

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, A.D. 2016

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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 16	5:00 PM	†Gus Richards
Sunday	Jan 17	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 17	10:30 AM	For Life
Tuesday	Jan 19	6:00 PM	†Morris Burlin
Wednesday	Jan 20	6:30 PM	†Stanley Havelka
Thursday	Jan 21	7:00 AM	†Joe & Wilma Zgarba
Friday	Jan 22	6:00 PM	Taylor family (for healing)
Saturday	Jan 23	7:30 AM	†Dottie Lyssy
Saturday	Jan 23	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 24	8:30 AM	†Frank Ortega



Wedding Feast at Cana
John 2:1-11

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Caleb Stefek, Jenna Danek

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EM's of HC: Jennifer Klepac

Gift Bearers: 4th Grade Class

Saturday, January 23, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

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

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Sunday, January 24, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie Danek, Jarrod Hodgson, William Fonville

Lector: Henry Taylor

EM's of HC: Ray Nemec, John & Cynthia Edgar

Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek

EMHC Route: January 24: Ray Nemec

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed in loving memory of
Maria Esquivel and are donated by Rosemarie Arroyo.

Collection

January 10: Baptism of the Lord:
\$3,405.78



This Week At A Glance

Sunday, January 17:	--2 nd Collection for Catholic Charities --RE/CYM Fundraiser
Tuesday, January 19:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, January 20:	--CCE Class
Thursday, January 21:	--Finance Council Meeting

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Agnes Straka** and of **Guadalupe Buentello** (brother-in-law of Virginia Hernandez), who both passed away this week. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Joyful Second Chance There is a story told that when Thomas Edison was working on improving his first light bulb, he handed the finished bulb to a young helper who, nervously and slowly, carried it upstairs but, near the top, dropped it and shattered it. After a moment of horrified silence, the whole team set back to work. It took them 24 more hours of hard work to make another bulb.

When it was finished and they needed someone to take it upstairs again, Edison looked around, found the same boy and handed the new bulb to him to do the job. Edison knew that something more important than the bulb was at stake.

Can you believe that this is how God is with us? That, again and again, God gives you the chance to begin again? Can you trust that God is excited to, so to speak, give the light bulb back you? The truth is, you do not have enough power to make God love you. You don't. Can you believe that, right now, God is again giving you the grace of a new beginning? ---Now that's Mercy!

Merciful God, you have forgiven me countless times. Again and again you have given me the grace of a new beginning. In the presence of such love, bless me with a humble, grateful heart. Amen.



We will have a **second collection this weekend (January 16/17) for Catholic Charities**. This organization helps so many disaster victims in their time of need, and they have responded, once again, to those who are suffering from the tornadoes and storms that affected north central Texas during the holidays. In light of the Year of Mercy, this is a wonderful way of incorporating the Corporal Works of Mercy into your life for those in need.

Our annual **RE/CYM Fundraiser** will be held today (Sunday, January 17). Join us for a delicious meal of Chicken-fried Pork Cutlets with all the trimmings. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. Adult to-go plates available. Desserts are appreciated from parishioners for the dessert table. We will also have a Silent Auction during the meal. All proceeds will benefit the children and youth in our CCE and CYM programs.

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 Frances Nemeč.** Next week, it will be with Pinto & Lucille Nemeč.

Make a pilgrimage to Mary's Shrine and learn more about living mercy in the Jubilee Year, at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt (225 Addie Roy Rd, Austin). On Monday, January 18: Presentation on Mary, Mother of Mercy, at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Candlelight Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Then, on Saturday, January 23, A Morning of Reflection with Mary, Mother of Mercy, from 10:00 a.m. – noon, followed by Holy Mass at noon. For more information on these and other Year of Mercy celebrations at the Shrine, visit www.schoenstatt.us or call 512-330-0602.

RCIA: Class on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick.

CCE: Class on Wednesday, January 20. Mass in the church at 6:30 p.m., followed by class in the RE Bldg.

The **Finance Council will meet** on Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are invited to attend.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** next Sunday, January 24, in the RE Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Plans for the February Senior Citizens' Supper will be discussed. Members will sit in the front pews for Mass to lead the Rosary prayed beforehand. **Reminder:** Annual dues (\$5) for 2016 are now due and can be given or mailed to the treasurer, Louise Straka.

Year of Mercy Book Study: The Men's Prayer Group invites ALL adult parishioners (including confirmed teens) to participate in "The Holy Year of Mercy Book Study". We will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month (for a total of nine meetings/months), in the PAC Bldg, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, February 24. A fee of \$10 (payable at the first meeting) will help defray the cost of the book. **A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, January 31, so that materials can be ordered.** Contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038) or the parish office for additional information. Let's make this Year of Mercy more meaningful in our lives!

It is time again to get your annual Ultrasound Health Screenings done by Elite Medical Imaging (EMI), here in the RE Bldg, on Saturday, February 6. EMI offers these life-saving screenings to us at a reduced cost, and most of them are not typically performed at annual physician checkups, nor will insurance companies pay for them unless you already have symptoms. The full package of 8 screenings is only \$179, or you can have individual screenings done for \$49 each. We will have more information attached to next week's bulletin and there is an information flyer on the bulletin board.

Annual Children's Clothing Swap: Bring in your children's/grandchildren's outgrown clothing – to the RE Bldg – and exchange them for the correct size. The Swap will continue throughout January and you can come in any time – and time again – to look for your needed size. Even if you don't have clothes to swap – you are still welcome to come and find some that will fit your children! Come look or donate during office hours and on Wednesdays during CCE classes.

If you would like a **2015 Donation Report** (for tax, or other, purposes), please let us know. These reports will be sent out only to those who request them. **If you have requested a report in the past, one will be automatically sent to you again. If not, contact the parish office to put your name on the list.** The reports will be mailed out by January 31.

Dear friends in Christ,

Welcome to all of our visitors here today for the RE/CYM Fundraiser. Thank you for coming to Holy Trinity Parish to support our children. We appreciate your kindness and generosity to our parish.

Friday, January 22, is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We all need to pray that babies in the wombs of their mothers will be protected from being killed. This is one of the most horrendous atrocities of our time. Yet, many people think it is ok. We live in a crazy and confused world. Please try to attend Mass on Friday to pray that people may have a change of heart and mind, and, that they will all work together to love and protect these babies.

We have just completed our first full week of Ordinary Time. Has this been an ordinary week for you, or, have you allowed Jesus to make it an extraordinary week in your life of faith?

This Sunday's Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John 2:1-11. It is the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana, where Jesus changes the water into wine. This is considered another epiphany moment in the life of Jesus. Jesus reveals to those around Him and to the world that God is with Him and that through Him God can do the seemingly impossible. There are many aspects to focus upon in this Gospel. One is Jesus' concern for this newly married couple. He assists them so that they will not be embarrassed for running out of wine for their guests. Not having enough wine would have brought shame upon the couple and their family. So, Jesus makes more wine out of water. Notice that it is the best quality of wine. This is the first of Jesus' miracles in John's Gospel. Also, Jesus does this miracle at Mary's urging him to do so. She intercedes for this couple to her Son and, maybe after a little hesitation, Jesus does what Mary asks Him to do. Mary continues to intercede for you and me whenever we ask her for assistance and prayers. Ask her to pray for you and your needs often. As we reflect up Jesus changing the water into wine we see that there is a connection to the Eucharist in which Jesus changes ordinary bread and wine into His Body and Blood. He does this at every Mass throughout the world. Many say that this is impossible, but, when you look at Jesus' life and all the miracles He did and still continues to do in the world, then it is not so impossible a task to change bread and wine into His Body and Blood. After all, He did this at the Last Supper and asked the Apostles to do the same. He continues to give us this gift and will continue to do so until He comes again.

May all of you have a blessed and not-so-ordinary week.

Fr. Stephen Nerssta, farář