

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, A.D. 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	Nov 29	5:00 PM	†Crecencia Hernandez
Sunday	Nov 30	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Monday	Dec 1	6:00 PM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	Dec 2	7:00 AM	†Arnold Kneblak
Wednesday	Dec 3	6:30 PM	†Charles Rosipal
Thursday	Dec 4	7:00 AM	†Dottie Lyssy
First Friday	Dec 5	5:30 PM	Eileen Freely (for healing)
First Saturday (a.m.)	Dec 6	7:30 AM	†Henry & Angeline Dillard
Saturday	Dec 6	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 7	8:30 AM	†Parents of H&M Koch



MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Gift Bearers	Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, November 29 5:00 PM	Leo Bringman	Matthew Klepac Nathan Klepac	John & Mary Ann Valenta	Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh Keith Youngpeter
Sunday, November 30 8:30 AM	John Edgar	John & Jenna D, Abby Hodgson	Louis & Louise Straka	Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Cynthia Edgar
Wednesday, December 3 6:30 PM	Jamie Danek	William F, John Bruce, Jenna Danek	CCE – 2 nd Grade	Lucille Nemeč
Saturday, December 6 5:00 PM	Janine Nemeč	John & Maria Bruce Jakob Voigt	Bill & Monica Sherek	Debbie Klaus, Fred Mullenbach, John Obst
Sunday, December 7 8:30 AM	Michael Vrabel	Travis C, Carter M, Jarrod Hodgson	Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek	James Nemeč, Jerry David, Lucille Nemeč
Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:		November 30: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz	December 7: James Nemeč	

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SAT/SUN, NOV 29/30:	--CEF Christmas Cards available
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1:	--Senior Citizens' Supper at 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3:	--CCE Class from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5:	--First Friday Mass at 5:30 p.m. --Penance Service: SSCM-Granger, 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6:	--First Saturday Mass at 7:30 a.m. --2 nd Grade First Penance at 9:00 a.m. --CEF Christmas Cards (after 5 p.m. Mass)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7:	--CEF Christmas Cards (after 8:30 a.m. Mass) --Hospitality Sunday after 8:30 a.m. Mass --K.J.T. #55 meeting (during HS in PAC)

To request flowers for the Altar(s), please complete and return an 'Altar Flower' envelope (located by bulletins or from website).

Please remember that no flowers are needed during the Season of Advent.

Last Week's Collection:	\$2,704.00
CCHD Collection:	\$875.00

Communal Advent Penance Schedule

Sts Cyril & Methodius – Granger: Friday, December 5, at 7:00 pm;	Holy Trinity – Corn Hill: Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 pm;
St. William – Round Rock: Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00 pm;	St. Elizabeth's - Pflugerville: Thursday, December 18, at 7:00 pm;
and Monday, December 22, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm;	St. Mary's – Taylor: Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 pm

Prayer for Advent

Lord Jesus, you alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. Through baptism, you have claimed us for yourself, but, too often, we live as if we belong only to ourselves. May this season of Advent remind us that you have blessed us, so that, in gratitude, we may live the gospel more faithfully. As we prepare to celebrate the miracle of your Incarnation, may we attend to the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters, the body of Christ in our midst. AMEN.

Thanks to your generosity this past weekend, the CYM made \$608 at their Bake Sale! Thank you very much to all who donated and/or purchased baked goods! Thank you to those also who have purchased the Holy Trinity t-shirts as well.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will have “**Christmas**” **Clerical Endowment Fund (C.E.F.) enrollment cards** available after Masses this weekend (November 29/30) and the next (December 6/7). What better gift to give your loved ones than that of prayers for them for a year! The usual offering is \$2 per person enrolled. The money for these enrollments help to educate the seminarians of our diocese. We thank you for your support.

Holy Trinity Cookbook --- This is your last weekend to turn in recipes for our new cookbook! Contact Marla Tonn (512-863-0755) if you have any questions. Thank you and God bless.

A ‘**5th Sunday**’ **Fried Chicken dinner** will be held this Sunday, November 30, at the SSCM Parish Hall in Granger with serving starting at 11:00 a.m. Plates will be \$9.00/adults & \$5.00/kids. Drive-thru will be available.

Advent Giving Tree! In order to make the Christmas season a little brighter for some of our area families, in the spirit of family, it would be a true blessing if all of our members could be a part of this project. In the foyer of the church stands our ‘Giving Tree’ with tags hanging on it. Each tag lists an item that these families are in need of. Please take one or more tags – purchase the item(s) – and then bring them back, UNWRAPPED, by Friday, December 19. There will be drop-off boxes in the foyer of the church as well as in the parish offices in the RE Bldg. If you’re not able to shop or don’t have the time, monetary donations will also be accepted, which will be used for their benefit. For any questions or information, please contact our Social Minister, Lucille D’Elia, at 512-318-5149.

Food Drive: Donating food to help an area family has never been easier. The KJT is collecting food for the Caring Place, which assists needy residents in Jarrell, Georgetown, Andice, Bartlett, Florence, Granger, Schwertner, Walburg and Weir. Simply drop your non-perishable items in the boxes located in the vestibule or south entrance of church. If making a monetary donation is easier, we’ll take it. Contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715) if you have any questions.

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 Mark & Debbie Klaus. Next week, it will be with Louise Havelka.

The parish **Senior Citizens’ Supper** will be held this Monday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. The Jr & HS CYM’s will prepare and serve the meal.

CCE: Class this Wednesday, December 3, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Mass in the church at 6:30 p.m. with class to follow in the RE Bldg.

This Friday and Saturday (December 5&6) are the **first Friday and Saturday of the month**. Friday’s Mass is at 5:30 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.

Holy Day of Obligation – Immaculate Conception – Monday, December 8: we will celebrate this feast day with Mass at 7:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. in the church to recall the significance of the most pure conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DCYC, the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, which is held annually at the Waco Convention Center, is **open to all of our high school students!** It will be held on January 16-18, cost is \$50 per student and deadline to sign-up is Wednesday, December 10. For all information, please contact Monica Sherek at 512-864-4748.



If you would like to help decorate the church with poinsettias for the Christmas Season in honor, or in memory of, a loved one, you may do so by completing and returning a **Christmas Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins) with your donation. All memorials will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

Marriage Anniversaries: If, in 2014, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50th or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples with a certificate. There is a (blue) sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church. Please make sure you fill in all the information and **print clearly** so that we don’t misspell your names! **Please sign-up by Sunday, December 14!**

Dear friends in Christ,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. This weekend, we begin the Season of Advent. The Advent Season is from Sunday, November 30, until the beginning of the Vigil Mass of Christmas on December 24. The Advent Season is a time of watching and waiting for the Birth of the Lord. It is a time of preparation. How are you going to prepare yourself during this time of Advent? Our Advent Penance Service will be on Sunday, December 14. Be sure to plan to make a good confession before you celebrate the Birth of the Lord at Christmas. The Christmas Season begins on the evening of December 24 and continues until Sunday, January 11, when we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, after Christmas Day on December 25, please do not say that Christmas is over, because, it has actually just begun. Too many Catholics and other Christians have given into the secular celebration of Christmas, a celebration that is completely absent of the presence of Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate. Celebrate Advent as a time of preparation, make a good confession and spend extra time in prayer with your family.

During the Season of Advent, we usually begin decorating our homes for Christmas. I always recommend that you wait until the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*, before you turn on your Christmas lights. Also, I encourage you to leave your tree and decorations up and your Christmas lights shining until the end of the Christmas Season on January 11. Let us truly celebrate Christmas during the entire Christmas Season. I also encourage parish organizations to have their Christmas parties during the Christmas Season and not during Advent. In the USA, Santa Claus has only become an advertising gimmick. Instead of Santa coming to our parties, we should live the truth of our faith and have St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, come to our celebrations. He is the one who brought gifts to the poor and needy of his day. Our faith is filled with wonderful traditions that have been handed down to us during the past 2000 years. The more we present our faith in the spirit and truth it is meant to teach, the more people will have a conversion of heart and think about the faith they have received. I know that you may be getting tired of my repeating this every year, but I feel that this is something that needs to be said and needs to be thought about.

Please pray for all of our children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time on Saturday, December 6. May they always have a desire for the love, mercy and forgiveness of God in this special Sacrament.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” Jesus is telling us that we must always be prepared for His Second Coming into the world and also for the day when we will leave this earth by our bodily death to stand before Him in judgment. As we all know, either one of these two events can happen at any second, any hour or any day. Are you ready? Are you watchful? Are you alert? Our Opening Prayer, the Collect, for this Mass says: “Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at His coming, so that, gathered at His right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.” We all need a greater resolve to run forth to meet Jesus. We all need a greater resolve to be faithful to Him and to all His teachings. Many things in this world distract us from the Truths Jesus proclaimed. May we have the courage to accept His Truth and try to live it day-by-day. To be watchful and ready, and, to avoid the dangers of our distractions, we must pray daily, from our hearts, seeking a closer relationship with our Lord. Only then will we be ready to meet Him when he comes again.

May all of you have a very blessed Advent Season.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář