

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Reconciliation: Sat: 4:00–4:45 pm; Sun: 7:45–8:15 am; Wed: 5:45-6:15 pm

Parish Contacts

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

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, A.D. 2016



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Sept 3	5:00 PM	†Johnnie Paul Schacherl, Jr.
Sunday	Sept 4	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Sept 6	6:00 PM	†Msgr. Emilián Foltyn
Wednesday	Sept 7	6:30 PM	†Tommie Rose Martine
Thursday	Sept 8	7:00 AM	†Emil Sherek
Friday	Sept 9	6:00 PM	†Agnes F. Straka
Saturday	Sept 10	7:30 AM	†Frank & Marcella Viktorin
Saturday	Sept 10	5:00 PM	†Victor Palousek, Jr.
Sunday	Sept 11	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Nathan Klepac, William Fonville, Carter Marquis

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EMHC: Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Sixth Grade

Saturday, September 10, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Janine Nemecek

EMHC: Irene Cavanaugh, Leo Bringman, Fred Mullenbach

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Bernice Hernandez

Sunday, September 11, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie Danek, William & Joseph Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Ray Nemecek, Lucille Nemecek, Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, September 11: Ray Nemecek

Altar Flowers

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

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 4:	--Hospitality Sunday --Bazaar Meeting --Year of Mercy Holy Hour
Monday, September 5:	--Senior Citizens' Supper --NO Men's Prayer Group
Wednesday, September 7:	--CCE Classes Begin
Thursday, September 8:	--Rosary and Anointing of the Sick

Thank you to all who enrolled their loved ones in the CEF Back-to-School Drive. A total of \$403 was donated and forwarded to the Diocese of Austin to help with the education of our seminarians.

Last Week's Collection(s)

August 28: Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time: \$3,985.00

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.

September 4 – 10: Louis & Louise Straka

September 11 – 17: Tim & Gwyn Vrabel family

Thank you to all who donated clothing for the Back-to-School Swap and we hope you found something you could use as well! All of the leftover clothing is now being donated to the Williamson County Child Welfare Board.

We would also like to give a big thanks to Catholic Life Insurance #50, K.J.T. #55, K.J.Z.T. #15 and all others who came out last week(end) to give our Playscape a much needed facelift and repairs. It is now a safer place for our children to have fun – with a new paint job, too!

All parishioners and visitors are invited to our **Hospitality Sunday** today (Sunday, September 4) in the PAC Bldg, immediately after our 8:30 a.m. Mass. Thank you to the CYM Group for preparing the breakfast treats.

All Bazaar Committee members and Function Leaders are encouraged to attend our **final Bazaar Planning Meeting** today (Sunday, September 4) in the PAC Bldg after Hospitality Sunday.

Join us today (Sunday, September 4) for our monthly **Year of Mercy Holy Hour** with the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church at 3:00 p.m.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, September 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Thanks to the Moravian Club for preparing the meal.

The **Men's Prayer Group** will **NOT** meet this Monday. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Contact Pete Zenner for information (512-863-4038).

CCE: Classes begin this Wednesday, September 7, from 6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.! Children should be in their classrooms at 6:15 p.m. They will all then go as class groups to the church for Mass and then back to the RE Bldg for the remainder of class. Parents are more than welcome to attend Mass as well, but all children must sit with their class. For more information, contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

This week, we celebrate the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on Thursday, September 8. Join us on this day at 11:30 a.m. in the church to **pray the Rosary and for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.**

RCIA Classes to Begin next Tuesday, September 13 - RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults -- a process for welcoming new members into the Roman Catholic Church. 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 process. Also, anyone who would like to learn more about their faith are welcome to attend. Classes 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. 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.

Thank you to those who attended our first **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group** meeting this past week. We had a great turn-out and invite everyone to join us each month to further educate ourselves of, and pray for, pro-life issues. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For information or questions, contact the parish office, or our Pro-Life Coordinator, Chris Garlaso (860-689-3021, or cgarlasco@hotmail.com).

Festivals/Events at Surrounding Parishes:

- **Annual Parish Bazaar – SSCM Church in Granger:** Sunday, September 4, at Parish Hall. Mass at 10:00 a.m. in their newly restored church. BBQ & Fried Chicken Dinner at 11:00 a.m. Stay all day for games, live auction and dance.
- **Annual Labor Day Fest – St. John Church in Fayetteville:** Sunday, September 4. Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m.; BBQ Beef, Pork & Sausage Dinner at 11:00 a.m. Plates \$10/adult and \$5/children. Auctions, games, music & dance to music by the Lost Cause Band.
- **Annual Fall Festival – St. Mary Church in Taylor:** Sunday, September 11, at the KC Hall (2201 E 4th St, Taylor), 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – includes BBQ meal, live auction, gun raffle, games, music by Ed Kopecky & Fun Time Czech Band and Sterling Country Band.
- **Annual Homecoming Picnic – SSCM Church in Marak:** Sunday, September 11. Mass at 10:15 a.m.; Fried Chicken & Sausage dinner at 11:00 a.m. / \$10 a plate; games, live auction, polka music by Praha Brothers. (7 miles NW of Cameron, on FM 2269).

MASS INTENTIONS It is such a comfort and a blessing to know that our loved ones are being prayed for after they have passed from this life and we, as Catholics, find solace in offering Mass Intentions for this purpose. We are very happy to receive everyone's Mass Intention Requests, but wanted you all to be aware of the scheduling status. Currently, all weekend Masses (Saturday's 5 pm and Sunday's 8:30 am) are filled for the remainder of 2016 and our weekday Masses are almost full as well. Please always keep in mind that the weekend Masses fill up quite quickly each year, especially with the fact that there is really only one weekend Mass available since we must offer one of them as Pro Populo (or 'for the parish family'). I do already have my 2017 calendar and will very soon have my 2018 calendar, so if you have specific dates you want to request (i.e. birthdays, wedding or death anniversaries, etc.), please contact me or send them in as early as possible. I will try to work with you on scheduling, but it is, in general, done on a first come, first serve basis. If you are asking for a specific date, please remember to give me your phone number so that I can contact you if needed. Mass Intention envelopes are located on the bulletin tables and you may contact the parish office for more information, etc. Thank you, Jennifer

Bazaar Information:

Our Bazaar is only two weeks away now! Our Committee and Function Leaders have been working hard to organize all of the details and you – our parishioners and parish friends – have been giving so generously of your treasure to help make our event grand! THANK YOU!!

For those still wanting to donate needed items, the PAC Bldg will be open after our weekend Masses for drop-off. You may also bring items to the parish office during business hours. Questions about the Bazaar can be answered at the parish office as well.

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 (valued at \$25 or more) for Live Auction – please contact Jacqueline Danek for Live Auction questions (512-423-2598)
- † 2 Liter Sodas (any brand or flavor) for Ring Toss † Cakes for the Cake Walk (please bring to PAC morning of the Bazaar)
- † Monetary Donations to help offset the cost of groceries and supplies (envelopes are located by the bulletins)
- † **WORKERS*** We still have need for a few more workers. A list of these areas and shifts is located at the Raffle Table - - - so please stop by after the weekend Mass to see where you can sign-up to work! You can also call the parish office.**

*****Please remember to contact Billy Beyer (254-541-5992 or beyer48billy@yahoo.com) to let him know if you are coming to help with SET-UP on Friday, September 16, 5 pm – 9 pm.** He will be grilling hamburgers for the workers and a head-count would help for preparation!

ATTN: Kolache Bakers: Containers for kolaches are in the church foyer. Each package has 10 containers to hold 1/2 dozen each. If you have not been contacted and are baking kolaches, please call Dorothy Klepac (512-746-2902) or Barbara Danek (512-746-2015).

Dear friends in Christ,

This weekend, we celebrate Labor Day. We give thanks to God for the gifts and talents that each of us has and for the work we have been given to do. We may want to ask ourselves whether the work we are doing is what God wants us to do, or, are we just doing it for ourselves. All of us are talented in different ways and we are asked to use those talents for the building of the Kingdom of God. May we build the Kingdom of God in our places of work, in our homes, and wherever we may be.

This week, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, September 8. Let us celebrate Mary's birthday by coming to Mass Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. You may even want to bake a birthday cake at home and celebrate with your family. This would be a good day to pray the rosary together as a family also. Happy Birthday Mary!

Our Parish Bazaar is just two weeks away. If you have not signed up to work please do so by signing up on the list at the entrance of the church for the area in which you would like to work. Everyone is needed to help lighten the load so that all will be a success.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of our need to prioritize the things of our life if we are truly to be His followers. He also says that if we are His disciples, then we must do what He asks of us. He says, *"Anyone who does not take up his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple...[N]one of you can be my disciple if he does not renounce all his possessions."* Thomas More was a man who was able to take up his cross and follow Jesus. When King Henry of England asked Thomas More to sign a paper stating that he acknowledged the King to be the head of the Church of England, he refused because he knew that if he signed the paper, then he would be betraying the true Church, the Catholic Church, and he would be betraying Jesus Christ as well. Thomas More took up his cross and refused to sign the paper, fully aware that such a refusal would cost him his life. Because of his refusal to sign, Thomas More was beheaded. Because of this heroic act Thomas became *Saint* Thomas More. He had given his total self to Jesus Christ, not holding anything back.

Most of us are not asked to go as far as dying for Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus is telling us that we need to plan ahead before we commit ourselves to being His follower, just as a tower builder must plan ahead before he builds his tower and just like a king who must plan and be prepared for anything which lies ahead in preparing for battle. These two short parables explain that one should weigh well the consequences of discipleship before setting forth as a follower of Jesus. One should not embrace a life of such inevitable sacrifice without the will to see it through to completion. Once the hand is set to the plow, there is no turning back. Being a disciple of Christ is costly and cannot be adapted to easily. If we are living too comfortably with our faith and do not feel like we are being challenged, then we are not living out a life of true discipleship. Many Christian lives remain undisturbed and never have to make any sacrifice. Their attitudes towards worldly goods differ little from those people of no religious persuasion. However, ours is not a comfortable religion, tailor made for Sunday morning consumption. To take it seriously is to walk the rocky road, to take up your cross daily and follow Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus costs us our heart because we give it completely to Him and in return He gives His very self, His total love, to each of us. May we have the courage to walk with Him.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář



Jubilee Year of Mercy

With a Grateful Heart ... Did you ever notice how some people are more thankful than others? Why? Is it because they are more blessed? Not at all. Jesus once told a story of ten lepers who were healed, but only one returned to give thanks. Did they not all have equal reason to be thankful? Why did only one return?

The truth is, the more we look for stuff to complain about, the more we'll find it. Because it's there. The more we look for stuff to be grateful for, the more we'll see it. Because it's there.

Studies indicate a growing consensus among scientists that only 10% of our happiness depends on our circumstances. A certain percentage is based on in-born temperament, but most of it has to do with ATTITUDE!

Our lives are imperfect --- this world is imperfect --- and sometimes we face great pain. I never want to suggest we don't grieve. But 'being grateful' is not about having everything just the way we want it to be. It is choosing to see the good in the midst of the bad. Next time you are hurting or feeling disappointed, don't forget to remember how blessed and loved you really are ... and look upon your life with a grateful heart.



Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 23, 2016
7 PM - Religious Education Building

Meeting began with Opening Prayer followed by Scripture Reading (Isaiah 40:28-31)

Members Present: Helen Havelka, Cynthia Edgar, Bill Montreuil, Pinto Nemecek, Marla Tonn, Charles Marquis and Bill Beyer.

Members Absent: Ken Loudermilk and Jerry David

Guests: 3

Ex- Officio members present: Lucille D'Elia and Tommy Sladacek

Old Business

1. Pastoral Plan – A welcoming committee has been organized and, as a way to make people feel more welcome when joining the parish, newly registered families will receive a customized 'welcome basket', which will be given to them by a committee member.
2. Road Signs - Tabled until further notice.
3. Year of Mercy – Even though the Year of Mercy is soon to come to an end (on November 20), we continue to host many individual and group pilgrimages. Holy Trinity Parish will also have a group pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Church in Waco for prayers and (Spanish) Mass at on Sunday, October 30, 2016. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin and a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in attending will be located in the foyer of the church. There was also discussion about Holy Trinity hosting a reception on November 20 – after our final Holy Hour - to close out our participation as a pilgrimage site. Please keep an eye out for announcements in the bulletin.
4. Playscape - Tommy Sladacek stated that there are workdays scheduled for repairs and repainting on Thursday, August 25 and Saturday, August 27.
5. Insulation in Church - The insulation of the entire attic will be completed within the month. The contracted cost (approved by the Finance Council) will be approximately \$9000.
6. Dumpster Pad - Ongoing discussion as to whether a concrete pad for the dumpster at the PAC is the best course of action. Wolfe Construction will place a bid for the pad.
7. Road Paving - Johnny Martinka reported that paving of the road along the north boundary of the PAC property will be completed before the Bazaar. The road will extend along the western edge of our property and pass on eastern side of the religious education building and then connect with the church parking lot (see photo). The road will be constructed of asphalt over road base. The cost to the parish will be \$59,000.
8. Bazaar - This year's annual fundraiser will be held on September 18. Charles Marquis reported that all planning is complete.



New Business

1. Altar Linens - Barbara Simek, who has laundered the Altar Linens (and intermittently cleaned the rectory) for 46 years, is retiring from these positions (though will continue to clean our RE Bldg). Monica Simek Snook will graciously take over the cleaning of the altar linens and the rectory. Many thanks to Barbara for all her years of service to our parish.
2. Marla Tonn stated that there are now cushions in the front pews of the church for those in need of a softer spot to sit. We thank Weber's Upholstery for providing the custom work on the cushions.
3. Parish Council Selections in October - Jerry David, Helen Havelka, and Bill Montreuil have served 3 years on the Parish Council. Watch the bulletin for the Selection details.
4. RCIA begins Tuesday, September 13, 2016.
5. The Parish Mission will be held Sunday, October 23 – Thursday, October 27. Information will be in the bulletin soon. Each night will begin at 6:30 p.m.. A light supper will be provided Monday – Thursday evenings prior to the Mission by various parish organizations.

Ministry/Committee Reports

1. Social Ministry - Lucille D'Elia reported that the 5th Sunday Second Collection in July totaled to \$1038.00, and was forwarded to the Jarrell Food Pantry, who expressed much gratitude for Holy Trinity's continued financial support of this project.
2. Back to School Clothing Swap - The clothing swap ends August 31 and the left over clothing will be donated to Williamson County Child Welfare.
3. CCE Program - There are currently 66 students registered for the 2016-2017 school year. Most classes now have at least 9 students. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 7. We have teachers for all classes, but need more subs and classroom volunteers.

Cemetery

Johnny Martinka reported that the structure of the fence is complete on the north and east sides of the cemetery and all other work is soon to be completed. The water lines were expanded in the cemetery so there are now more spigots. There was also discussion as to whether we need to paint the fence or leave it as is. A cemetery workday is needed.

Finance Committee

Tommy Sladacek stated that the Parish Financial statement was complete.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m., RE Bldg