

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 20, 2017

Sacred Liturgies

August 20 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Ludwig & Hermina Zapalac

August 21 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Frank & Tillie Jalufka

10:00 a.m. Christine Darilek (Nursing Home)

August 22 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Pat Kurtz

August 23 – Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary Novosad

August 24 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Johnnie & Mary Marek

August 25 – Friday

8:10 a.m. Willie Marcak

August 26 – Saturday

5:00 p.m. John S. & Evelyn Fikac

August 27 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. Oscar A. Hirsch



From the Pastor's Desk

It is a dark time in our nation. Hatred and violence has become a normal headline. How did we get here? Where are we going? What are we going to do about it? We, here in Shiner, watch our televisions and read our newsfeeds and shake our heads.

But, let us not fool ourselves into thinking that it is not our problem; not our fight. It is. We cannot on the one hand hear the readings of this Sunday and believe that it isn't about ALL of us. We are Catholic Christians. We belong to the universal Church that has no separation of Jew or Gentile, black, brown, or white. There is no supremacy of one individual or group over the other. It is a Church that celebrates the same sacraments in Charlottesville, Jakarta, New Dehli, Mexico City, Seoul and Shiner; the same prayers, the same readings, the same doctrine. That is the faith of the Church, but is it our personal faith? If we look at white supremacy and Neo-Nazism as good and defensible, then you are committing grave sin.

Racism has no place in the Church; PERIOD. Archbishop Charles Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia, said in regards to the violence in Charlottesville,

“Racism is a poison of the soul. It’s the ugly, original sin of our country, an illness that has never fully healed. Blending it with the Nazi salute, the relic of a regime that murdered millions, compounds the obscenity. ... Charlottesville matters. It’s a snapshot of our public unraveling into real hatreds brutally expressed; a collapse of restraint and mutual respect now taking place across the country. We need to keep the images of Charlottesville alive in our memories. If we want a different kind of country in the future, we need to start today with a conversion in our own hearts, and an insistence on the same in others.”

This violence and hatred didn't just appear out of nothing. It has resided hidden, swept under the rug, in the hearts of people many of whom are in Church this Sunday throughout the nation.

We must pray. Pray that all Catholics, all people of good will, to STAND UP and make it known that this is not how God wants us to live. STAND UP in defense of the Gospel. STAND UP and live the beatitude of being peacemakers. Hatred cannot defeat Love. Violence cannot overcome Hope. Evil cannot

destroy Faith. We MUST be agents of Love, Hope and Faith. Let us not be mere spectators let us examine and heal our own hearts and then stand in the midst of this unholy drama gripping our nation and proclaim with the words of the Psalmist:

*May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.*

Community Prayer Service for Peace and Unity: This Sunday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the gazebo in Wellhausen Park, there will be a prayer service for peace and unity. Many of our local pastors will be participating, including myself. I invite all of our parishioners to attend. Let us fill the park in prayer and in solidarity.

Fr. Bryan Heyer



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
New Program Begins September 6

RCIA is the program through which candidates learn about the Catholic faith by attending weekly classes. It concludes with reception into the Catholic Church on Easter which is April 1, 2018. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Mary Machacek at 401-1254 or Sharon Patek at 594-3234 for information.



A Baptismal Class for parents and godparents anticipating Baptism will be held on Tuesday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration required by calling the parish office at 594-3836.



Religious Education Program

Registration for all students is in progress. Former students can register on-line at www.sscmshiner.org. New students are to register by calling 594-3234 for an appointment. All students must be registered by September 13.

Religious Education Handbooks with current parish policies, student drop-off changes, etc. will be given to all families, who will acknowledge receipt of same.

A Mandatory Parents Meeting will be held in the church on **Wed., August 30**, following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents.

The first day of class is September 6, at 6:40 p.m.

Have you had a calling to share your faith with the youth of our parish? The Religious Education program is looking for a few more helpers for this school year. If you are interested, please contact the office of Youth Ministry at 361-594-3234.



Catholic Heart Work Camp participants are invited to a get-together on Sunday, August 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC. All who participated in the June CHWC are invited.

Church Directories: If you were photographed last year you are entitled to a free directory. **If you do not yet have yours, please stop by the parish office during the week.** Extra directories will be available at \$10 each in the near future. Watch the bulletin for the date.

Please Help Keep our Church Clean:

Volunteers are needed to help with the weekly cleaning of our church. Several groups take turns and your commitment would be for about one or two hours every five weeks. If you have some time to share, please call the parish office at 594-3836 to volunteer to help keep God's house clean



The Parish Choir will sing at the following 5:00 p.m. Saturday Masses: August 26 and September 2 (Polka Mass). **Practice for the Polka Mass will be August 28, 6:00 p.m.**

Laudate Dominum Choir Rehearsals will be on Monday August 21 at 7:00 p.m. for the 9:30 a.m. Mass on August 27.

Totus Tuus Chorum: Rehearsals on Wed, Aug. 23 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. and Wed., Aug. 30 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Wed, Sept. 6 and the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sept. 10. **Currently accepting new members.** All students in grades 7 – 12 are eligible to participate. Please contact Marty Egan at marthaegan110@gmail.com or text to: [830-888-0291](tel:830-888-0291) for information and details.



Church Picnic – September 3

Cattle Needed for Picnic Auction: If you have cattle, please consider making a donation. Call at 594-3836.

Auction Items can be brought to the Meeting Room in advance or to the auction stand on Picnic Day.

Be Sure to Check the Picnic Workers List! Your parish needs you – so please commit to working a few hours. Review the list closely and if your name is not on the list, there are still positions open that need filling.

We still need Chairpersons for Wheel of Fortune and Ice Tea/Lemonade . Volunteer by calling the parish office at 594-3836 or David Schmidt at 281-703-8943 or email shinerpicnic1@gmail.com.

All parish high school students - Religious Ed and Catholic School high school students - are urged to check over the Workers List, find your name, or if not on the list, please do your part by calling David Schmidt at 281-703-8943 or email him at shinerpicnic1@gmail.com to volunteer for a time slot.

Desserts for Meals: We offer a sweet of some kind for all plates to-go as well as for the meals served in the main hall. Plan to bring your sweets as early as possible to the K.C. Hall kitchen or to the Kaspar Pavilion. **Please cut and wrap the desserts brought to Kaspar Pavilion for to-go plates.**

New This Year - A drive-thru for dropping off cakes and desserts for the meals or the Cake Wheel will be available at the K.C. Park **from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 am.** on Picnic Day. Drop off will be located in front of the Dining Hall doors on the auction pavilion side of the building.

Volunteers who worked several hours last week on the Picnic mailings included: Angie Petru, Stacy Kubecka, Edwin & Mildred Machacek, Rosalie Hagens, Jim & Vickie Netardus, Milton & Georgia Chumchal, Rita Kasper, August & Laverne Madala, Mary Jo Veit, Ella Berger, Loraine Couvillon, Mary Rose Barta, Dorothy Boehm, Mildred & Julius Siegel, Betty Kosler, Dorothy Marcak, Margaret Zimmerman, Fran Pesek, Anita Grabarkievtz, David Schmidt. Thank you to one and all!

Thank you also to E.J. Meat Company for donating sausage for a lunch for these volunteers.

Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Edmund Zissa

Chuch Bulletin

By Shiner Knights of Columbus Council #3081

Children's Bulletin

In Memory of Tim Massie By Family

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Agnes Cerny by Felix Cerny

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of Charles & Martha Veit & Arthur & Ida Kloesel By Raymond & Georgie Kloesel

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

By the Martinsen Family

Vocations Cross

Brian & Michele Herman



Our Gifts to God This Week

Envelopes.....	\$ 6,069.00
Loose Collections.....	\$ 718.49
Repair Fund.....	\$ 222.00

Aug. 20: St. Andrew, Hillie. Beef BBQ & sausage dinner. Auction, raffle, games, music.



**Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church – Income & Expenses
July, 2017**

INCOME	
Collections	\$38,970.00
Seminarians Donation	1,000.00
Building Rentals	325.00
Repair Fund Collections	5,961.72
Other Income	577.00
Religious Ed/Chastity Book Sales	52.42
Purgatorial Mass Donations	100.00
DSA Collected	7,290.00
Church Windows Donation	2,610.04
Memorials to Church	565.00
Strudel Sales	285.00
Interest Earned	41.09
Total Income for Month	\$57,777.27
EXPENSES	
Salaries/Benefits	16,111.66
Clergy Assistance	527.53
Payroll Taxes	3,185.61
Seminarians Donation Transfer	1,000.00
Utilities	2,638.95
Other Expenses	333.58
Auto Expenses – Gas & Insurance	1,190.39
Repairs & Maintenance	583.18
School Subsidy	40,000.00
DSA to Chancery	7,290.00
Parish Office Supplies/Household	1,242.67
Hosting of Seminarians	148.68
Total Expenses for Month	\$74,252.25
Monthly Expenses Exceed Income	(\$16,474.98)