

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
JANUARY 4, A.D. 2015

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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	Jan 3	5:00 PM	†Mr. & Mrs. Frank Spann, Jr.
Sunday	Jan 4	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Jan 6	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wednesday	Jan 7	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday	Jan 8	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday	Jan 9	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Saturday (a.m.)	Jan 10	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Saturday	Jan 10	5:00 PM	†Bill Klepac
Sunday	Jan 11	8:30 AM	Pro Populo



**MOST HOLY TRINITY**

## MASS MINISTRY REMINDERS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 5:00 PM

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce

**Lector:** Leo Bringman

**EM's of HC:** Janine Nemeck, Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh

**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Kathy Meissner

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 8:30 AM

**Altar Servers:** John & Jenna Danek, William Fonville

**Lector:** Michael Vrabel

**EM's of HC:** Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Ray Nemeck

**Gift Bearers:** Richard & Lisa Danek

**EMHC Route:** January 4: James Nemeck / January 11: Heuertz's

## COLLECTIONS

<b>Christmas Collection:</b>	\$4,136.00
<b>December 28<sup>th</sup> Collection:</b>	\$2,472.00
<b>Feast of the Holy Family:</b>	\$739.00

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, can be requested by returning an "Altar Flower Envelope". Altar flowers are not needed during the Christmas Season.

## IN MEMORIAM

The parish extends sympathies and prayers to the family of **Pete Schwertner**, who was buried this past week. Sympathies and prayers are also offered for the Billy & Katherine Weaver family, for the loss of their 2 week old daughter, **Suzanne Rose** (Billy is the son of Elaine Hassell). Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3:** --Parish Christmas Potluck after 5:00 p.m. Mass

Fr. Stephen will be on Retreat this week, January 5-10.

Contact the parish office, or Jennifer's cell, if an emergency arises.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7:** --CCE Classes from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11:** --Confirmation Students – Christmas Decoration Removal after 8:30 a.m. Mass

## A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Look on us, Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before your brightness.

Fill us with your holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom.

You know all our desire, so bring to perfection what you have started,  
and what the Holy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.

We seek your face, turn your face to us and show us your glory.

Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be perfect. Amen.

--St. Augustine of Hippo

**Many thanks to all who participated in our Giving Tree project. Through the generosity of Holy Trinity Parishioners we were able to help four local families celebrate Christmas in a more joyful way.**

This month begins our **annual Children's Clothing Swap**. Bring your child(ren)'s outgrown clothing to the RE Bldg and exchange for the correct size. The Clothing Swap will continue throughout the month of January and you can come in any time – and time again – to look for your needed size as other clothes come in. The RE Bldg is open during office hours and on Wednesday evenings during CCE classes. In February, we will then have our **annual Clothing Drive** to benefit those in need in our local area. All clothing left from the Swap and given for the drive will be donated to the Caring Place in Georgetown.

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 Scott & Aimie Tibbetts family. Next week, it will be with Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, January 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. The K.J.Z.T. St. Agnes Society will prepare the meal.

**CCE:** Class on Wednesday, January 7, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. All classes will celebrate Christmas with a pizza party. Parents are invited for a meeting and dessert at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC. A teacher's meeting will follow.

**Looking ahead .....** **Mark your calendars** for Sunday, March 22, as we will be holding a fundraiser for the benefit of our Religious Education Program. More information and details will be published in the near future. In conjunction with the fundraiser meal, a **Silent Auction** will also be held. If you would like to donate items for the auction, please contact Lucille D'Elia at 512-318-5149 or email her at [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com).

**2014 Contribution/Donation Reports:** These reports will be sent out to those who request them for your tax, or other, purposes. **If you have requested a report in the past, one will be sent to you again. If you have never requested/received one, please contact the parish office as soon as possible to put your name on the list.** The reports will be mailed out by January 31.

**Dear friends in Christ,**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you to all who came to the black-eye pea and cornbread reception after the Mass on New Year's night. Thank you especially to those who made the black-eye peas, cornbread, and the desserts and to those who made all the preparations. May the Lord bless you for your kindness to all of us.

The Christmas Season is quickly passing by. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Normally this Feast is celebrated on January 6 in most parts of the world. But we, in the United States, like everything to be convenient so we moved it to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. Today we recall how the Three Wise Men, or, the Three Kings, or, the Three Magi, as we read in today's Gospel, followed the bright star that led them day and night to the place where Jesus, Mary and Joseph were staying in Bethlehem. Apparently after the birth of Jesus they moved into someone's house and stayed with them for some time until they were forced to get up and flee to Egypt as Herod would kill all the boys two years of age and younger in an attempt to kill Jesus. But, for now, on this Feast of Epiphany, we reflect on how Jesus is the true Light of the world and how people who are seeking truth and goodness are drawn to His Light. The magi bring Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold, a gift fit for a king. Frankincense, a gift offered to God. Myrrh, a gift used for anointing a body for burial. These three gifts are very important and help us to know more about Jesus and His mission in life. May we all be drawn to His Light and not be distracted by all the troubles and cares of this world.

It is the tradition that on the Feast of the Epiphany that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men -- Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Inserted in this bulletin you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes. The marking of 20+C+M+B+15 signifies the asking of God's blessing on our homes for the year 2015. As I mentioned, CMB are the initials of the Three Wise Men, KMB in Czech, and these letters also stand for the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat", which means "May Christ bless this dwelling". Mark your home above the front door so that all may know that your home is a Christian home.

This week and next, many priests of our diocese will be on retreat. Please keep them in your prayers as they spend time in prayer and reflection so that they may be good priests for their parishes. I will be on retreat the week of January 5-10.

Sunday, January 11, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and will be the end of the Christmas Season. Keep your Christmas lights shining until the end of the Christmas Season.

May God bless you all this year with a strong faith and with an awareness of His love for you.

**Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**