

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, A.D. 2016

Merry Christmas!

Mass Schedule & Intentions

The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday	Dec 24	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
		Midnight	Pro Populo (incense)
Sunday	Dec 25	8:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)
Tuesday	Dec 27	6:00 PM	†Theofil Zurovetz
Wednesday	Dec 28	6:30 PM	†Tommie Rose Martine
Thursday	Dec 29	7:00 AM	†Eileen Freely
Friday	Dec 30	6:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (healing)
Saturday	Dec 31	7:30 AM	†George Nestrsta

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Saturday	Dec 31	5:00 PM	Bernadette Schwertner (90 th Birthday)
		11:30 PM	For All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Jan 1	8:30 AM	Pro Populo (incense)

Mass Ministry Reminders

Saturday, December 31, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

Head Usher: Fred Mullenbach

Saturday, December 31, 11:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Carter Marquis

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EMHC: **(VOLUNTEER NEEDED)**

Gift Bearers: (volunteers/ushers)

Head Usher: (JK)

Sunday, January 1, 8:30 AM: (incense)

Altar Servers: John & Jenna Danek, William Fonville, Adelaide Brousseau

Lector: Nancy Zenner

EMHC: Johnny Martinka, Ray Nemecek, Pete Zenner

Gift Bearers: Susan Schoenbaechler

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, January 1: Ray Nemecek

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Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00 pm & Sunday @ 8:30 am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4:00–4:40 pm; Sun: 7:45–8:10 am;
& Wed: 5:45-6:10 pm (or by appt.)

Parish Contacts & Resources

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Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals & Info: Parish Office

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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

Cemetery Maintenance: Ken Loudermilk 512-869-7351

Music Ministry / Choir: Ronnie Simek 512-630-5074

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Last Week's Collection(s)

December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent: \$3,153.00

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

December 25 – 31: Mark & Debbie Klaus

January 1 - 7: Louise Havelka

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Come and spend some time with the Lord.

Religious Articles Cabinet

in the foyer of the 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 Nemecek (512-863-6892), to purchase items, or to have items ordered for you.

CEF – Spiritual Bouquets

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

This Week at a Glance

Tuesday, December 27:	--NO RCIA Class
Wednesday, December 28:	--NO CCE Classes
Thursday, December 29:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Saturday, December 31:	--Black-Eye Peas in PAC
Sat/Sun, Dec 31/Jan 1:	--Second Collection

There will be many families enjoying a hunger-free Christmas this year because of your generosity. Thank you to all who participated in the food drive sponsored by the KJT Corn Hill Society #55. We donated 676 pounds and \$125 to The Caring Place to help the needy in our area.

The **Men's Prayer Group** will **NOT meet** again until Monday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

The **Parish Office** will be closed this week (**December 27-30**) for the holidays and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3.

RCIA: NO Class this Tuesday, December 27. Next class will be on Tuesday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick.

CCE: NO CCE classes on December 28. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4, at 6:15 p.m.

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, December 29, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come – when they can and for however long they can stay – to spend some time with Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

We will have a **second collection** next weekend (Dec 31/Jan 1) for the **Feast of the Holy Family**, which supports the maternity homes within the Diocese of Austin and the Pro-Life Activities Office of our diocese. Please be generous.

We are in need of a **Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) Coordinator**. This would be a perfect opportunity for a husband and wife, or maybe a couple of friends who could tag team, to minister to the youth (high school students) of our parish. If you are interested or would like more information, please talk to Fr. Stephen.

Don't forget to pick up your **2017 Contribution Envelopes** ... the new year is about to begin and **there are still quite a few boxes** in the church. If you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like to, write your name on the sheet provided and we will put one out for you.

If you would like a **2016 Parish Contribution Report** (for tax, or other, purposes), please let the parish office know. If you received one last year, you will automatically receive one again. The reports will be mailed out by January 31, 2017.

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas! Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church last Sunday. Everything is certainly very beautiful. Today we celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, God becoming man. What an awesome mystery it is for us to meditate upon. For us who believe, the Incarnation, God becoming man in Jesus Christ, brings much hope, joy, and peace into our lives. We are comforted by the reality that God would lower Himself to become human and allow Himself to be faced with all the dangers and difficulties which that entails.

God did this so that we could experience the great love that He has for each one of us in a very intimate and profound way. God loves us so much that He sent His only Son as a sign of that love, as a gift to you and me. God allowed us to love Him in return which He experienced through the human nature of Jesus Christ. Just as any newborn baby attracts the attention of family and friends, the infant Jesus attracts our attention...as if He is being born again this very day. Just as Jesus called people to Himself as an infant, He continued to call people to gather around Him all throughout His life, as a child at the age of twelve in the Temple, and then in His adult years as He served His Father in His public ministry. People from miles around would gather to see Jesus and to hear the words He spoke. They were in awe of these words and believed Jesus to be a holy man of God.

Today, Jesus continues to call us to Himself and He calls us to listen to His word. Jesus continues to call us to Mass so that we can listen to Him and receive His presence, His body and blood, soul and divinity, in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Shepherds and the three Wise Men said "yes" to God by going to Bethlehem after they heard the announcement by the Angels and followed the Star, which led them to the birthplace of His Son Jesus. In the same way, we say "yes" to God by coming to Mass on this Christmas Day and by coming to Mass every week of the year. We come because of the great love God has shown to us by giving us His Son that special night in Bethlehem. And, like the Shepherds and the Wise Men, we come to adore Him and worship Him. When we leave Mass on Christmas Day, I pray that we will have the same spirit of love and reverence for Christ all year long as we do today and that we will take this hope, joy, and peace to all people we meet each day.

Next weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and New Year's Day. We will have an extra Mass at 11:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve and, after that Mass, we will have our black-eye pea and cornbread reception in the PAC. Come and join us to pray-in the New Year and to share in fellowship with one another after Mass.

Please be sure to pick up your Collection Envelopes if you have not already done so. Every husband and wife should have one set of envelopes. Also, any adult children who are living at home or living on their own and are working should have a set of envelopes. If there is not a set with your name on it, write your name on the list at the entrance of the church and we will send a box to you, or you may pick them up at church or at the parish office. All of us should be doing our part to provide for the needs of the parish by giving to the weekly collections.

The Christmas Season continues until Sunday, January 9, 2017. Keeps those Christmas lights on until the end of the Christmas Season to give witness to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

May all of you continue to have a very blessed Christmas Season and a Happy, Healthy, Holy, Joyful New Year of A.D. 2017.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2016
7 PM - Religious Education Building

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Billy Beyer (Matthew 6: 2-4)

Members Present: Cynthia Edgar, Pinto Nemec, Marla Tonn, Pete Zenner, Charles Marquis, Ken Loudermilk, John A. Valenta and Billy Beyer

Members Absent: Gina Vrabel

Ex-Officio Members Present: Lucille D'Elia, Tommy Sladeczek and Fr. Stephen Nestrsta

Guests Present: 4

Welcome to new members: Pete Zenner, John A. Valenta, Gina Vrabel

Election of Officers: Pete Zenner – President, Charles Marquis - Vice President, Cynthia Edgar - Recorder

Old Business

1. Pastoral Plan Committee - There was discussion of having an ACTS Retreat. The Welcoming Committee has a plan in place to provide 'Welcome Bags' for families who register with the parish beginning in 2017, but are still in need of donated items and information to fill the bags with. It is our hope that the parish organizations (i.e. insurance fraternities, parish groups, etc) will donate items and information that will promote their organizations. The Pastoral Plan Committee will meet again in January.

2. Year of Mercy -The Year of Mercy came to an end on November 20. Holy Trinity was blessed with many pilgrims during the Year.

3. Parish Mission - The parish mission was well attended.

New Business

1. Pro-Life Adoration - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is now being held each Thursday from 3 - 9 p.m. This Adoration contributes to the spiritual life of the entire parish and is a prayerful addition for the Pro-Life movement.

2. Health Screening - The Elite Medical Imaging team will be here again this year on Saturday, February 15, for the ultrasound health screenings. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

3. Czech Mass - We will celebrate our annual Czech Mass on Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. Pinto Nemec and crew will prepare the meal.

4. Sound System in the PAC - The Sound System in the PAC's Gym was replaced by Heart of Texas Music, at a cost of \$4,700.

5. January Fundraiser - It was determined that the money made at this year's January Fundraiser should be contributed to the Cemetery Fund. A significant amount of money was spent this past year to improve the cemetery and the annual contributions did not cover the improvements or annual expenses. The fundraiser will be held on January 22. The Cemetery Committee will organize and run the fundraiser.

Ministry/Committee Reports

1. Social Ministry

- Cynthia Edgar reported that the Jarrell Food Pantry continues to give aid to 40 - 50 families every two weeks.
- The Advent Giving Tree project at Holy Trinity provided Christmas gifts for 9 children and 2 families.

2. RE Program

- Lucille D'Elia reported that First Communion will be held on April 30, followed by a reception, prepared by Debbie Klaus.
- Confirmation will be held on March 26 at a 10:30 a.m. Mass, followed by a light lunch, prepared by the Pastoral Council.

3. Cemetery - All improvements to the cemetery are complete with the exception of a small amount of dirt work, which will be completed when the weather allows. A cemetery work day will be scheduled in the Spring of 2017.

Finance Council

1. Tommy Sladeczek reported that the parish is doing well financially. The next Finance Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26.

Other Business

1. Ken Loudermilk questioned the Pastoral Norm's mention of training for Pastoral Council members and to the listing of Father Stephen as an ex-officio member of the Pastoral Council.

2. Pinto Nemec encouraged an atmosphere of prayer and reverence after Mass inside the church....and less talking so that people have an opportunity to pray.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Edgar



*Thank you to all who made a donation for poinsettias
in memory of the following loved ones.
Your generosity is much appreciated! Merry Christmas!*

- In memory of Joe & Viola Sevcik and Ernest & Ludmila Margurger, by the John & Jacqueline Danek family
In memory of Carmen Marie Clawson, by Troy, Cynthia, Travis, Thomas & Carrie Clawson
In memory of Alvin & Anita Schoenfeld, by Linda Tunner
In memory of Carrie Valenta, by Janet Havelka
In memory of the Kalinec and Lange families, by Floyd & Juanita Lange
In memory of the Taylor and Elmerick families, by the Taylor family
In memory of John Nemeč, by Frances Nemeč
In memory of Mario Sanchez, by Ceci Sinnwell
In memory of Erwin Goerner and Travis Blakeslee, by Duane & Gwen Blakeslee
In memory of Louis & Mary Stojanik and Albert & Frieda Tschoerner, by A.J. & Dorothy Tschoerner
In memory of Bernice & Adolph Supak and Louise & Adolph Valenta, by John & Mary Ann Valenta
In memory of Justin Barker, by the Darren & Melonie Barker family
In memory of Willie & Albina Beyer, Herbert & Ethel Luning, Laddie & Sharon Danek and Fulton & Joy Castleman, by Billy & Belinda Beyer
In memory of Carmen & Roman Razo, by Alex & Virginia Hernandez
In memory of Fred & Barbara Palousek, by Mary Dale Putegnat
In memory of Margaret Nelson, by Kathy Windhauser
In memory of Ralph Reece, Joan Billmeier, Mary Billmeier, Frank Billmeier, Ken Billmeier and Camy Smith, by Patrick Patti Reece
In memory of Fran & Florence Von Der Vellen and Albert & Emma Khalar, by Jim & Emma Von Der Vellen
In memory of John I. Nemeč, by Ryan and Rachael Nemeč
In memory of Louis Dimasi, by Susan Schoenbaechler
In memory of Louis Sladeczek, by Albina Sladeczek & family
In memory of Johnny and Albert Sladeczek, by Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek
In memory of Joe & Annie Danek and Laddie & Sharon Danek, by Nancy & Brian Murray
In memory of Cyril C. Rosipal and Willie, Mary and Robert Sladeczek, by Eileen Rosipal
In memory of the Dauskurdas and Haydock families, by Clem & Geri Dauskurdas
In memory of Joe & Mary Simek, Josefine Simek, Roza Sladeczek, Emil & Antonie Malish and Ann Tomasek, by Hubert & Dorothy Tomasek
In memory of all police officers who have fallen in the line of duty, by John & Elizabeth Ribsam
For the living and deceased members of the Johnny & Dolores Martinka family and Msgr. Gideon Stram, by Johnny & Dee Martinka
In memory of Austin Wright, by Kelly & Michael Godfrey
In memory of Tommie Rose Martine and Mary Lou Bishoff, by Rosanne Martine
In memory of Robert & Crecencia Hernandez and Joe Hernandez, by Angelita Hernandez
In memory of Joe & Angelina Havelka and John & Mary Cathryn Matthews, by Richard & Margie Matthews
In memory of Mike & Augustine Kohoutek and Robert & Crecencia Hernandez, by Johnny & Bernice Hernandez
In memory of Clyde J. Haines, Gwynetha Haines and Regenia Blackburn, by Gwyn Vrael & family
In memory of Wilfred and Roy Montreuil and Anthony & Pauline Ragnelli, by Bill & Linda Montreuil
In memory of Norbert & Milady Tonn, Evalyn Howe, Leslie K. Shaw, Merlene Turman and Ted & Lena Drake, by Virgil & Marla Tonn
In memory of Louis & Ludmila Vrael and Lillie Westbrook
In memory of Florence & Raymond Robichau and Olaf Allen, by Leslie & Linda Allen
In memory of the Straka & Brenek families, by Louis & Louise Straka
In memory of Frank & Anastasia Knapek and Joe & Wilma Zgarba, by Frank Knapek, Jr.
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Spann, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Waltman, Sr., by Rosemary Waltman
In memory of Milton & Rita Zenner, Gordon & Verena McMillan, Carol Beth Zenner, Tom Welch, Msgr. Emilián Foltyn and Mendy Mahnken, by Pete & Nancy Zenner
In memory of Trudy Corley, by Betty & John Obst
In memory of Louise & August Batla, by Jennifer & A.J. Batla
In memory of Anita Galvan, by Helen Havelka
In memory of Louis & Mary Stojanik and Albert & Frieda Tschoerner, by Kevin & Sharon Lloyd
In memory of our Parents, by Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz
In memory of Stanley Havelka, by Louise Havelka
In memory of Rosalie Nemeč, by Howard & Becky Mertink
In memory of Benny Kubacak, Anton & Mary Kubacak and Werner & Hulda Marburger, by Dorothy Kubacak
In memory of Johnny Simek, Jacob & Marcella Lefner and Joe & Mary Simek, by Alice Simek, Monica and Mark
Donation made by Marna Smith
In memory of Robert Post and Bobby Handlos, by Chris & Sarah Handlos