

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



## First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 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	Feb 13	5:00 PM	†Stanley & Amelia Matuszewski
Sunday	Feb 14	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Feb 14	10:30 AM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	Feb 16	6:00 PM	For Healing
Wednesday	Feb 17	7:00 AM	†Benny Kubacak
Thursday	Feb 18	7:00 AM	For Life
Friday	Feb 19	6:00 PM	†Frank Ortega
Saturday	Feb 20	7:30 AM	Vernon & Jan Hein
Saturday	Feb 20	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Feb 21	8:30 AM	†Ted & Gabriella Nemeč



### Mass Ministry Reminders

**(Stations) Wed, February 17, 6:30 PM:**

**Altar Servers:** Thomas Clawson, Jenna Danek, William Brousseau

**Saturday, February 20, 5:00 PM:**

**Altar Servers:** Matthew & Nathan Klepac

**Lector:** Kelly Godfrey

**EM's of HC:** Jennifer Klepac, Janine Nemeč, Keith Youngpeter

**Gift Bearers:** Bill & Linda Montreuil

**Sunday, February 21, 8:30 AM:**

**Altar Servers:** Travis Clawson, Abby Hodgson, Carter Marquis

**Lector:** John Edgar

**EM's of HC:** Jerry David, Lucille Nemeč, Pete Zenner

**Gift Bearers:** Billy & Belinda Bayer

**EMHC Route: February 21:** Jerry David

### Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate Altar Flowers in memory, or honor, of a loved one, complete and return an Altar Flower envelopes (by bulletins or from website).

Remember: No flowers are needed during the Season of Lent or Easter.

### Collection

February 7: Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time: \$3,737.64

February 10: Ash Wed: World & Home Missions: \$1,899.82

### This Week At A Glance

Sat/Sun, Feb 13/14:	--Catholic Higher Education Collection
Sunday, February 14:	--Czech Mass & Meal
Tuesday, February 16:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, February 17:	--CCE Classes & Stations of the Cross
Thursday, February 18:	--Pastoral Council Meeting

### Jubilee Year of Mercy

As Catholics, we take up the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving every year. These practices help us to remember the merciful love and compassion that God shows all people. Participating in these practices, we journey toward repentance with our community and God and toward the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of our Lord. We do not make this journey alone. The whole Church prepares for the celebration and together, along with those who are preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, we try to live more faithfully to God's call to be merciful, loving, and compassionate to those around us. Our acts of love through sacrifice and prayer are a tangible witness of God's love to those around us.

1. Spend some time in reflection about why you choose to participate in the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of the Church during this Lenten season. Next time someone asks you why you aren't eating the chicken on Friday in the lunchroom, you'll be better prepared to share your belief in God who is merciful and compassionate.

2. Share with someone what your Lenten practices will be this year. This is not to brag about how good you are at following Christ, rather, it allows us to each have something of an "accountability partner" so that we can strive to be a more credible witness to our faith.

#### 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 dead



We will have a **special collection** this weekend (February 13/14) for **Catholic Higher Education** in the Diocese of Austin, which helps to promote the Catholic Faith & Campus Ministries at several universities and colleges – a time and place when young adults need it the most! Please be generous.

**Czech Mass - Vítame Vás na Corn Hill:** today (Sunday, February 14) at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saints of Slavic peoples, with all prayers, readings and hymns in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center for those in attendance. Join us in celebrating this special feast day and our parish's Czech heritage.

The diocesan **Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign has begun!** Each family is encouraged to pick up a box and keep it on or near the family dining table or by their bedside table. Put in some coins each day during Lent and pray for missions worldwide. Contributing coins each day is a corporal work of mercy that will help shelter the homeless and a spiritual work of mercy that will help comfort the sorrowful. The money collected helps local missionaries and missionary projects from our diocese.

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.

**RCIA:** Class this Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Catholic Moral Teachings.

**CCE:** Class this Wednesday, February 17, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:30 p.m., followed by class in the RE Bldg.

Join us each Wednesday evening during Lent for **Stations of the Cross** at 6:30 p.m. in the church, beginning this week on February 17. (Please also notice that, during Lent, our Wednesday Masses will be held at 7:00 a.m.)

The **Pastoral Council will meet** this Thursday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All parishioners are invited to attend. The agenda for this meeting is posted on the bulletin board for your information and preparation.

The **Holy Year of Mercy Book Study** will begin on Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. There are still some books left, so if you would like to attend, please do so (the books will be distributed at that meeting and your \$10 book fee will be payable then).

**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.

**CCE/CYM Fundraiser:** What a wonderful report we have to give! The monetary donations received covered a most of the grocery expense, so the food sales were practically all profit; the delicious sweets you provided brought in \$253; and we had almost one hundred silent auction items that brought in \$908. Through your generosity, we are blessed with \$4700 with which to enrich our programs. We are so thankful to all who helped make this day so successful. It is yet another way in which our truly generous parishioners and friends show how important it is to pass our Catholic faith on to the next generation.

**Thank you to everyone that donated clothes for our Clothing Swap and Drive!** Your generosity – and corporal work of mercy – has made a difference in a lot of lives! Thank you, also, to Nancy Zenner, who writes: “On behalf of the Williamson County Child Welfare Board, we would like to thank Holy Trinity Catholic Church and its parishioners for the donation of clothing and diapers from the recent clothes swap. These items are placed in the 3 Rainbow Rooms located in Georgetown, Round Rock and Taylor in Department of Family Protective Services offices. Caseworkers have access to these as well as other emergency supplies such as diapers, baby formula, personal hygiene items and toys. They are used for children that are removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect and literally come with just the clothes on their backs. We appreciate your generosity in sharing with our organization. Nancy Zenner, Board Member”

**Dear friends in Christ,**

We welcome all of our visitors who have come here today for our annual celebration of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. May these saints help you all to evangelize within your families and communities to the glory of God and to the salvation He offers us through His Son Jesus.

Thank you to Deacon Gene for his assistance with the blessing of the throats last week and for helping with the distribution of ashes on Wednesday. I am very glad he is always willing to help out.

This past week, we began the holy season of Lent. There are three aspects to the season of Lent and they are 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 all help to prepare the Christian to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Lent also 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 Easter with abundant joy. Please join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm for the Stations of the Cross.

As we live the Season of Lent, we may want to see how this holy season can strengthen our family life. Think of ways in which you can celebrate this season as a family...i.e., pray together at home as a family, attend Mass on the weekend and, when possible, during the week as a family, attend Stations of the Cross as a family, read the Bible together as a family, go to confession together as a family, and I am sure there are many things you can do as a family to make this season more meaningful to you. Every good Catholic will do everything possible to help them and their family to grow in faith and in their relationship with our Lord Jesus. Every good Catholic will try to attend Mass every weekend and will try to attend Stations of the Cross to help their family to grow in union with Christ and with His Catholic Church. Let us all support one another in faithfully living our faith.

In today's Gospel, we hear of how Jesus was in the desert for forty days spending time in prayer and fasting. Even though He was strong spiritually, since He is the Son of God, Jesus still needed to discipline his human body so that it would be strengthened against the temptations of the flesh. As we heard in the Gospel, Jesus was tempted by the devil and He resisted those temptations. These forty days of Lent are meant to help us be strengthened spiritually and physically so that we, too, can be prepared for everything that the devil might throw at us in ways of temptation. May we respond to Jesus' invitation and do all that He asks us to do so that we are prepared for all that awaits us in life.

May the Lord bless you all with a spiritually renewing Season of Lent.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář**