

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



Second Sunday of Lent

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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 20	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Feb 21	8:30 AM	†Ted & Gabriella Nemeč
Monday	Feb 22	7:00 AM	†Guadalupe Buentello
Tuesday	Feb 23	6:00 PM	†Bettie Boyd Havelka
Wednesday	Feb 24	7:00 AM	†Agnes F. Straka
Thursday	Feb 25	7:00 AM	†Msgr. Emilián Foltyn
Friday	Feb 26	6:00 PM	Edith Havelka Goertz (healing)
Saturday	Feb 27	7:30 AM	†Frankie Hyzak
Saturday	Feb 27	5:00 PM	Liv/Dec Mbrs of K.J.Z.T. #15 St. Agnes Society
Sunday	Feb 28	8:30 AM	Pro Populo



Mass Ministry Reminders

(Stations) Wed, February 24, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Caleb Stefek, Maria Bruce, Joseph Brousseau

Saturday, February 27, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

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

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Sunday, February 28, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie Danek, Jarrod Hodgson, Caleb Stefek

Lector: Henry Taylor

EM's of HC: Ray Nemeč, Johnny Martinka, Jerry David

Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek

EMHC Route: February 28: Ray Nemeč

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 14: First Sunday of Lent: \$4,245.61
and Catholic Higher Education: \$1,660.11

This Week At A Glance

Tuesday, February 23: --RCIA Class

Wednesday, February 24: --CCE Classes & Stations of the Cross

In Memoriam: The parish family extends prayers and deepest sympathies to the family of Annie Svehlak Vanek, whose funeral Mass was celebrated here last weekend. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Source of Mercy The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. How many pages of Sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent to help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father! *Mesericordiae Vultus, N. 17*

O Lord, here I am again, facing another season of Lent. I'm not sure I have made much progress in my spiritual life. I still struggle with negative thoughts and feelings about myself. I keep listening to that other voice in my mind that tells me "I am not good enough." I feel trapped inside, alone and afraid. Lord, during this season of Lent, help me to hear your voice, experience your tender love in my heart and feel good enough to share your mercy with others. Amen.

Scripture Study: **Psalm 51:1-17**

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 congratulate and welcome Laney Anne Benuck (infant daughter of Ben & Deanne Benuck) into the Catholic Church, and the parish family, through the Sacrament of Baptism.

The diocesan **Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign has begun!** Each family is encouraged to pick up an Ashes to Easter 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 Louis & Louise Straka.** Next week, it will be with the Tim & Gwyn Vrabel family.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Catholic Moral Teachings (cont'd).

CCE: Class this Wednesday, February 24, 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. (Our Wednesday Mass will be at 7:00 a.m. during Lent.)

Choir practice for the Easter Season will begin this Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. As always, new members are welcome.

The **Holy Year of Mercy Book Study** will begin this 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 the meeting and your \$10 book fee will be payable then).

All ladies are invited to a **Lenten Day of Reflection & Lunch** next Saturday, February 27, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's School Cafeteria in Taylor. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, Court #739, and the theme: "The Year of Mercy – God's Gift to Me. What does it mean for me and for the Church?" will be presented by Belinda Ozuna. RSVP by Friday, February 25, at 512-365-2175 or 512-426-7217. Donations of items for mom or baby will be appreciated for the benefit of the Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** next Sunday, February 28, in the RE Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Agenda items include St. Joseph's Altar and the Easter Egg Hunt. Members will also sit in the front pews of the church that morning to lead the Rosary before Mass.

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Easter season with Easter Lilies, in memory, or honor, of loved ones, you may do so by completing and returning an **Easter Flower Envelope** (located by the bulletins). Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, March 20, as the memorials will be in the Easter bulletin.

If you are a volunteer for any type of ministry or activity in this, or any other, parish (or parish school), then you must be certified in our diocesan Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM) course. You must also take a refresher course every three years after. If anyone is in need of an **EIM Workshop**, you may want to take advantage of the one that is being held at Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Granger on Monday, March 8, from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. To sign-up, visit the diocesan website, www.austindiocese.org, go to the Ethics & Integrity in Ministry page and follow the directions. There are also workshops being held at many other parishes in the diocese that might fit your schedule better, so take a look. You may contact the parish office for questions.

Dear friends in Christ,

May the God of mercy and love be with you all. Thank you to everyone who made the feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius last Sunday such a wonderful celebration. Thank you to the choir, the lectors, the cooks, those who made koláče and other sweets, Willie Vrabel for providing the entertainment, those who set up and took down all the tables and cleaned up, and anyone else who helped out in any way. A good time was had by all. From your generous donations at the meal, we collected \$2,347.00, which benefits the Czech Seminarian Fund. Pán Bůh zaplat'.

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. What have you done to make this Lent more meaningful to you? Did you attend Stations of the Cross this week? It is important that we reflect upon the suffering of Jesus if we are to really enter into this Lenten Season. The Season of Lent is meant to help us to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Resurrection of the Lord, 72 hours from Holy Thursday evening until the evening of Easter Sunday, equaling the time of three days. So many people tell me that they do not experience God's love in their life or the life of their family. When I ask them if they attend Mass every week, pray every day, read the Bible daily, pray the rosary daily, attend special devotions such as the Stations of the Cross, First Friday and First Saturday devotions, they say "no". Well, it does not surprise me then if you are not experiencing Jesus in your life. You are not giving Him the opportunity to be present in your life. We need to do our part in our relationship with Jesus. It is like a marriage relationship, both must give 100% of themselves to the relationship if it is going to be meaningful and if it is going to be what it is meant to be.

In this season of Lent, we try to grow in our faith and in our relationship with God and with one another. In today's Gospel, we hear about the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. Peter, James and John have a very unique experience with Jesus as they see Him transfigured before them. They also see and experience Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus. Our Lord wants us to have this same experience in our own lives of faith. Jesus wants us to experience His presence and His love in a very unique and personal way. All we have to do is to make ourselves available to Him so that this may happen. We make ourselves available by spending time in prayer with Him, by attending Mass, by going to confession, and by participating in various devotions such as the Stations of the Cross. If we do not do these things, if we do not accept His invitation and go to the mountain top with Him, then we will never experience what He has for us. Try to be faithful to your prayer life, to attending Mass every week, and, attending weekday Masses when possible, to making a good confession and by attending the Stations of the Cross. Spend time with our Lord, both alone and in unity with one another, and you will have a unique experience of His love for you. Come to the Stations of the Cross every week during this season of Lent and do all you can to help yourself to grow in the love and life of Jesus. God has given us so much and continues to give us all we need and more so that we may live a life of love and joy. Open yourself to what God is giving to you. Don't close the door in His face. May this season of Lent be all that it is meant to be for you and your family.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář