

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, A.D. 2015

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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	Feb 14	5:00 PM	†Bill Klepac
Sunday	Feb 15	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Feb 17	7:00 AM	†Pete Schwertner
Ash Wednesday	Feb 18	7:00 AM	†Robert Chambers
		12:00 noon	†Bernice Gaertner
		6:30 PM	†Tommie Rose Martine
Thursday	Feb 19	7:00 AM	†Anton H. Martinka
Friday	Feb 20	6:00 PM	†Emily (Valenta) Havelka
Saturday (a.m.)	Feb 21	7:30 AM	†Renoel Rey Santos (for healing)
Saturday	Feb 21	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Feb 22	8:30 AM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers



MOST HOLY TRINITY

MASS MINISTRY REMINDERS

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

7:00 a.m. --- Lector: (Volunteer)

12:00 noon --- Lector: Henry Taylor

6:30 p.m. --- Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, Caleb Stefek

Lector: Leo Bringman

EM's of HC: Deacon Gene, James Nemec, Jennifer Klepac

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Janine Nemec

EM's of HC: Richard & Jerrie Witte, Debbie Klaus

Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie Danek, Jarrod Hodgson, William Fonville

Lector: Pete Zenner

EM's of HC: Jerry David, Ray Nemec, Lucille Nemec

Gift Bearers: Louis & Louise Straka

EMofHC to Shut-ins: February 22: Richard Witte

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the Tabernacle and Crucifix are placed for the celebration of the feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech people.

COLLECTION

February 8:

5th Sunday Ordinary Time:

\$3,495.25

Catholic University Campus Ministry:

\$1,028.00

tithes & offering
Worship the Lord in Giving

IN MEMORIAM

The parish family extends sympathies and prayers toward the families of **Mildred (Kajs) Kasper** and **Herman Yates** (father of Diana Hovatter) who were both buried this past week. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18: –Mass at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

–Mission Collection at all Masses

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22: –Confraternity of Christian Mothers mtg

KJT Society #28, Granger, is sponsoring a **Fried Pork Steak Dinner** at the SSCM Parish Hall today (Sunday, February 15). Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. and all plates are \$9.00. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the SSCM Church.

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.

CCE: NO Class on Wednesday, February 18. Ash Wednesday Masses will be held at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m. **All CCE students are very much encouraged to attend one of these Masses with their families to prayerfully begin the Lenten Season!!**

Collection on Ash Wednesday: the collection for **World and Home Missions** will be taken up on Ash Wednesday, February 18, at all Masses. Please be generous and also remember to pray daily for all Catholic Missions, at home and abroad, as they share the Word of God with many.

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, Lent begins – and so does the **Ashes to Easter** collection campaign. Pick up an A-to-E box (by the bulletins) and, each day of Lent, put some coins in and say a prayer for the Catholic Missions. You will then return the boxes at Easter.

Daily devotional books for the **Lenten Season, “The Word Among Us”**, are available for you to pick up (at the entrances of the church).

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** next Sunday, February 22, in the RE Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Members will sit in the front pews for Mass and lead the Rosary together before Mass. **Reminder:** Annual dues (\$5) for 2015 can be given to any CCM officer or mailed to Louise Straka, Treasurer.

Next Sunday, February 22, wraps up our Children’s Clothes Swap and our Clothing Drive. Thank you so much to all who donated. As we all know – we **MUST** have clothes – and there are some in our local communities who simply cannot afford them! Your generosity means A LOT to those who are less fortunate. Thank you for being a part of our social ministry project and God bless.

The CYM will host a **Fish Fry** for the Lenten season on Friday, February 27. Join us for Mass at 6:00 p.m. and then enjoy a home-cooked meal of fried catfish, French fries, coleslaw, brown beans and hushpuppies – with dessert to top it all off! Meal served from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Adults \$10 / Children \$5. Proceeds will benefit our parish CYM programs.

In commemoration of St. Joseph’s feast day, on Thursday, March 19, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers will have a **St. Joseph’s Altar** (in the PAC) after the evening Mass of 6:00 p.m. (in the church). The tradition of this altar started in Sicily when Italians gave thanks to St. Joseph for the end to a severe drought. Cakes, cookies and meatless items were placed on the altar, which is in the shape of a cross. After the Mass, we will join in the PAC, at the altar, and Fr. Stephen will bless it. Those present may then sample the food items on the altar. **Any ladies who would like to help with this altar are invited to a planning meeting, in the RE Bldg, on Thursday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m.** For further information, please contact Linda Montreuil (512-864-2451).

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you to all who attended the Altar Server Appreciation Dinner last Sunday. Thank you, as well, to the K.J.Z.T. for providing and serving the meal. May God’s blessings be upon you all.

Thank you also to everyone who helped to make the Czech Mass, in honor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, such a wonderful celebration and event. Thanks to the choir, organist, lectors, cooks and all else who helped in any way. Everything was certainly beautiful.

This week, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Lent is a forty-day period of time before the Easter Triduum in which we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday when we are marked with ashes to signify that we are sinners and that we want to repent. In other words, we really desire to change our lives and to do better in living as disciples of Jesus. There are three aspects to the season of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Increased prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, fasting helps us to gain a spiritual hunger for our Lord and helps us to gain self-control of our appetites and desires, and almsgiving helps us in our need to live as Jesus did in service to other people. These acts help to prepare the Christian to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Lent helps to remind Christians of their sinfulness and the need to return to their baptismal innocence.

During the Lenten season, we, as Catholics, pray the Stations of the Cross every week, usually on Wednesday or Friday, as we meditate on Jesus being arrested in the Garden, brought before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, carrying His cross, being crucified and then buried. By meditating on these last events of Jesus’ life, we come to have a greater appreciation of the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead so that we can truly celebrate and live the meaning of Easter in our lives each day. We will be having Stations of the Cross every Wednesday, beginning on February 25, at 6:30 pm.

In today’s Gospel, “A leper came to Jesus and, kneeling down, begged him and said, ‘If you wish, you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’ The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.” Do you ever ask Jesus to make you clean? The rules for those with leprosy were very serious as we hear in today’s first reading from the Book of Leviticus. “The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ ...He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.” Every time we commit a sin, we stain our souls and need to be made clean by Jesus. If the sin is serious, we cast ourselves “outside the camp” and cannot receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick. We are made clean by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation where Jesus washes our souls and strengthens us so we can better avoid sin. If all of us were asking Jesus to make us clean, then there would be a long line at the confessional. But, this does not seem to be the case. If you are serious about cleansing your soul and walking as a disciple of Jesus, then you would be going to confession regularly. Pray for the same courage the leper had in approaching Jesus to be made clean. He could have gotten into big trouble for going to Jesus, but he took the risk and was healed. Let us also take the risk and put our fears aside and ask Jesus to cleanse our soul with His healing grace.

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