

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	July 22	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	July 23	8:30 AM	†Benny Kubacak
Sunday	July 23	10:30 AM	†Stanley Havelka
Monday	July 24	7:00 AM	†Nancy Valenta
Tuesday	July 25	NO MASS	
Wednesday	July 26	7:00 AM	†Mabel Knippel
Thursday	July 27	7:00 AM	†Angela Gail Danek
Friday	July 28	6:00 PM	†Joe & Mary Kreitz
Saturday	July 29	7:30 AM	†Bernard Tschoerner
Saturday	July 29	5:00 PM	Lauren Buchhorn (for healing)
Sunday	July 30	8:30 AM	†Oma L. Fonville
Sunday	July 30	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed
in loving memory of **Stanley Havelka and Anita Havelka Galvan**
and are donated by the Louise Havelka family.

Last Week's Collection(s)

July 16: Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time: \$4,364.49

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

(NO Adoration on Thursday, August 3)

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

is open to all parishioners. To sign-up, call the parish office.

July 23 - 29: Bill & Monica Sherek

July 30 – August 5: Rodney & Gwenda Bruce family

This Week at a Glance

Monday, July 24:	--Men's Prayer Group
Thursday, July 27:	--Pro-Life Adoration
	--Finance Council Meeting

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Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Tuesdays @ 3:00 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00 pm & Sunday @ 8:30 am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4:00–4:40 pm; Sun: 7:45–8:10 am;
& Wed: 5:45-6:10 pm (or by appt.)

Parish Contacts & Resources

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Mass Ministry Reminders

Saturday, July 29, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

Lector: Jill Horner

EMHC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, July 30:

8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie, John & Jenna Danek

Lector: John Edgar

EMHC: John & Cynthia Edgar, Ray Nemec

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemec

Head Usher: Jerry David

10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Heron Rodriguez, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Richard & Julia Hodgson family

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, July 30: Ray Nemec

CEF – Spiritual Bouquets

make appropriate gifts for any occasion. You can contact
Janine Nemec (512-863-6892) for enrollments any time.

**FYI: 'Back to School' CEF enrollments will be held after
Masses the weekends of August 12/13 and 19/20.**

Though you may have a healthy garden (*life of faith*), weeds (*sin & temptation*) will always try to take over and stunt its growth and fruitfulness. Therefore, you must maintain your garden by pulling the weeds (*resisting temptation and sinful deeds*) and feeding it consistently with 'miracle' grow (*God's Word – Mass – and His Graces*).

LeRoy & Mary Tschoerner wish to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers and visits. Mary is continuing to heal, but still has a long journey ahead of her, so please keep her in your prayers. May God bless you all.

Raffle tickets for Sale!!

PARISH BAZAAR

Stop by one of the 'Raffle Tables' after Mass to pick up your Bazaar packet, which includes two books of raffle tickets for each family. Buy them for yourself, or sell them to someone else. We would very much appreciate your efforts in selling tickets to your family members, coworkers, friends and neighbors! Tickets will be available at all weekend Masses, or at the parish office, if you need more. Sell, sell, sell!! ☺

Please also take the time to read all of the included information in your packet, as it all lends to the success of our Bazaar – which accounts for a good portion of our annual operating income. Please also read the bulletin each week for more Bazaar announcements and updates.

Thank you, in advance, for your help and participation. For any questions, please call the parish office.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet today (Sunday, July 23) in the RE Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Plans for the August Senior Citizens' Supper will be discussed. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will also sit in the front pews of the church to lead the Rosary prayed before the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

SSCM Church in Granger invites all children – grades Pre-K thru 5 – to their **Vacation Bible School** next week (July 24-28, from 5:30–8:30 p.m. each night). For more information, or to register, call Virginia at 512-859-2637.

Men's Prayer Group will meet this Monday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: the 5th & 6th Apparitions of Fatima.

St. Bartholomew the Apostle Catholic Church, in Katy, Texas, will celebrate a **Czech Mass** for our visiting Czech Deacons, this Wednesday, July 26. The Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. with a reception to follow, in their church hall, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. If you plan to attend the reception, they ask that you bring a covered dish to share. (Church located at 5356 11th St, Katy, TX).

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, July 27, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

*****Please Note: there will be NO Adoration or Pro-Life Group meeting on Thursday, August 3.**

The **Finance Council** will meet this Thursday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

We will have our **5th Sunday Collection next weekend (July 29/30)** at each Mass, which will benefit our parish's Social Ministry Program and the Jarrell Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

SSCM Church in Granger invites everyone for a **Fried Chicken Dinner** next Sunday, July 30, at their Parish Hall. Serving begins at 11:00 a.m., with drive-thru available. Adults \$9 / Children \$5.

Everyone is invited, by the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, to attend the **annual Rural Life Mass**, offered for our farmers and ranchers, on Thursday, August 3, at 6:00 p.m., at St. John Catholic Church in Fayetteville.

CCE Program: If you haven't already done so, **please pre-register your student(s)**, so that we will have a good idea of book and supply needs!! We have classes for Pre-K (age 4) and up, so if you have a youngster that's now school age – it's time to get him/her involved. We are also in need of more **classroom and/or program volunteers**. To register, volunteer, or for any other CCE information, please contact the Director, Lucille D'Elia, at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com.

RCIA Classes to Begin September 12, 2017 - RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults -- a process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. It is a community journey that leads to a transformation of mind and spirit. The RCIA is mainly for non-Catholics who want to become Catholic, but adult Catholics who have not received all of the Sacraments (Communion, Confession, Confirmation) may also come into full communion with the Church through the RCIA process. Also, anyone who is already Catholic and would like to learn more about their faith are welcome to attend the **classes which will be held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. in the RE Bldg, beginning on Tuesday, September 12. Please call the parish office, at 512-863-3020, to register for the classes. If you would like to become Catholic, or are Catholic and need to receive First Communion, Confession, and/or Confirmation, you will need to schedule an appointment with Fr. Stephen to register.**

Dear friends in Christ,

May the peace of and love of our Lord be with each of you. I hope everyone is enjoying this summer. Deacons Jan Jurečka, Vojtěch Zahrádka and Jiří Šústek and I will be going to my mother's on Sunday. On Monday and Tuesday we will be in Corpus Christi. Wednesday we will go to Katy, Texas, to celebrate a Mass in Czech at 6:00 pm at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church. Everyone is invited to this Mass. After the Mass and reception they will stay in Houston with Fr. Paul Chavonec until Sunday afternoon when someone will bring them back to Corn Hill. Please pray for safe travel for all.

Pope Francis wants to hear from young adults!

Young people (ages 16-30s), and those who know young people, are invited to fill out a short survey at www.austindiocese.org/synod. This survey will be available until Aug. 1, 2017. I encourage all young people of our parish to complete the survey. Your input is important to the Church.

Today's gospel contains three parables about the "Kingdom of Heaven." First, Jesus says, "the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...but an enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat and then went off." Here, Jesus is telling us that, even in the beautiful side of life, where there is peace and harmony, there is the possibility of evil, like fraud, genocide, destruction of a marriage, oppression of poor people by a government, and many other "weeds" that somehow get in with the wheat. This evil cannot be eliminated because if it were, so would our free will, our emotions and imagination. All that has been designed by God would be harmed. So we have to work our way through a life that is not perfect, knowing that the evil that lurks "in the weeds" is a constant reminder of our fallen condition and that only a Redeemer can guide us to be on the right road.

Second, Jesus tells us the story of the small mustard seed. The seed of heaven that God has planted can grow to include everyone who wants to be there. No one is to be excluded unless they choose to be excluded by the way they live their life.

Third, the "kingdom of heaven is like the yeast which a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." All of you who cook and make bread and koláče know that kneading is not an easy task. It takes work and patience. But you know that the bread and koláče will rise to twice their size, into a wonderful, tasty delight. So will heaven, if we have put our hearts and souls into its growth. It will be all the more beautiful in the eyes of the beholders -- like us -- if we know some day that we took God's yeast and worked it into our own lives.

Jesus gave us these parables in order to guide us and to teach us about Himself, about His Father, about the Holy Spirit, and about the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us truly pray to our heavenly Father that Thy Kingdom will come to be on earth as it truly is in Heaven.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Catholic Social Corner: July 22/23 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Gospel this Sunday reminds us that sin and virtue co-exist in our world. How do we sow seeds of virtue and nurture them in ourselves and others? We do it through our actions: love and forgiveness rather than anger and retribution; peace rather than violence; sharing rather than hoarding. One great need is to help those coming out of jails and prisons to re-enter society. How can your parish help our sisters and brothers grow in virtue?

The Healing Journey Retreat will be held at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton on Thursday, August 3, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is a chance to come to a deeper understanding of forgiveness and to experience God's healing power. Beverly Collin, assistant director at Cedarbrake, along with The Mercy of God Prayer Team, will present this retreat. Retreatants will learn that forgiveness is about letting go of pain in order to heal. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch. To register, call (254) 780-2436 or visit www.cedarbrake.org.

Catholic Night at the Dell Diamond - Catholic Fellowship Night, with the Round Rock Express, will be held on Saturday, August 5, at 7 p.m. at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock (gates will open at 6 p.m.) Discounted tickets are available online (\$11 for Infield Reserved and \$5 for Lawn). Visit www.rrexpress.com/aug5 and use Coupon Code: catholic. For group purchases and video-board recognition, contact Alyssa at (512) 238-2207.

Annulment Workshop – the diocesan Office of Canonical and Tribunal Services will host the "Annulment: Pathway to Healing" Workshop on Saturday, August 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The purpose of this seminar is to help participants begin a journey in awareness of the healing process of nullity (annulment) through a straight-to-the-heart response to persons considering or already seeking a declaration of nullity. The seminar is a time for reflecting on the demise of one's marriage by taking a journey from pain and loneliness to acceptance and healing. For more information, contact Deborah Patin at (512) 949-2478. To register, visit www.austindiocese.org/tribunal2017.

The Double Message of the Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D.



I've always loved gardening. Seeds I've planted include carrot, cucumber, and of course, zucchini. In each case, I've planted seeds in neat rows, expecting nearly all of them to sprout and yield fruit.

But the farmer in Jesus' parable (Mat 13:1-23) uses the broadcast method. Lots of seed cast everywhere. And predictably, many of these seeds do not produce. Some get eaten by birds. Some sprout but then wither. Some seedlings get choked out by weeds. Finally a few yield varying amounts of grain.

At the end of the story, Jesus says "they who have ears, let them hear." In other words, he wants us to learn something and take some action steps.

To respond to this parable adequately, we must view it from two different angles. The first is to look at the story as if we are the seed. Many who hear the gospel never seem to "get it." The message is stolen before it ever takes root. Then there are the 50% of Catholic kids who receive the sacraments but disappear somewhere between age 18 and 25. Shallow roots fail to equip them to take the heat of our pagan culture. Then there are the 89% of lifelong, regular churchgoers who, according to George Gallup, have values and lifestyles identical to those of their pagan neighbors. Their faith has been neutralized by bad theology and worldliness so, though they look like wheat plants, their religion is fruitless. Then there are those who stay out of serious sin, manage to do some good for some people, but all in all produce a mediocre harvest. Finally come the few who are not satisfied with just getting by. They sink their roots deep into Scripture, Tradition, prayer and the sacraments, and produce a bumper crop. We call these people saints.

In speaking to us as seed, Jesus is saying: "Be careful. If you don't make the effort to get thoroughly rooted in your Catholic faith, you just might not make it. If do you manage to survive, you might produce absolutely nothing. But you are called to bear *much* fruit (John 15), to yield 100 fold, to be a saint, to leave a mark on the lives of many that will last forever. Don't settle for anything less!"

On the other hand, we can look at the parable as if we are the farmer. Vatican II and all the Popes since have stated unequivocally that each of us is called to be an evangelizer, to tell others that Jesus Christ changes lives eternally and that the place to encounter him most fully is within the Catholic Church. "But," you may protest, "I tried it a few times and got nowhere. I just don't have the personality, don't have the gift."

Jesus, the Son of God, indisputably had both the personality and the gift. Yet when he sowed seed, much of it still ended up as bird food. Consider the thousands he fed with loaves and fishes, the multitude that heard his sermon on the mount, the throngs that welcomed him on Palm Sunday. Yet on the day of Pentecost, there were only 120 left in the cenacle, awaiting the Holy Spirit. Notice, though, that the fruit borne by these 120 plants eventually filled the whole world!

To get the few that bear fruit, lots of seed must be sown by lots of people. So regardless of whether or not we think we have green thumbs, we are being commanded through this parable to get the seed out there, sowing it everywhere we go, undeterred by the birds, the weeds, and the scorching sun.

The parable of the sower has a two-fold message:

As seed, our job is to get busy growing.

As farmers, our job is to get busy sowing.