

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL JUNE 29, 2014

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

Reconciliation: Sat: 4:15–4:45 pm; Sun: 7:45–8:15 am; Wed: 5:45-6:15 pm

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	June 28	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	June 29	8:30 AM	†Frank Simek, Sr.
Tuesday	July 1	6:00 PM	H.H. (for healing)
Wednesday	July 2	6:30 PM	†Frank & Marcella Viktorin
Thursday	July 3	7:00 AM	†Dennis Alsup
Friday	July 4	6:00 PM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Saturday (a.m.)	July 5	7:30 AM	†Mary Ziegler
Saturday	July 5	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	July 6	8:30 AM	†Benny Kubacak



Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Present Gifts	Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, June 28 5:00 PM	Carolyn Barker	Klepacs	Mike & Janine Nemec	Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh Keith Youngpeter
Sunday, June 29 8:30 AM	Michael Vrabel	Daneks	Richard & Lisa Danek	Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Ray Nemec
Saturday, July 5 5:00 PM	Don Gudinas	Klepacs Abby Hodgson	Robert & Carolyn Barker	Carolyn Barker, Janine Nemec, Fred Mullenbach
Sunday, July 6 8:30 AM	Cynthia Edgar	Clawsons	Frankie & Betty Ann Vrabel	John Edgar, Louise Straka, James Nemec
Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:		June 29: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz	July 6: John Edgar	

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- SUNDAY, JUNE 29:** –Peter's Pence Collection at both weekend Masses
–Bazaar Meeting in RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
–CCM Prayers in church after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
- FRIDAY, JULY 4:** First Friday Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- SATURDAY, JULY 5:** First Saturday Mass at 7:30 a.m.
- SUNDAY, JULY 6:** Estate Planning Representative at weekend Masses

Last Weekend's Collection: \$2,351.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Special Collection: This weekend (June 28/29), we will have a **Peter's Pence** special collection. This collection is taken up annually worldwide to support the most disadvantaged -- victims of war, oppression, natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. The Holy Father uses this collection to strengthen dioceses, religious orders and struggling communities of faith when they need it most.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will NOT hold a meeting in June, but will gather in the first few rows today (Sunday, June 29) to attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass together and to pray their monthly prayers afterwards. Ladies of the parish are invited to join them.

A **Bazaar Meeting** will be held today (Sunday, June 29) in the RE Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All chairpersons and those interested in helping out at the Bazaar are encouraged to attend.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church in Granger will host a **Parish Picnic** today (Sunday, June 29). Fried Chicken meal served from 11 – 2 p.m. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. Drive-thru adult plates available from 11:00 – 12:30. Afternoon of fun for all. Battle Dance from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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 Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz. Next week, it will be with Frances Nemec.

DEADLINE TO TURN IN RAFFLE DONATIONS IS THIS MONDAY, JUNE 30! We have great prizes and appreciate the donor's generosity and thoughtfulness! If you would like to donate, please contact Charles (512-818-6765) or Jennifer (254-718-9697) Marquis.

The **HS CYM** will have an outing at **Summer Fun Waterpark** in Belton on Sunday, July 6. Those attending need to contact Monica Sherek at 512-864-4748 to obtain a permission form, which must be completed and returned to her by Wednesday, July 2.

This Friday and Saturday (July 4 & 5) 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 is at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude with our monthly devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by praying the Litany.

A representative from the Gabriels Funeral Chapel, Sheldon Mitchell, will be here next weekend (July 5/6) to give a brief explanation of the very important 'Estate Planning' services that they can provide to families at no charge (family and living wills; S.S. and veteran benefits; and more).

Join us next Sunday, July 6, for **Hospitality Sunday** in the PAC immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Breakfast goodies will be prepared by the K.J.T. #55, Corn Hill Society.

The parish's monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg. The meal will be prepared by the K.J.Z.T. #15, St. Agnes Society.

Well, the bad news is that **we are canceling this year's Vacation Bible School** (due to lack of interest), but the good news is that SSCM Church in Granger is having their VBS and has invited our parish children to join them. The following is their information:

---Weird Animals VBS will be hosted at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, in Granger, **the week of July 7-11**. Each evening will run from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. and dinner will be provided. A \$10 good-will offering will be accepted to cover supplies and a t-shirt. All children, incoming Pre-K to 5th grade, are invited. At Weird Animals, kids will learn about some of God's most creative creations!

To register, go to osv.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/sscmrevbs, email sscmre@gmail.com, or call Virginia at 512-859-2634.

EIM WORKSHOP SCHEDULED HERE! On Saturday, July 12, we will host an EIM (Ethics & Integrity in Ministry) Workshop in the PAC Bldg from 9:00 a.m. to noon. *****Several of our parishioners are very close to needing a refresher course!!! Many of you are up in November of this year, if not before. This July workshop is currently the only one we are planning on having here this year, so if you are up soon for a 3-year-renewal, then you need to try your very best to attend!! You can find your renewal date on the diocesan website, or contact the parish office for that information.** If you're not able to attend this one, there are always workshops being held in many locations in the diocese each month. All workshop dates/locations can be found on the diocesan website at www.austindiocese.org. **And, of course, anyone not currently EIM Compliant (meaning you have either never taken a workshop, or have been out-of-date for a while) are more than welcome to attend this workshop. Anyone who wants to volunteer for any ministry in any parish must be EIM compliant, so it's good to have it done for the future!**

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS – OR ANY OTHER WORKSHOP – YOU NEED TO DO SOME THINGS PRIOR TO THE CLASS! You will actually register for the workshop on the diocesan website. If you don't have access to the internet, you may contact the parish office and we will help you out. But, for those of you who do, please go online (www.austindiocese.org) and follow all of the directions on the Ethics & Integrity in Ministry page. If you have already taken an EIM course, then you will just have to sign up for a workshop. If you have NEVER taken an EIM course, then you will have to complete the online application and sign up for the workshop at the same time. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO ALL OF THIS BEFORE ATTENDING A WORKSHOP!**

Dear friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Peter being one of the twelve Apostles and the first Pope, and Paul called to be an Apostle, though not one of the twelve, and called to bring the gospel to the Gentiles. These men are two great pillars of our Church.

Peter's role in the early Church is undeniable. In Catholic tradition, the foundation for the office of the pope is indeed found primarily in Matthew 16:13-20. Here Jesus asked the question, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The Apostles responded, "Some say John the Baptizer, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Our Lord then turned to them and point-blank asked them, "And you, who do you say that I am?" St. Peter, still officially known as Simon, replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Our Lord recognized that this answer was grace-motivated: "No mere man has revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." Because of this response, our Lord said to St. Peter first, "You are 'Rock,' and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The name change itself from Simon to Peter indicates the Apostle being called to a special role of leadership; recall how Abram's name was changed to Abraham, or Jacob's to Israel, or Saul's to Paul when each of them was called to assume a special role of leadership among God's people. On the other hand, no one except God was called specifically "rock," nor was it ever used as a proper name except for God. For instance, in Psalm 62, we pray, "Only in God is my soul at rest; from Him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation." To give the name "rock" to St. Peter indicates that our Lord entrusted to the Apostle a special authority, an authority which shares in and represents His own.

Jesus told Peter, "I will entrust to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." In the Old Testament, the "number two" person in the kingdom literally held the keys. In Isaiah 22:19-22 we find a reference to Eliakim, the master of the palace of King Hezekiah (2 Kgs 18:17ff) and keeper of the keys. As a sign of his position, the one who held the keys represented the king, acted with his authority, and had to act in accord with the king's mind. Moreover, in the New Testament in the Book of Revelation, Jesus holds the keys of heaven, hell and purgatory: "The holy One, the true, who wields David's key, who opens and no one can close, who closes and no one can open..." (Rv 3:7) and "I am the First and the Last, and the One who lives. Once I was dead but now I live — forever and ever. I hold the keys of death and the nether world" (Rv 1:17-18). St. Peter shares in an authority that penetrates to the other world.

Jesus also says, "Whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you declare loosed on earth shall be loosed in heaven." This is rabbinic terminology. A rabbi could bind, declaring an act forbidden or excommunicating a person for serious sin; or a rabbi could lose declaring an act permissible or reconciling an excommunicated sinner to the community. Here Christ entrusted a special authority to St. Peter to preserve, interpret and teach His truth. This authority is confirmed after the Resurrection, when Jesus appeared to the Apostles by the Sea of Tiberias (i.e. Galilee) (cf. Jn 21:1-19). In the presence of the other Apostles, Jesus asked St. Peter three times, "Do you love me?" to which he replied, "Lord you know that I love you." After each answer, Jesus then said to St. Peter, "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep" and "Feed my sheep." Here our Lord affirmed St. Peter's role as chief shepherd of the Church. At the end of the passage, our Lord indicated how St. Peter would die, i.e. by crucifixion, and then said, "Follow me." Therefore, St. Peter and each of his successors represent our Lord on this earth as His Vicar and lead the faithful flock of the Church to the kingdom of heaven. As Catholics, we believe that the authority given to St. Peter did not end with his life, but was handed on to his successors, therefore handed down to our current Pope, Francis.

This article focuses upon Peter, since he was the leader of the Apostles and the first leader of the Church. I will write more about St. Paul later. May all of you have a blessed week and a relaxing and joyful Fourth of July weekend next week.

Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář