

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 27, 2014**

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 4:15–4:45 p.m.; Sunday: 7:15–7:45 a.m.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	April 26	5:00 PM	†Victor Palousek, Jr.
Sunday	April 27	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	April 29	6:00 PM	†Bill and Joanie Schwertner
Wednesday	April 30	7:30 PM	†Stanley Havelka
Thursday	May 1	7:00 AM	†Pietro Mennea
First Friday	May 2	6:00 PM	†Christine Kalinec
First Saturday (a.m.)	May 3	7:30 AM	†Joe & Mary Simek
Saturday	May 3	5:00 PM	Daniel & Wanda Vrabel (55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Sunday	May 4	<b>8:30 AM</b>	For our First Communicants

**Holy Land Collection: \$1,085.00**  
**Last Weekend's Collection: \$4,212.09**

**DON'T FORGET**  
**that our Sunday morning**  
**Mass time will change**  
**from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**  
**starting next Sunday, May 4.**

Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Present Gifts	Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, April 26 5:00 PM	Aaron Liles	Renae & Maria Bruce Michael Liles	Mike & Janine Nemec	Aaron Liles, Frank Feist, Fred Mullenbach
Sunday, April 27 8:00 AM	Michael Vrabel	Kelsey Marquis Carter Marquis	Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek	Barney & Dorothy Walther, James Nemec
Saturday, May 3 5:00 PM	Don Gudinas	Erin, John & Maria Bruce	Mark & Debbie Klaus	Debbie Klaus, Carolyn Barker, Keith Youngpeter
Sunday, May 4 8:30 AM	Cynthia Edgar	Jamie, John & Jenna Danek	Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel	John Edgar, Louise Straka, Johnny Martinka
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:</b>		April 27: James Nemec	May 4: John Edgar	

Thank you to the many people that made donations in memory of Cyril C. Rosipal since his passing. The refinishing cost of the main tabernacle was \$9,800 and has been paid for with these donations. God bless you all for your generosity.

Thank you to those who returned their Ashes to Easter Lenten Containers full of sacrificial offerings for the Missions of our diocese. If you forgot to return your container last weekend, please do so as soon as possible, so that we may forward the donations.

Thank you to the Confraternity of Christian Mothers and the CCE Program for providing the treats and fun for our Easter Egg Hunt last weekend!

We will have a special collection this weekend for the Seminarians and Priest Education and Formation. To ensure an ample number of priests in the diocese to celebrate the sacraments, preach God's word and guide us on our journey with Christ, this collection provides support so that financial impediments do not prevent men from responding to God's call to the priesthood. Please be generous.

**K.J.T. #55 will meet** today (Sunday, April 27) after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the RE Building. All members are invited.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** today (Sunday, April 27) in the RE Building after 8:00 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

St. Mary's Church of the Assumption in Waco will host their annual **Spring Festival** today (Sunday, April 27) (at the Geneva Hall in Elm Mott). A chicken and sausage meal will be served at 11:00 a.m. followed by fun and activities for all ages!

The **Holy Trinity Parish Prayer Campaign for Church Vocations** is open to all parishioners. To sign-up, contact the parish office. This week, the crucifix will be with the Andrew & Susan Klepac family. Next week, it will be with Louis & Louise Straka.

The **Little River-San Gabriel Soil & Water Conservation District encourages us to celebrate the 59<sup>th</sup> year of Soil & Water Stewardship Week with them (this week, April 27-May 4)**. Soil and water are essential natural resources that all of us depend on each and every day. Do your part in using them wisely, for today and for the future. Informational flyers are located by the bulletins.

The **Finance Council will meet** on Tuesday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to know what is going on in the parish and to ask questions, voice concerns, etc.

**CCE:** Class for Pre-K – 9<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday, April 30, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., followed by Mass. Meal served from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

**K.J.Z.T. St. Agnes Society #15 will meet** on Thursday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Barbara Danek. All members are welcome.

This Friday and Saturday (May 2 & 3) are the first Friday and Saturday of the month. Friday's Mass is at 6:00 p.m. followed by a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday's morning Mass at 7:30 a.m. is the Mass for the feast of Sts. Philip and James, two of the Apostles. At the end of Mass, we will have our monthly devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by praying the Litany. **Everyone is encouraged to attend these First Friday and Saturday Masses and to join in these devotions.**

Next Sunday (May 4), four of our students will receive the **sacrament of First Holy Communion** at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please pray that they will be transformed in heart, mind and soul as they receive our Lord through the Holy Eucharist.

**Hospitality Sunday** will be hosted next Sunday, May 4, by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers in honor of our First Communicants. All parishioners and visitors are invited to join them for breakfast in the PAC Bldg immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

A **Bazaar Meeting** will be held next Sunday, May 4, in the PAC (after Hospitality Sunday). All those interested in being a part of this year's Bazaar – especially the individual chairpersons – are encouraged to attend so that we can start planning.

**CYM:** Teens in current grades 8 – 11 (next year's 9 – 12 graders) are invited and encouraged to be involved in our CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry) Program. They will meet next Sunday, May 4, at 5:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

The parish **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg. The meal will be prepared by the K.J.T. #55, Corn Hill Society.

Our **June Fundraiser** is just around the corner. It will be held on Sunday, June 1, with a polka Mass at 10:30 a.m. and a fried chicken and sausage meal from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Music for the Mass will be provided by Fritz Hodde and the Fabulous Six and the St. Mary's Polka Choir of Taylor. Stay after the meal to dance to more great music by Fritz Hodde (1:30 – 4:00 p.m. / free-will donation). **Donation sign-up sheets for cooked chicken w/broth, cubed/toasted bread and homemade noodles** are located in the foyer of the church. For more information, contact Pinto Nemecek at 254-527-3615.

Dear friends in Christ,

**He is Risen! He is Truly Risen!** Today is the Octave Day of the Easter Season. We continue to focus on and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

This Second Sunday of Easter is often known as Doubting Thomas Sunday. St. Thomas doubted the resurrection of our Lord, but the moment he saw Jesus he believed. Many people have many doubts in today's world. Where is their faith? According to St. Paul, faith is believing in that which cannot be completely seen or understood. We all need to pray for an increase in faith.

Also in today's Gospel Jesus tells the apostles, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." We as individuals can forgive everyone who does something bad to us. But we do not have the power to retain their sins, to keep another person in the condition of sin. So what is Jesus talking about here? He is referring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. He is giving the apostles the same authority that He has in forgiving the sins of another person or retaining their sins, leaving them in a sinful condition. Why would Jesus retain the sins of anyone? Well, usually Jesus told people after He had forgiven them to "go and sin no more." When a person is not sorry for their sins and/or freely decides not to try to change their life, then the sin is retained. This authority was given by Jesus to His apostles by their consecration as His first bishops. This authority is passed along from the bishops through the rite of ordination to other bishops and also to priests. This has been the teaching of the Church since the time of the apostles. Nothing has changed, yet so many people refuse to accept this teaching. Many people just want to make everything easy for themselves so they just say that they do not have to go to a priest for confession. In doing so they are ignoring what Jesus has himself established. A person can fool themselves all day every day, but one day they will have to answer to our Lord face to face and then what will they tell Jesus when He asks them that why they did not accept what He had given them? The only thing they will be able to say is that because they were filled with pride and made themselves their own authority instead of allowing Jesus to be the authority in their life. It is sad. Jesus wants them to receive His love and mercy and they turn away from Him thinking that they do not need it. May all people have eyes that are opened to the reality of the Truth that has been given. Living in one's own fantasy world will not get you to heaven. Wake up before it is too late!

**Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. May we all be open to receiving the love and mercy of God. We will have a Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 pm today. Everyone is invited to attend. Incense will be used during the Service.**

May is the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have the crowning of Mary at our last religious education class on Wednesday, May 7. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass. Let us give honor to Mary because in doing so we are giving honor to her Son, Jesus.

**Here are some important parish events that you need to mark on your calendar:**

- Sunday, May 4, First Holy Communion
- Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 pm - Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Closing Mass for our CCE Program.
- Sunday, June 1, 10:30 am - Polka Mass and Fried Chicken Dinner
- Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 pm - Jarrell High School Baccalaureate Service
- Sunday, June 8, Pentecost Sunday - Wear red to Mass
- Sunday, June 15, Holy Trinity Sunday, 10:00 am – Parish's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

May all of you continue to experience the joy of the resurrected Lord in this Easter Season.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**

Our "**Lost and Found**" basket from the church has found a new home in the parish office. If you have misplaced something, please come take a look. We may just have it. It's also always a good idea to take a quick look around when you are leaving Mass just to be sure you have all of your items, including used tissues, etc. It would also be greatly appreciated if the books could be placed in the hymnal holders neatly and all bulletins are picked up and taken with you. Remember, this is God's House and it should always be neat and clean.