

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Sat: 4:00–4:45 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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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, A.D. 2016



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

|           |         |          |                                   |
|-----------|---------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday  | Sept 17 | 5:00 PM  | †Johnnie Simek                    |
| Sunday    | Sept 18 | 8:30 AM  | Pro Populo                        |
| Sunday    | Sept 18 | 10:30 AM | †Bill & Margie (Sladeczek) Stefek |
| Monday    | Sept 19 | 7:00 AM  | Dolores Sykora & family           |
| Tuesday   | Sept 20 | 6:00 PM  | For Life                          |
| Wednesday | Sept 21 | 6:30 PM  | †Leslie K. Shaw                   |
| Thursday  | Sept 22 | 7:00 AM  | †Virginia McMaster                |
| Friday    | Sept 23 | 6:00 PM  | Virgil Tonn (healing)             |
| Saturday  | Sept 24 | 7:30 AM  | †Bill and Joanie Schwertner       |
| Saturday  | Sept 24 | 5:00 PM  | Pro Populo                        |
| Sunday    | Sept 25 | 8:30 AM  | †Frank & Anastasia Knappek        |

## Mass Ministry Reminders

### Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: John Bruce, Jarrod H, Lucas B

Lector: Janine Nemecek

EMHC: Lucille Nemecek

Gift Bearers: Confirmation 2

### Saturday, September 24, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Jakob Voigt

Lector: Janine Nemecek

EMHC: Fred Mullenbach, Keith Youngpeter, Patsy Hightower

Gift Bearers: John & Mary Ann Valenta

### Sunday, September 25, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, William Fonville, Abby Hodgson

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: James Nemecek, Pete & Nancy Zenner

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemecek

EM to Shut-ins: Sun, Sept 25: James Nemecek

## Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are for all living and deceased members of our Holy Trinity Parish Family.

## This Week at a Glance

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Sat/Sun, September 17/18: | --Special Collection |
| Sunday, September 18:     | --Parish Bazaar      |
| Monday, September 19:     | --Men's Prayer Group |
| Tuesday, September 20:    | --RCIA Class         |
| Wednesday, September 21:  | --CCE Classes        |

## In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Oma Fonville** (mother to Brandon Fonville of our parish family) who passed away last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

### Last Week's Collection(s)

September 11: Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time: \$3,914.25

**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 18 – 24: Mark & Debbie Klaus**

Sept 25 – Oct 1: Louise Havelka

**Special Collection this weekend (September 17/18) at all Masses:** The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) has asked that all dioceses take up an emergency collection to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged with nearly 20,000 people being rescued and displaced. Please be generous.

**All are invited to join us today for our Annual Parish Bazaar!** Delicious BBQ & Fried Chicken dinner from 11:00 – 1:00. Adults \$10 / Children \$5. To-go plates available at the drive-thru. Afternoon full of family fun: live music during meal, children's games, silent & live auctions, raffle drawing.

The **Men's Prayer Group** will meet this Monday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Contact Pete Zenner for information (512-863-4038).

**RCIA** - Class this Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Catholics & the Bible.

**CCE:** Class this Wednesday, September 21, 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 encouraged to attend Mass as well, but all children must sit with their class. For more information, contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149 or htdcre@yahoo.com).

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet on Sunday, September 25, in the RE Bldg immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to join them. Members will also sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass.

The **Year of Mercy Book Study Group** will meet on Wednesday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the **PAC Bldg.**

We invite all parishioners to join our **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group** as we 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).

**Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming Parish Mission** to be held Sunday, October 23 thru Thursday, October 27. Each evening will consist of Confessions (5:30 – 6:15 pm), Mission hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (6:30 – 7:30 pm), Confessions (7:45 'til), and Holy Mass will be celebrated on the final evening. Please watch the bulletin for more specific details and information.

**Join us for a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage** to Sacred Heart Parish in Waco on Sunday, October 30. We would like for everyone to meet here at 9:30 a.m. that morning and need to arrive there at 11:00 a.m. We will say our prayers as a group and then attend their 12:00 noon Mass. We will then enjoy a lunch of authentic Mexican food, prepared by the Sacred Heart parishioners (only cost is \$8 for each person attending for their meal). If you would like to attend, please sign-up on the sheet located in the foyer of the church by Friday, October 21, as we will need to give them a head count for the meal. Please contact the parish office for questions or more information.

### Surrounding Area Festivals & Events:

- **71<sup>st</sup> Annual Cyclone Picnic – St. Joseph's in Cyclone:** Sunday, September 25. Sausage & Fried Chicken meal served at 10:30 a.m. 'til. Live music, games, Live Auction, fun for whole family!
- **39<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ Dinner – Schwertner Community Center:** Sunday, October 2 (corner of FM 1105 & FM 487). BBQ meal with trimmings – serving at 11:30 a.m. - \$10/plate – eat in or take out. Raffle drawing.
- **Jamaica 2016 – Our Lady of Guadalupe in Taylor:** October 8 & 9 – at Murphy's Park in Taylor. Traditional food and music, games and more. For all information, visit [www.nsdguadalupe.org](http://www.nsdguadalupe.org).
- **110<sup>th</sup> Annual Westphalia Picnic – Church of the Visitation, Westphalia:** Sunday, October 9. Fried Chicken & Sausage dinner served 11 am – 6 pm; \$9/plate. Live music, live auction, games for the family.
- **Fall Festival – St. Stephen's in Salado:** Sunday, October 16: BBQ dinner, raffle, live auction, games, music, classic car show and more.

**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 & 2018 calendars, 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

### Religious Articles Cabinet (in foyer of church)

is full of many wonderful items, for all occasions, which are available for purchase. You may contact the parish office, Louise Straka (512-746-5322) or Janine Nemeč (512-863-6892), to purchase an item in the cabinet, or to have item(s) ordered for you.

### Clerical Endowment Fund – Spiritual Bouquets

make appropriate gifts for any occasion (birthday, anniversary, death, graduations, sacraments, etc). You can contact our parish CEF chairperson, Janine Nemeč (512-863-6892), for enrollments any time. Donations given benefit the education of our diocesan seminarians.

### Dear friends in Christ,

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. I would like to welcome all of our visitors with us today who are here to attend our parish bazaar. I hope all of you have a most blessed and enjoyable day. Thank you for coming to Holy Trinity Parish. We appreciate your presence here and your support.

This Wednesday, September 21, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew, one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. Mass will be at the usual time of 6:30 pm. I encourage everyone who is able to attend as we honor St. Matthew for his faithfulness to Jesus and to His Church.

In today's gospel, we read about a steward who was in charge of collecting what the debtors owed his master. This steward was also in charge of his master's property. The steward has squandered some of the property and when his master found out about it, he master decided to terminate the steward's employment. The steward acts wisely by making himself and his master look good by lowering the amount that the debtors owed his master. He was actually just probably lowering the bills by the amount of commission that he himself would have received. The master commends the steward for acting in a prudent way--in making sure he would be liked and probably hired by one of the debtors. Jesus is telling us that we should be equally wise in planning for our future, not in an earthly sense, but in a spiritual sense, preparing ourselves for eternal life.

How well are you preparing for eternal life? Is what you are doing now leading you to heaven or to hell? Are you good stewards of your time by giving part of your time to God each day? Do you spend some time praying every day? Do you go to Mass every weekend? Do you go to confession regularly, at least four times a year? Do you do acts of charity for your Church and for others? Do you read the Bible daily? Being good stewards means being able to say "yes" to these questions. If your answer is "no" to one of these questions, then you are not being the steward God wants you to be. May we all be the best of stewards in our life with God so that we will be with Him now and for all eternity.

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

*But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.*

*Luke 15:32*

**Welcome Home** ... Some years ago, I heard a story told in Spain of a father and his teenage son who had a relationship that had become strained. The son ran away from home and his father began a journey in search of his rebellious son. Finally, in Madrid, in a last desperate effort to find him, the father put an ad in the newspaper. The ad read: "Dear Paco, meet me in front of the newspaper office at noon. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father." The next day at noon, in front of the newspaper, more than a dozen "Pacos" showed up. They were all seeking forgiveness and love from their fathers.

How deep the yearning is in the human heart to experience forgiveness. Yet, it is so hard for many of us to accept forgiveness for the free gift that it is. We feel like we have to earn it, to say we are sorry again and again. Some of us grew up in an environment where that is how we were made to feel – that love was conditional. We were made to grovel and to hope that love would return.

Not so with God. God forgives us. Jesus tells us that God is the one out seeking after the lost sheep, the woman searching for the lost coin, the father waiting for his prodigal son.

It is often hard to accept forgiveness. Yet we need to work at doing so because it is what God would have us do. God wants us to accept forgiveness and find the joy and freedom that comes from that.

*excerpt from What I Heard In the Confessional*

***Merciful God --- you love me.  
Even when I can't love myself --- you love me! Amen.***

## Within Our Diocese ...

**Catholic Social Teaching Corner – September 17/18, 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** The key to the readings this Sunday is the final line of the Gospel. “You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Again this week, Jesus asks us about where our heart, our energy and our devotion lie. Are we committed to God, or to the things of this world? Are we aware of the needs of the poor, or do we trample them with our inattention? The Lord urges us to be wise and clever so we can serve him by serving those in need.

**Save the date: World Missions Sunday Mass and Dinner:** This year marks the 90th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. To celebrate, the Mission Office of the Diocese of Austin and St. Mary Cathedral Parish in Austin will host a Mass and dinner on Oct. 22. Everyone is invited to gather at the Lord’s table in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world to celebrate our common vocation as missionaries. The evening will begin with the sacrament of reconciliation at 4 p.m., the World Mission rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m., and Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. The evening will conclude with a complimentary dinner and presentations by Brother of St. John, Fr. Jesus Rodriguez and Paulist Father, Fr. Bruce Nieli. Seating is limited for the dinner, so reserve a spot today at <http://www.austindiocese.org/missionsunday> or contact Christina Krueger at (512) 949-2407 or [christina-krueger@austindiocese.org](mailto:christina-krueger@austindiocese.org).

**Couples invited to Marriage Encounter:** Married couples are invited to strengthen, renew and rekindle their marriage sacrament by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: Sept. 23-25 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock or Nov. 11-13 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. For more information, visit [www.austinme.org](http://www.austinme.org) or contact Steve and Linda Jaramillo at (512) 667-9963 or [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com).

**Weekend for struggling couples:** Are you and your spouse struggling with communication? Are things just not what they used to be in your marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for couples undergoing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information, or how to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 23-25, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

**EIM Workshops and compliance** - On Aug. 1, 2016, the Diocese of Austin launched a new education program for our EIM workshop, which replaced the Basic/Refresher workshop format. It is important for all persons that are required to be EIM compliant to participate in this new program and receive this updated information. All clergy, religious, seminarians, employees and all volunteers serving in ministry to minors or the vulnerable, will attend this new EIM Workshop whenever they are due for a workshop. To find the schedule and Sign Up for a Workshop, visit the diocesan EIM webpage. Please contact the parish office if you need assistance with EIM compliance matters. If you are a victim of sexual abuse and have concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at (512) 949-2447 to discuss an alternative workshop arrangement.

**How to report an incident of concern** - The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. If you are aware of sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult, state law requires you to report that information to local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or [www.dfps.state.tx.us](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us). Additionally, if the suspected abuse is by clergy or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency, a Notice of Concern should be submitted to the diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Office at (512) 949-2400. The Notice of Concern can be found at [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org) (click on REPORT ABUSE OR AN EIM CONCERN). Reports may be made anonymously.



Diocese of Austin Retreat Center  
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### Upcoming Retreats & Events

Visit their website or contact them for specific event details.

#### **"Mary, Queen of Heaven, Queen of Mercy!"**

Presented on Oct 3 from 9 am - 2:30 pm. The month of October is dedicated to the love of Our Blessed Mother. Father Uche Obikwelu, one of our diocesan priests, recently wrote a book titled, "Mary, the Mediatrix of God's Grace." He will share insights from his book during his talks and at Mass.

#### **"Eleven Essential Elements to Living Well!"**

Presented on Oct 18 from 9 am – 2:30 pm, by Dr. Patsy Sulak, M.D., author of "Should I Fire My Doctor," offers reflection on how we can maximize our physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Dr. Sulak is a physician at Scott and White Hospital and has traveled all over the country giving talks on women's health. She is the founder of Living WELL Aware, an organization which promotes healthy lifestyles.

*Catholic Charities is dedicated to helping people of all ages, faiths, ethnic backgrounds and economic circumstances and works to address the needs of residents in Central Texas. People of faith serving anyone in need by strengthening families and promoting respect for human dignity and life.*

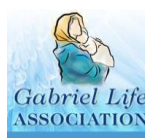


**September is National Preparedness Month for natural disasters. Are you and your family prepared? To learn more about how Catholic Charities Disaster Response team supports those in our communities who are impacted by disaster, both in the immediate aftermath and the long-term recovery process, visit [www.ccctx.org/disaster](http://www.ccctx.org/disaster).**



**The Office of Pro-Life Activities of the Diocese of Austin** seeks to bring the Gospel of life and love "to the heart of every man and woman and to make it penetrate every part of society".

Info on these Pro-Life Programs and more - visit the diocesan website, [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org).



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