

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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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 26	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 27	8:30 AM	†Louis Stojanik
Tuesday	Dec 29	6:00 PM	†Pete & Eleanora Schwertner
Wednesday	Dec 30	6:30 PM	†Gus Richards
Thursday	Dec 31	7:00 AM	†Joe Head

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday	Dec 31	7:00 PM	†Stanley Havelka
		11:30 PM	Pro Populo
Friday	Jan 1	8:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)
Saturday	Jan 2	7:30 AM	†Antoinette D'Elia
Saturday	Jan 2	5:00 PM	Lauren Buchhorn (for healing)
Sunday	Jan 3	8:30 AM	Pro Populo



MASS MINISTRY REMINDERS

Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 31, 7:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EM's of HC: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Debbie Klaus

Gift Bearers: (ushers/volunteers)

Thursday, December 31, 11:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Thomas & Travis Clawson, Carter Marquis

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EM's of HC: - - - -

Gift Bearers: (ushers/volunteers)

Friday, January 1, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie, John & Jenna Danek, Caleb Stefek

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EM's of HC: Lucille Nemeck, James Nemeck, John Edgar

Gift Bearers: (ushers/volunteers)

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce

Lector: Janine Nemeck

EM's of HC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Leo Bringman

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

Sunday, January 3, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Travis & Thomas Clawson, Caleb Stefek

Lector: Nancy Zenner

EM's of HC: Lucille Nemeck, Pete Zenner, Nancy Zenner

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemeck

Please consider being a Lector and/or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. We are in need of more ministers for both weekend Masses. To volunteer, please call parish office.

COLLECTION

December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent: \$3,942.25

Thank you for your stewardship!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

The parish office is closed this week and will reopen on Tuesday, January 5.

Saturday, January 2: --Saturday Parish "Christmas" Potluck after 5 pm Mass

IUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

In *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis asks that we strive for our lives to be rooted in the mercy of God. One way we can grow in this mercy is by being receptive to the message of mercy and love that is proclaimed in the Scriptures and in the Christian witness to faith in Jesus (MV, no. 13).



1. Open yourself to listen to and hear the Word of God.
 - a. Prepare your mind and your heart by entering into a quiet space and giving yourself time for reflection. This can be done individually or with others, such as your family or a small group in your parish.
2. Ask God to open your heart to receive His words of love into your life.
3. Read or listen to the Word of God.
 - a. For example, read a passage from the Bible, participate in small-group lectio divina, or attend Mass and pay close attention to the readings during the Liturgy of the Word.
4. Reflect on/discuss what this passage reveals to you about God's mercy and love.
5. Come up with one concrete way to incorporate mercy into your daily actions or prayer life.

Food Drive: Thank you, again, to all parishioners who participated in the recent food drive sponsored by the K.J.T. Corn Hill Society #55. We donated 568 pounds of food and \$255 to the Caring Place to help the needy in our area. God bless you all for your generosity.

We will have a **special collection for the Feast of the Holy Family** today, which supports our diocesan maternity homes and shelters and Pro-Life education and activities. Please be generous.

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 Kathy Windhauser.** Next week, it will be with Henry & Agnes Taylor.

We will have a **Black-Eye Pea & Cornbread reception** after our 11:30 p.m. Mass on Thursday, December 31, in the PAC Bldg. Join us and help us ring in the New Year in fellowship with one another in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

This Saturday, January 2, is the **First Saturday of the month.** Join us for Mass at 7:30 a.m., which will conclude with our monthly devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by praying the Litany.

We will have our **Saturday Parish "Christmas" Potluck** next Saturday, January 2, in the PAC Bldg, immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share. Thank you to the K.J.T. #55 for coordinating the evening.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet briefly** next Sunday, January 3, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, in the RE Bldg, to finalize plans for the Austin DCCW Board Meeting, which will be held in the PAC on Tuesday, January 12.

Year of Mercy: We will have a Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Sunday, January 10, at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

We will have our annual **RE/CYM Fundraiser** on Sunday, January 17. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of supplies, envelopes are available on the bulletin tables. We will also have a **Silent Auction** during the fundraiser meal. If you would like to donate items for the auction, or help with the fundraiser in any way, please contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! Hope you are having a joyful Christmas Season. Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church last Sunday. Everything is certainly very beautiful. I would also like to thank all of you for the cards, gifts and tasty treats that I received from you for Christmas. You are truly a very generous and loving people.

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. How do our families compare to the Holy Family? Do we seek God's guidance in all of our family activities and decisions? Do we try to be holy by praying, going to church together every week, being forgiving of one another and reading Scripture together? Let us try to make every family a holy family of God.

The readings today speak to us about family, not only our earthly family, but our spiritual family as well. The second reading, taken from the first letter of St. John, tells us that we are "children of God." John also tells us that the only way to remain in God is to keep His commandments. In doing so, we are His faithful children and He abides in us and we in Him. We have all been presented in the temple of the Lord on the day of our baptism. As we heard in the first reading today from the first book of Samuel, because we have been presented in the temple, we have been consecrated to God. Therefore, our life should reflect this consecration, especially as we live as God's children in the world. Just as Jesus focused on doing the will of the Father, as we heard in today's Gospel reading, we too must do what God asks of us, even if some people do not understand what we are doing. Fulfilling God's plan for us should be our mission in life. May we keep His commandments, live in Him and He in us, and may we do all according to His will.

This week, we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, the same as Christmas, so let us join together to honor our Blessed Mother, to thank her for being the mother of God, Jesus, and to ask her to be praying for us. See this bulletin for the Mass schedule. After the 11:30 p.m. Mass on New Year's Eve, we will have our black-eye pea and cornbread reception at the PAC in the Holy Family Room. Come and join us to pray-in the New Year and to share in fellowship with one another after Mass.

Are your Christmas lights still shining? The Christmas Season continues until Sunday, January 10, 2016. Keeps those lights on until the end of the Christmas Season to give witness to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

May all of you continue to have a very blessed Christmas Season and a Happy, Healthy, Holy, Joyful New Year of AD 2016.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář