

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 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 30	5:00 PM	† Jimmy L. Davis
Sunday	Jan 31	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Feb 2	6:00 PM	James & Laura Mears (healing)
Wednesday	Feb 3	6:30 PM	† Frank Simek, Sr.
Thursday	Feb 4	7:00 AM	† John & Annie Valis
First Friday	Feb 5	6:00 PM	† Martha Zrubek
First Saturday	Feb 6	7:30 AM	† Tim Draper
Saturday	Feb 6	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Feb 7	8:30 AM	Confraternity of Christian Mothers



### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Wednesday, February 3, 6:30 PM:

**Altar Servers:** Nathan Klepac, William Fonville, Carter Marquis

**Lector:** Pete Zenner

**EM's of HC:** Lucille Nemeč

**Gift Bearers:** Confirmation 2

#### Saturday, February 6, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** Matthew & Nathan Klepac

**Lector:** Jennifer Klepac

**EM's of HC:** Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Keith Youngpeter

**Gift Bearers:** Alex & Virginia Hernandez

#### Sunday, February 7, 8:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Travis & Thomas Clawson, William Fonville

**Lector:** Michael Vrabel

**EM's of HC:** John & Cynthia Edgar, James Nemeč

**Gift Bearers:** Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

**EMHC Route: February 7:** John Edgar

### Collection

January 24: Third Sunday Ordinary Time: \$5,841.00



### This Week At A Glance

<b>Sunday, January 31:</b>	--Altar Server Appreciation
<b>Monday, February 1:</b>	--Senior Citizens' Supper
<b>Tuesday, February 2:</b>	--RCIA Class
<b>Wednesday, February 3:</b>	--CCE Class
<b>Friday, February 5:</b>	--Cemetery Committee Meeting
<b>Saturday, February 6:</b>	--Elite Medical Imaging – Health Screenings
<b>Sunday, February 7:</b>	--Hospitality Sunday & K.J.T. #55 Meeting
	--Year of Mercy Holy Hour

### In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Johnnie Simek**, who passed away and was buried here this past week. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

**Surrender to God's Mercy** Once, a coworker and I sat down with a volunteer to tell him that because of his inability to keep confidential, we would need to find a different role for him in the parish. We worked hard to be respectful and kind in this conversation. The man's response, however, was not the most desirable. For about a year, he put a lot of effort into making my life miserable for about a year, until suddenly he decided he was done, and now we would be friends.

My anger may have been natural, but I didn't want it to eat me up. So I typed up a list of all the ways he had hurt me and it helped to have it all recorded somewhere. But I knew I was called to forgive, and that I would need God's help. Onto the list, I wrote a letter to God, asking Him for His help and then lit that note on fire. As it burned, I let go of my anger as best as I could – into the hands of the one who was all forgiveness. That helped so much...for exactly seven minutes. Because then I remembered something else he had done and the anger all came rushing back. I turned to God and said, "See, God, I can't do this by myself. You are going to have to help me. I again turn this to you." That helped for another eleven minutes...until it happened all over. So I surrendered it to God again ... and again ... and again ... until it no longer had any power over me at all. God set me free.

**Merciful God, it is so hard to let go. Help me to be more like you, who forgives endlessly and lovingly. Amen.**

### The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry  
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 dead



**The family of Agnes F. Straka** extends sincere thanks to Fr. Stephen, Fr. Jim Deaconson and Deacon Gene for their prayers and presence at her Rosary and/or Funeral Mass. Thank you, also, to Lucille D'Elia, Ronnie Simek and Judith Stefek, for their part in a beautiful Mass and celebration of her life; to those who provided food and helped with the lunch; and to all others for the cards, flowers, Mass intentions, memorials and other expressions of sympathy for our loss.

**An Elite Medical Imaging (EMI) representative will be here this weekend (Jan 30/31)** to answer questions and/or schedule an appointment for those interested in receiving **Ultrasound Health Screenings, which will be done here in the RE Bldg, next Saturday, February 6.** The full package of 8 screenings is only \$179, or you can have individual screenings done for \$49 each. You may also call 1-855-303-0667 to schedule your appointment.

SSCM Church in Granger invites everyone for their **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner** next Sunday, January 31, at their Parish Hall. Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. (drive-thru available) and plates are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children.

We will have our annual **Altar Server Appreciation** today (Sunday, January 31) at 5:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. The altar servers and their families will enjoy a meal, receive an appreciation award and have family-fun-time in the gym! We thank the ladies of the K.J.Z.T. #15 for preparing the meal.

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 CCE Program.** Next week, it will be with Frank & Lucille D'Elia.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We thank the Confraternity of Christian Mothers for preparing the meal.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: life as a single person / the consecrated life.

**CCE:** Class this Wednesday, February 3. Mass in the church at 6:30 p.m. followed by class in the RE Bldg.

**K.J.Z.T. St. Agnes Society will meet** this Thursday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Barbara Danek. All members are encouraged to attend.

The **Cemetery Committee will meet** this Friday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

This Friday and Saturday (February 5 & 6) are the **first Friday and Saturday of the month.** Friday's Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with a time of Adoration, our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Benediction. Saturday's Mass at 7:30 a.m. will conclude with our monthly devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by praying the Litany.

All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us for **Hospitality Sunday** next weekend (Sunday, February 7) in the PAC Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We thank the Marquis family for preparing the breakfast.

The **K.J.T. #55 will meet** next Sunday, February 7, immediately following Hospitality Sunday in the PAC Bldg. All members are invited.

Enjoy a **Fried Pork Steak Dinner** next Sunday, February 7, at the SSCM Parish Hall in Granger. Plates are \$9 and proceeds benefit the restoration of SSCM Church.

Join us next Sunday, February 7, for a **Year of Mercy Holy Hour** with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

Let's make this Year of Mercy more meaningful in our lives by attending and participating in "**The Holy Year of Mercy Book Study**", which 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. The books have been ordered and plenty of them are on their way, so if you still want to sign-up, please do.** Contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038) or parish office for more information.

**Czech Mass - Vítame Vás na Corn Hill:** February 14 is the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saints of Slavic peoples. A Czech Mass will be celebrated here on that feast day, Sunday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m. (this Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation). All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center for those in attendance. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. Pray with us in Czech and celebrate our parish's Czech heritage.

**Our Playscape by the PAC is in need of repair.** Boards need replacing, the tire swing needs to be replaced, the timber border around the pea gravel needs replacing, and it all needs to be repainted. If an individual, group of individuals, or an organization would like to take on this project, please contact Fr. Stephen.

#### **Dear friends in Christ,**

Peace be with you! In just a week and a half, we will begin the holy season of Lent. Have you been planning what you will do during this special season of penance and prayer? Do you have Wednesday set aside so that you can attend Stations of the Cross every week during Lent? We need to plan ahead if we are doing to grow in our relationship with God and with His Church. May we all grow closer to God and to one another in this holy season.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' words angers those who were listening to Him. First, Jesus tells them that He is the fulfillment of a Scripture passage from the prophet Isaiah. Second, Jesus tells them that people other than the people of Israel were being touched by the hand of God and that God was bringing them mercy and forgiveness. Don Schwager asks us this question: "How would you react if Jesus spoke this message in your worshipping community? It was customary for Jesus to go weekly to the synagogue to worship and, on occasion, to read the scriptures and comment on them to the people. His hometown folks listened with rapt attention on this occasion because they had heard about the miracles he had performed in other towns. What sign would he do in his hometown? Jesus startled them with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people. He then angered them when he complimented the gentiles who seemed to have shown more faith in God than the "chosen ones" of Israel. They regarded gentiles as "fuel for the fires of hell". Jesus' praise for "outsiders" caused them offence because they were blind-sighted to God's mercy and plan of redemption for all nations."

"The word "gospel" literally means "good news". Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and affliction (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus came to set people free from the worst tyranny possible – the tyranny of slavery to sin and the fear of death, and the destruction of both body and soul. God's power alone can save us from emptiness and poverty of spirit, from confusion and error, and from the fear of death and hopelessness. The gospel of salvation is "good news" for us today. Do you know the joy and freedom of the gospel?" Let us not be stuck in our prejudices and preconceived notions, but let us be open to all the possibilities that God offers to people in the world today.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář**