

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, A.D. 2015

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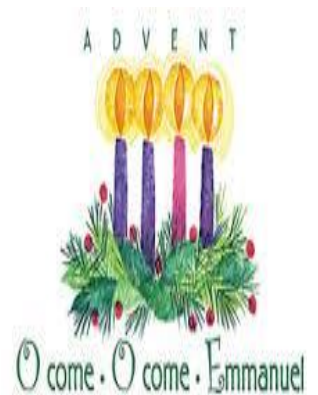
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Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

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	Dec 5	5:00 PM	†Stanley Havelka
Sunday	Dec 6	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Monday	Dec 7	7:00 AM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of Czech Seminarian Fund
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation			
Tuesday	Dec 8	7:00 AM	Pro Populo
		12:00 Noon	†Mgr. Gideon Stram
		7:00 PM	†John Nemec (incense)
Wednesday	Dec 9	6:30 PM	†Robert & Leona Brenek
Thursday	Dec 10	7:00 AM	†Alice Taisler
Friday	Dec 11	6:00 PM	†Gus Richards
Saturday	Dec 12	7:30 AM	†Marie Hrachovy
Saturday	Dec 12	5:00 PM	†Maxine Davis
Sunday	Dec 13	8:30 AM	Pro Populo



MASS MINISTRY REMINDERS

Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 8:

12:00 Noon:

Altar Server: Al Kalinec

Lector: Deacon Gene Davis

7:00 PM: INCENSE

Altar Servers: Travis & Thomas Clawson, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EM of HC: Lucille Nemec, James Nemec, Ray Nemec

Gift Bearers: Mike & Janine Nemec

Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Nathan K, Jakob V, Caleb S, Joseph Brousseau

Lector: Nancy Zenner

EM of HC: Pete Zenner

Gift Bearers: 7th Grade

Saturday, December 12, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Leo Bringman

EM's of HC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

Sunday, December 13, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie & Jenna Danek, Carter Marquis

Lector: Henry Taylor

EM's of HC: John & Cynthia Edgar, Johnny Martinka

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemec

EMHC Route: Sunday, December 6: John Edgar

ALTAR FLOWERS

You may donate flowers for the Altars in loving memory or honor of loved ones by turning in an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (located by bulletins or from website). Remember, no flowers are needed during the Advent or Christmas Seasons.

COLLECTION

November 26: Thanksgiving: \$584.00

November 29: First Sunday of Advent: \$3,074.00

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sat/Sun, December 5/6:	--CEF Christmas Enrollments
Sunday, December 6:	--Hospitality Sunday --St. Nicholas Celebration
Monday, December 7:	--Senior Citizens' Supper
Tuesday, December 8:	--Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary --Parish Office Closed for Holy Day --CCE Class
Wednesday, December 9:	--EMHC Meeting after Mass
Saturday, December 12:	--Giving Tree Donation Deadline
Sunday, December 13:	--EMHC Meeting after Mass --KJT #55 Meeting --Diving Mercy Chaplet & Holy Hour --Advent Penance Service

Advent is a time of Reconciliation and we should make a good confession in preparation for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Here are some Advent Penance Services for this opportunity:

Holy Trinity of Corn Hill - Sun, Dec 13, 5:00 p.m.; **St. Mary's, Taylor** - Sun, Dec 20, 7:00 p.m.; **St. William, RR** - Mon, Dec 21, 1 - 6 p.m.

The Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) has 'Christmas Enrollment' cards for **Spiritual Bouquet Gifts** for the Christmas Season. These enrollments, with the usual \$2 offering to the CEF, can be made after Masses this weekend (December 5/6).

Everyone is invited for **Hospitality Sunday** today (Sunday, December 6) in the PAC Bldg, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Thank you to the Moravian Club for preparing the breakfast. **AND**, following Hospitality Sunday, **everyone is encouraged to help us celebrate, and bring back to life, the timeless tradition of the St. Nicholas Celebration!** We will have fun activities and goodies for all to enjoy and may even have a visit from St. Nicholas!

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.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Thanks to the CYM for preparing the meal!

The **Men's Prayer Group** will not meet for the rest of this year, but **will resume their meetings** on Monday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For information, contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

The **Parish Office will be closed** this Tuesday, December 8, to observe the Holy Day of Obligation (open Wed, Dec 9 – Fri, Dec 11, from 10 – 3 p.m.).

RCIA: No class this Tuesday, December 8, but all RCIA participants need to attend Mass for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day.

CCE: Class this Wednesday, December 9, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149).

Fr. Stephen will celebrate Mass at the Granger Villa Nursing Home this Thursday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m.

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion need to stay for a short meeting and recertification after Mass on Saturday, December 12 OR Sunday, December 13, whichever Mass you attend. **ATTN: WE ARE IN MUCH NEED OF MORE LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS!** If you would like to volunteer for either one, please come to one of these meetings.**

The **K.J.T. #55 will meet** next Sunday, December 13, in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They will have election of officers.

Year of Mercy: We will have a Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet next Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the church (followed by our Advent Penance Service at 5:00 p.m.).

DEADLINES: the following are all due by NEXT Sunday, December 13:

--**Advent Giving Tree** items. Bring the gifts back – UNWRAPPED and with the GIFT TAG ATTACHED – to the foyer of the church or to the parish office during business hours. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149)

--**“Christmas Flower Envelopes”** for donations for our poinsettias. Your memorials will be announced in the December 20th bulletin.

--**Sign up for Marriage Anniversaries.** If, in 2015, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50th or more, wedding anniversary, sign-up on the blue sheet in the foyer. **Please Print Clearly!** Certificates will be presented on the weekend of the Feast of the Holy Family (December 26/27).

ATTN: ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! The annual **DCYC** will be held at the Waco Convention Center on January 29-31, 2016, and you are invited! Cost is \$75 and includes your hotel stay plus most of your meals. **Registration forms are available in the foyer of the church and are due by December 15.** For information, or to turn in registration forms, contact Monica Sherek (512-864-4748).

The **Pastoral Council will meet** on Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are invited. The agenda for this meeting is posted on the bulletin board for your information and preparation.

Food Drive: The Caring Place is a local, faith-based, non-profit organization that addresses the basic human needs of people within its service area. Last year, more than 500,000 pounds of food (valued at \$669,000) was distributed by The Caring Place to area families. Let us do our part to help them continue to meet this need. Drop your non-perishable food items in the boxes near the entrance doors. For more information, please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715).

We will have our annual **RE Fundraiser** on Sunday, January 17, and will have a **Silent Auction** during the meal. If you would like to donate items for the auction, please contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149 or htdre@yahoo.com).

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings to each of you in this holy Season of Advent. In today's Gospel, St. Luke tells us of St. John and his ministry of calling the people to repentance. He was called to prepare the way of the Lord. How are we preparing the way of the Lord during this Season of Advent? Are we praying at home with our families and reading the Scriptures together? Are we planning on going to Confession before Christmas? Please plan now to come with your family to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation together. Our Penance Service will be next Sunday, December 13, at 5:00 p.m. There is no better way to prepare oneself than making a good Confession and then receiving our Lord with purity of heart and soul. I also recommend that you try coming to Mass sometime during the week as another way of helping you to prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning “coming” or “to come.” The Lord is coming. We may reflect that every year at this time we celebrate His coming, so that in a sense we can lose the feeling of expectancy and joyful anticipation, because at the end of the season, everything seems to return to pretty much the same routine. If that is the case, then our preparation may have been lacking and we have, therefore, been robbed of much of the true meaning of this season. During Advent, we recall the history of God's people and reflect on how the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled. This gives us a background for the present. Today, we can reflect on the past track record of God and begin to understand what it means to us now for the sake of what is to come, in our own future and that of our world.

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold: it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events, we find meaning for our life as a Christian.

This week, we celebrate a Holy Day of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Tuesday, December 8. All Catholics are to attend Mass on this Holy Day.

Tuesday is also the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy as promulgated by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. During this Holy Year, we want to reflect upon the mercy of God and how He shows mercy and forgiveness to all who come to Him. How do you seek God's mercy in your life and how are you merciful to others? **Next Sunday, we will have the blessing of the Door of Mercy at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. In the afternoon, we will have a Holy Hour from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in which we will pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy. You are welcome to stay for confession after the Holy Hour if you choose to do so.** Let us allow this Jubilee Year to come alive in our lives. We can begin by living out the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy below. We will have these in the bulletin each week during this Jubilee Year. You may consider focusing on just one of these acts of mercy from each group every week and do something to put it into practice in your life.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

I will have more commentary on these in future bulletins and also more about the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Also, our parish has been designated, by the Diocese of Austin, as a Pilgrimage site for the Year of Mercy, for individuals and groups who will wish to come and pray and receive the indulgence associated with pilgrimage sites during the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

May the peace and love of our Lord be with you in this holy season of Advent.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář