term. But history is ripe of stories where peace was won by those who insisted on doing the good.

Finally, God can find a purpose in everything. The parable ends when the wheat is harvested, and the darnel weeds are bound up and set apart to be burned. The wheat is milled into flour to be made into bread. And while the enemy thought he had ruined the master's crop, in the end, all he did was provide fuel to bake the bread.

God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

In Christ, Deacon Tim

## SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS, Cistern ANNUAL HOMECOMING PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

### **AUCTION, SPECIAL DRAWING and COUNTRY STORE:**

Bring donated items to Saint John Hall, next to the church, before / after 8 AM Sunday Masses, August 6, 13 & 20. Or call / text Betty at 512-739-7840 for another time.

**GROCERY FUND & BINGO DONATIONS:** Place monetary donations in the Collection Basket, marked clearly for Grocery Fund or Bingo.

**CAKES** are needed! Two for the Cake Spin and two for Dinner Dessert. Bring dessert cakes directly to the Kitchen and those for Cake Spin directly to that booth.

**SMALL TOYS FOR FISH POND** are needed. Bring to Saint John Hall before / after Sunday Masses, August 6, 13 & 20 or to the Fish Pond Picnic Day.

**RING TOSS:** 16-ounce soft drinks are needed! Bring to Saint John Hall before / after Sunday Masses August 6, 13 & 20 or to the Ring Toss Booth Picnic Day.

**MONETARY DONATIONS** for Music, Magic Show, and Water Slide are also accepted and appreciated. Place these in the Collection Basket clearly marked for your choice of entertainment.

### **PLEASE, PRAY FOR THE SICK.**

April Abdelbagi, Giselle Aguillon, Andrea & Jerry Alvarado, Juana Alvarez, Larry Baird, Leonard Barta, Carol Barta, J. D. Bartek, Elva & David Benavides, Bob Bizzell, Angeline & Wiley Boehnke, Betty Borel, Lillie Branecky, Dawn Bratton, Ted Bratton, Dub Brazzel, Kenneth Brosch, Georgia Brunner, Edwin Bullock, Richard Cernosek, Barbara Charba, Linda Clabourne, Jackie Coldewey, Allie Delgado, Analea Del Rio, John Demny, Emma Dunham, Emery Eldridge, Darlene Ermis, E.J. Filip, Tommie Foster, Cathy Frazier, Doris Garbade, Landry Gipson, Nancy & William J. Gosch, Jill Borel Gough, Raymond Harbich, Lincoln Hardy, Roy Henderson, Lenore Hernandez, Leona Herzik, Jimmy Holub, Estella Hughes, Joyce & Dale Hutcherson, Karen & Quinton Janak, Charlie Jurak, Sharyn Kahlden, Carolyn Kallus, Garrett Kallus, Daniel Kocian, Ronnie Koncaba, Isabela Kozelsky, Keith Le Pori, Georgie & Joe Lev, David Lev, Cullen Machac, Deborah Blinka Machicek, Becky & Larmon Maddox, Myrtle Maeker, Maria Angelse Manzano & Family, Bell Martinez, Luciano Martinez, Anthony Martin, Kim McCoy, Mary Mendoza, Chuck Meyer, Cevin Meyers, Evelyn Miller & Family, Glenn Molnoskey, Margaret & Victor Molnoskey, E. Norma Montoya, Linda Munos, Truett Dawson Nicholes, Earline & Bennie Okruhlik, Evelyn Okruhlik, Jose Olvera, Allene Phillipus, Elisabeth Ponder, Almeda Poth, William Psencik, Samantha Ramirez, Norm Ratliff, Richard Ratliff, Mariana Reyes, Yarith Alondra Segura, Brandon Smolik, Vivi Snow, Edward Stech, Skylar Stephens, Keith Svatek, Carl Gene Taylor, Janice Taubert, Victor Tichacek, Annie Tompkins, Carol Tupa, Jacob Vargas, Hollye & Bruce Vecera, Felix Velasquez, Stella Velasquez, Patrick Vinklerek, Kevin Whiteman, Pat Wolfenson, Gretchen Zapalac, Jeanette Zouzalik, Luke Zouzalik