

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Diocese of Austin

## ✠ Fr. Stephen Nestrsta ✠

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**Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals:** Contact the Parish Office

**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

## Parish Contacts

**Cemetery Director:** Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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**Finance Council President:** Tommy Sladeczek 512-746-5881

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**Confraternity of Christian Mothers:** Lucille Nemecek 254-527-3615

**Men's Prayer Group:** Pete Zenner 512-863-4038

**K.J.T. Society #55:** John Danek 512-746-4168

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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, A.D. 2016



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Aug 6	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Aug 7	8:30 AM	†Agnes F. Straka
Tuesday	Aug 9	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wednesday	Aug 10	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday	Aug 11	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday	Aug 12	<b>7:00 AM</b>	†Frank & Anastasia Knapek, Sr
Saturday	Aug 13	7:30 AM	†Daniel Bertsch
Saturday	Aug 13	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Aug 14	8:30 AM	Liv/Dec Members of Catholic Life Insurance #50

## Mass Ministry Reminders

### **Saturday, August 13, 5:00 PM:**

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Janine Nemecek

EM's of HC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Janine Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

### **Sunday, August 14, 8:30 AM:**

Altar Servers: Jamie Danek, William & Joseph Brousseau

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EM's of HC: John & Cynthia Edgard, Ray Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

## Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate for Altar Flowers, in memory or honor of loved ones, please complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (located by bulletins or from website). Thank you.

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 7:	--Hospitality Sunday and Bazaar Meeting
Monday, August 8:	--Men's Prayer Group
Sat/Sun, Aug 13/14:	--'Back to School' CEF Enrollments

**EMHC to Shut-Ins: August 14:** John Edgard

### Last Week's Collection(s)

July 31: Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time: \$3,702.00

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection for Jarrell Food Pantry: \$1,089.00

**Stewardship: Sharing with others what God has given us.**

### Parish Prayer Campaign for Church Vocations

is open to all parishioners. To sign-up, contact the parish office.

**August 7 – 13: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč**

August 14-20: Parish Staff

All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us today (Sunday, August 7) for **Hospitality Sunday** in the PAC Bldg, immediately after our 8:30 a.m. Mass. The visiting Czech Deacons will be present if anyone would like to visit with them. Thank you to the K.J.T. #55 for the breakfast treats!

All Bazaar Committee Members and Function Leaders are encouraged to attend our upcoming **Bazaar Meeting** on Sunday, August 7, in the PAC Bldg after Hospitality Sunday.

The **Men's Prayer Group** will meet this Monday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For information, contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

A '**Back to School**' CEF Enrollment drive will be held after Masses the weekends of August 13/14 and 20/21, for those wishing to enroll their children, grandchildren, godchildren, etc, or even teachers, as they begin another hectic school year! Of course, enrollments for other occasions can also be made at this time. The usual offering is \$2 per person, per card, and the donations benefit the education of our diocesan seminarians.

**Back-to-School Clothing Swap!** Don't forget to bring your child(ren)'s / grandchild(ren)'s outgrown, gently used clothing and shoes to the RE Bldg, during the month of August. As clothes come in, you will have the opportunity to look through them and hopefully find the size that your child now needs and you can come in to check for more clothes again and again (during office hours or on the weekends after Mass). Contact Lucille D'Elia or the parish office for more information or questions.

Our new **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group** will have their first meeting on **Thursday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.** Everyone is invited to be a part of this group, which will consist of pro-life prayer and adoration time, as well as information and education on pro-life issues. It is our duty, as Christians, to promote life, from conception to natural end, and it all begins with prayer and education. For information or questions, contact the parish office, or our Pro-Life Coordinator, Chris Garlasco (860-689-3021, or cgarlasco@hotmail.com).

**CCE: Parents** – Classes for the 2016/17 school year will begin on **Wednesday, September 7.** We still have several students who are not registered, so **please pre-register as soon as possible** – Pre-K (age 4) and up. **We also need more volunteers for different areas of the Program (classroom help, event coordinators/helpers, etc.).** For all, contact the Director, Lucille D'Elia, at 512-318-5149 or htcdre@yahoo.com.

**RCIA Classes to Begin - Tuesday, September 13** - RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults -- a process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. It is a community journey that leads to a transformation of mind and spirit. The RCIA is mainly for non-Catholics who want to become Catholic, but adult Catholics who have not received all of the Sacraments (Communion, Confession, Confirmation) may also come into full communion with the Church through the RCIA process. Also, anyone who is already Catholic and would like to learn more about their faith are welcome to attend the classes, which will be held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg, beginning on Tuesday, September 13. Please call the parish office to register for the classes. If you would like to become Catholic or are Catholic and need to receive First Communion, Confession, and/or Confirmation, you will need to schedule an appointment with Fr. Stephen to register for the classes.

### Bazaar Information:

**If you haven't already done so, please stop by one of the 'Raffle Ticket Tables' after Mass to pick up your Bazaar packet,** which includes two books of raffle tickets for each parish family. Buy them for yourself or sell them to someone else. We would very much appreciate your efforts in selling tickets to your family members, coworkers, friends and neighbors! **Additional tickets will be available at all of our weekend Masses, or at the parish office, if you need more. Sell, sell, sell !! ☺**

**All donations for the Bazaar are now being accepted and, for your convenience, the PAC Bldg will be open after our weekend Masses for drop-off.** You may also bring items to the parish office during regular business hours. Any questions about items needed, etc, can be answered at the parish office as well.

#### Here's a quick overview of what we need to make our event successful:

- † New items (valued at \$5 or more) for Bingo, Silent Auction, and Toy Walk
- † New items for Live Auction – please contact Jacqueline Danek for all Live Auction questions or information (512-423-2598)
- † 2 Liter Sodas (any brand or flavor) for Ring Toss (need at least 100)
- † Monetary Donations to help offset the cost of groceries and supplies (envelopes are located by the bulletins)
- † WORKERS – the Bazaar is a fun day, but a full day, and we need everyone to pitch in and do what they can, where they can. Please refer to the Function Leader list in your Raffle Packet (also located on the church bulletin board) and contact the Leaders to volunteer your time and talents. There are jobs of all types ... indoor / outdoor, light duty, heavy duty ... something for everyone. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office.

**Thank you, in advance, for all of your help and support of our annual fundraiser! God bless!**

### Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Here we are in the month of August. People are wrapping up their vacations, children are getting ready to return to school. Let us pray for all parents, children, and teachers. May they all respond to God's calling to be faithful witnesses of His love to one another.

We have an important Holy Day coming up soon. Monday, August 15, is the Holy Day of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be held at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend Mass as we celebrate Mary's entrance into Heaven.

In today's second reading, we hear about the faith of the ancients. Chapter 11 of Hebrews speaks about the faith of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and many more. Hebrews says that "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen". Even though none of those mentioned here ever saw the promised Messiah, they had hope that eventually God's promise to His people would be fulfilled. Their faith was based on what they had personally experienced of God's presence in their lives. They knew that what they hoped for and what they could not see would one day become a reality. They allowed themselves to be led by God even though they did not know where He was taking them, as we heard about Abraham in this reading today. They were always prepared for the realization of the Kingdom of God.

This is what Jesus asks of us in today's Gospel as He says, "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come". We live our lives in faith with the hope that is certain of the realization of the Second Coming of Jesus into the world and of our ultimate resurrection with Him. In faith, we believe that Jesus comes to us every day in the Eucharist that we receive in Holy Communion. In faith, we believe He walks with us in our daily lives. And, in faith, we believe that He *will* come again. In the same way He ascended into Heaven, He will descend once again upon the earth. Are you prepared for this? Do you live your life each day with this hope? Let us pray, every day, for an increase in faith so that we will be prepared to meet our Lord when He comes again and when we receive Him in Holy Communion.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

### 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 & dead



### Jubilee Year of Mercy

By the grace of God's abundant mercy,  
we are freed from our sins through the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation!  
His MERCY endures forever!  
His LOVE is everlasting!



### 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

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.*

*Matthew 25:35-36*

**Seeing Brokenness** ... Confronted with the immensity of the world's suffering, and our powerlessness to protect one another from sorrow and death, many times we simply turn our faces. One of the great weaknesses of our culture is our readiness to deny the reality of human suffering, except for those times when it touches our own lives in a way we can't avoid.

There is a pervasive tendency to escape by numbing ourselves with TV or alcohol. We quickly turn to buying things, to being extremely busy, or to mouthing religious clichés, all rather than to see. But do this at peril to our souls. Though we might be tempted to turn our heads away, unless we are willing to see the great suffering of the world, there is something of the beauty of God's face that we will never see.

Shortly before I was ordained a priest, my classmates and I were challenged by our retreat master to spend time with those who wear their brokenness on the outside: persons with disabilities, the hungry, the grieving, the imprisoned and all those who are so often quickly dismissed. He told us that – in doing so – we would see the truth of our own brokenness and our deep solidarity with all those who suffer. He also told us that there we would meet the God who comes in powerlessness. He told us that, if we did not meet God there, we might never meet God. I think he was right.

*No One Cries the Wrong Way*

**Merciful God, open my eyes to see my sisters and brothers who suffer. Open my eyes to see what you see. Amen.**