

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 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: 7:45–8:15 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	May 3	5:00 PM	Daniel & Wanda Vrabel (55 th Anniversary)
Sunday	May 4	8:30 AM	For Our First Communicants
Tuesday	May 6	7:00 AM	†Jodie Dubec
Wednesday - CCE	May 7	6:30 PM	For Our CCE Program
Thursday	May 8	7:00 AM	†Robert & Leona Brenek
Friday	May 9	6:00 PM	†Margie Sladeczek Stefek
Saturday (a.m.)	May 10	7:30 AM	†Jane Marie
Saturday	May 10	5:00 PM	†John & Tillie Klepac
Sunday	May 11	8:30 AM	For the Martin & Frantiska Vrabel family

Seminarian Education: \$1,287.00
Last Weekend's Collection: \$2,555.00

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

Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Present Gifts	Ministers of Holy Communion
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
Saturday, May 10 5:00 PM	Carolyn Barker	Klepacs Abby Hodgson	John & Mary Ann Valenta	Janine Nemec, Patsy Hightower, Fred Mullenbach
Sunday, May 11 8:30 AM	Pete Zenner	Travis Clawson Thomas Clawson	Ray & Teresa Nemec	Lucille Nemec, James Nemec, Nancy Zenner
Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:		May 4: John Edgar	May 11: James Nemec	

Clerical Endowment Fund Drive for Mother's Day. If you are interested in giving your mother a Spiritual Bouquet Card, they will be available after Masses this weekend (May 3/4) and next (May 10/11). You may also contact Janine Nemec (863-6892) to obtain a card. The usual offering is \$2.00 per person, per card. The enroller and enrollee's benefits are prayers and Masses said for them for a whole year. The money collected goes to our diocese to help with the education of our seminarians.

Four of our students will receive the **sacrament of First Holy Communion** at the 8:30 a.m. Mass today (Sunday, May 4). 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 today (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 today (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 today** (Sunday, May 4) at 5:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

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 Louis & Louise Straka. Next week, it will be with the Tim & Gwyn Vrabel family.

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.

CCE: LAST CLASS for this year's CCE program on Wednesday, May 7! We will begin the evening with Mass in the church at 6:30 p.m. where we will also celebrate the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary --- kids are asked to bring some flowers to use for the crowning. We will then have awards and ice cream with cake in the PAC for ALL students (grades Pre-K – HS). (No meal served prior to Mass.)

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 on food donations, contact Pinto Nemec at 254-527-3615. For general fundraiser information, contact Mark Klaus (512-869-7930) or the parish office.

Mark your calendars:

- Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 pm - Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Closing Mass for CCE.
- 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 125th Anniversary Celebration

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you! I hope and pray that the joy of Easter still remains in your heart. Congratulations to our children who are receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, for the first time in Holy Communion this weekend. May they always have a great desire to receive Him often so that they are constantly being nourished by our Lord.

May is the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary. **We will have the crowning of Mary at our last religious education class this Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 pm.** 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.

The weather has been much warmer lately. Usually when summer approaches, we are tempted to dress rather lightly or skimpy for Mass. We need to remember this as we come to Mass. We come to worship God and to receive His Son in Holy Communion. We should dress in a way that shows respect for God. The general rule that I believe is appropriate is that anyone over 6 years of age should not wear shorts to Mass. Also, girls and ladies should wear blouses or dresses that are appropriate for Mass, nothing strapless and no spaghetti straps. Some say that God doesn't care what you wear to Mass. Well, that may be so, but the question should be "do you love God enough that *you* care what you wear to Mass?" Do you stand in honor of His presence? Also, if you dress appropriately for Mass, you will not be cold in church from the air conditioning. If the air is blowing on you and you are cold, try to move to another part of the church.

Today's Gospel is about the two disciples' encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Donald Schwager has a good reflection on this Gospel. He writes: "Why was it difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? Jesus' death scattered His disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They *had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel*. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their *slowness of heart* to believe what the scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until He had broken bread with them. Do you recognize the Lord in His word and in the *breaking of the bread?*"

St. Augustine of Hippo (5th century) reflects on the dimness of their perception: "They were so disturbed when they saw Him hanging on the cross that they forgot His teaching, did not look for His resurrection, and failed to keep His promises in mind" (Sermon 235.1). "Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize Him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth (that the Christ would die and rise again), their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth." (From *The Harmony of the Gospels*, 3.25.72) How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when He speaks to our hearts and opens His mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak His word to us and to give us understanding of His ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow His word to change and transform you?

May the blessings of our Lord in this Easter Season continue to be with each of you.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář