

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, A.D. 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Feb 18	5:00 PM	†Joe & Margaret Vrazel
Sunday	Feb 19	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Monday	Feb 20	6:00 PM	Marshall, Brielle & Connor Cooke
Tuesday	Feb 21	6:00 PM	For Life
Wednesday	Feb 22	6:30 PM	†Freida Tschoner
Thursday	Feb 23	7:00 AM	†Scholastica Dick
Friday	Feb 24	6:00 PM	Liv/Dec Members of Catholic Life Branch #50
Saturday	Feb 25	7:30 AM	†Ramsey Farley
Saturday	Feb 25	5:00 PM	†Bill Klepac
Sunday	Feb 26	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 PM

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer, William & Joseph Brousseau

Lector: Jennifer Marquis

EMHC: Heuertz

Gift Bearers: 6th Grade

Saturday, February 25, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Natalie Mason

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Leo Bringman, Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz

Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

Sunday, February 26, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, William Fonville, Jamie Danek, Adelaide B

Lector: Michael Vrabel

EMHC: John & Cynthia Edgar, P or N Zenner

Gift Bearers: Tommy & Cindy Sladeczek

Head Usher: A.J. Batla

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, February 26: Ray Nemeč

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 19:	--CCM Pancake Breakfast
Monday, February 20:	--AED Training
Tuesday, February 21:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, February 22:	--CCE Classes
Thursday, February 23:	--Pro-Life Adoration

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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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Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Crucifix are placed in loving memory of
Lillie Anna Vrabel Westbrook and are donated by
her daughters, Kathy, Karen & Kim.

The flowers with Our Mother, Mary, and with St. Joseph are placed
in honor of **Joe & Jo Ann Fojtik** for their 51st Wedding Anniversary,
and are donated by the Gene & Deanna Fojtik family.

Last Week's Collection(s)

February 12: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$3,705.47
Higher Education Campus Ministries Collection: \$950.54

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

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

February 19 - 25: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

February 26 – March 4: CCE Program

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

Our parish will soon celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation (March) and First Holy Communion (April). We have religious items available in our cabinet for these occasions and we can also order specific items for you as well. Please contact the parish office, Louise Straka (512-746-5322) or Janine Nemeč (512-863-6892), for assistance.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold their **Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** today (Sunday, February 19) in the PAC, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Along with the pancakes, they will serve sausage, fruit, coffee, juice and milk. Free-will donations are requested to support the various parish and community activities they promote throughout the year. Invite your family and friends!

A training class for our new AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) will be offered this Monday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Everyone (18 yrs and older) is invited to this class to be aware of what this product can/should be used for and how to use it properly. The class is free and will be facilitated by professional technicians.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Church History and the Mystery of Suffering.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, February 22, at 6:15 p.m. For information, contact Lucille D'Elia (htcdre@yahoo.com or 737-215-1042). Parents are always encouraged to stay and attend Mass.

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, February 23, 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.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** next Sunday, February 26, in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited. Members will sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass. **Reminder:** annual dues for 2017 (of \$5) are now due and can be given or mailed to the treasurer, Louise Straka (212 W Ave I, Jarrell 76537).

Catholic Life Insurance Branch #50 will hold its annual Branch Social on Sunday, February 26, starting at 11:30 a.m. in the PAC Bldg. All members are invited to attend. A noon meal will be served, so **members need to RSVP – no later than Monday, February 20** – to Sharon Lloyd (512-746-2458) or Tommy Sladeczek (512-746-5881).

The Men's Prayer Group will meet next Monday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: First Apparition of Fatima. New members are always welcome! For more information, please contact Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent, is on Wednesday, March 1. Join us for Mass and the distribution of ashes at 7:00 a.m., 12 Noon, or 6:30 p.m. Please also mark your calendars to attend Stations of the Cross each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:30 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, March 8. (Our usual Wednesday Masses will be held at 7:00 a.m. during Lent.)

Our **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group will meet** next Thursday, March 2. They will begin with a Pro-Life Rosary in the church at 6:30 p.m. and continue with their meeting in the RE Bldg afterward. All parishioners and friends are invited to join them!

All ladies are invited to a **Lenten Day of Reflection & Lunch** on Saturday, March 4, at 9:00 a.m. at the St. Mary's (Taylor) School Cafeteria. Theme: *Who Does He Say We Are As We "Walk in Sandals"* – presented by Belinda Ozuna. Event sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court Guardian Angel #739. Please RSVP at 512-365-2175 or church-office@stmarystaylor.org.

All parishioners and visitors are invited to our **Saturday Potluck** on Saturday, March 4, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share – which you can drop off at the PAC before Mass. Thank you to the CYM for coordinating the evening.

K.J.T. #55 will meet on Sunday, March 5, in the RE Building, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All members are invited to attend.

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

Fr. Ricardo Pineda, with The Fathers of Mercy – who presented our parish mission this past October – has completed his mission talks CD series. The set is \$20 and you may contact the parish office if you would like to order one.

St. Mary's Catholic School in Taylor is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year! SMCS is adding a brand new Pre-Kindergarten for 3 yr. olds (PK3) program next year and will thus serve PK3 - 8th grades. Go online to www.stmarystaylor.org and click "ADMISSIONS" to begin the process, or contact Kim Bohac, Admissions Coordinator, at kim-bohac@stmarystaylor.org or 512-352-2313 (ext 213) for a tour and more information.

Dear friends in Christ,

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Czech Mass in honor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius such a wonderful celebration and event. Thank you to the choir, organist, lectors, ushers, cooks and anyone else who helped out in any way. Everything was certainly beautiful. Thank you to all who made donations. From the collection at Mass and from the meal, we received a total of \$1,830 for the Czech Seminarian Fund.

This Wednesday, February 22, we celebrate the Feast Day of the Chair of St. Peter. The following article is taken from Catholic News Agency.

The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter celebrates the papacy and St. Peter as the first bishop of Rome. St. Peter's original name was Simon. Jesus called him to be one of the Twelve Apostles. Jesus bestowed to Peter a special place among the Apostles. He was one of the three who were with Christ on special occasions, such as the Transfiguration of Christ and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemani. He was the only Apostle to whom Christ appeared on the first day after the Resurrection. Peter, in turn, often spoke on behalf of the Apostles.

When Jesus asked the Apostles: "Whom do men say that the Son of Man is?" Simon replied: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus said: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona: because flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you: That you are Peter [Cephas, a rock], and upon this rock [Cephas] I will build my Church [ekkleesian], and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven". (Mt 16:13-20) In saying this Jesus made St. Peter the head of the entire community of believers and placed the spiritual guidance of the faithful in St. Peter's hands. [Peter is also the first apostle to be listed in the Gospels listing of the twelve apostles. Peter is singled out time and again by Jesus and it is always Peter who is the spokesperson for the Apostles.]

However, St. Peter was not without faults. He was rash and reproached often by Christ. He had fallen asleep in the Garden of Gethsemani instead of praying, as Jesus had asked him to do. He also denied knowing Jesus three times after Christ's arrest. Peter delivered the first public sermon after the Pentecost and won a large number of converts. He also performed many miracles and defended the freedom of the Apostles to preach the Gospels. He preached in Jerusalem, Judaea, and as far north as Syria. He was arrested in Jerusalem under Herod Agrippa I, but miraculously escaped execution. He left Jerusalem and eventually went to Rome, where he preached during the last portion of his life. He was crucified there, head downwards, as he had desired to suffer, saying that he did not deserve to die as Christ had died. [The Primacy of St. Peter as head of the Apostles and of all bishops is certainly well documented from the time of the Apostles. May Pope Francis find strength and courage in what Jesus has established. May all of us be filled with hope of the Spirit's guidance given to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.]

This Sunday's readings speak to us about holiness. We hear in the First Reading from Leviticus, "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." And then it tells us how to be holy...it says not to have hatred for anyone, take no revenge, hold not grudges and to love your neighbor as yourself. After hearing this can you say that you are holy?

In the Gospel Jesus continues His Sermon on the Mount which we heard from last Sunday. In all of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus really challenges us. Today He says, "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Now that is really a teaching that is difficult to follow. How many people really love their enemies? How many people pray for those who do them harm? Praying for the person who harms you is the only way you will ever receive true healing of mind, body and soul. But, do most people pray for those who harm them? Probably not and they continue to go walking around spewing words of anger and hate at those who have done something bad to them. And who is it really hurting in the end, the one who continues to hold the anger within them. Jesus wants to help us to be holy. That is one reason why He gave us this Sermon on the Mount. If we live what Jesus says, then we will be holy.

Why should we strive for holiness? Well, because, as St. Paul tells us in the Second reading, we are "temples of God". Paul goes on to say that "if anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy." Usually it is not another person who destroys us ... who destroys God's temple. We usually wind up destroying ourselves by the choices we make. One of those choices is the fact that we choose to be angry at other people. Anger eats away at one's heart and soul. You could say it is like having an internal leprosy. We need to get rid of this illness that we call anger. We can do that by following Jesus' advice and pray for those who do us harm or hurt our feelings in some way. We also need to go to confession to ask God for forgiveness for the anger we have and that we have difficulty getting rid of.

As we hear in today's Psalm, "The Lord pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion." Allow the Lord to heal you, to help you to experience a new found freedom, freedom from anger and freedom from hate. Then go and live the new life that He gives you, loving others as God loves you.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 9, 2017
7 PM - Religious Education Building

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Pete Zenner (Psalm 63)

Members Present: Cynthia Edgar, Pinto Nemecek, Marla Tonn, Pete Zenner, Gina Vrabel, Ken Loudermilk, John A. Valenta and Billy Beyer

Members Absent: Charles Marquis

Ex-Officio Members Present: Lucille D'Elia, Tommy Sladacek, Fr. Stephen Nesrsta

Guests: 2

Old Business

- Pastoral Plan: The Pastoral Plan for our parish will be submitted to the diocese. Welcome Bags are ready for every new family that registers.
- Parish Mission: The parish mission for 2017 will be held November 12-16. Organizations will be asked again to provide the evening meals.
- 2017 January Fundraiser: We profited \$5,793.22, which was forwarded to the Cemetery Fund.

New Business

- Lent and Holy Week: Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1. Stations of the Cross will be held each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:30 p.m. Holy Week will follow the same schedule as in past years.
- PAC Video System: Discussion concerning the need for a video system in the PAC Bldg - to be used for meetings, retreats, fundraisers, etc. Equipment is being researched.
- Sound System in church: The new sound system in the church is complete and operating properly.

Ministry/Committee Reports

- Social Ministry
 - Cynthia Edgar reported that the Jarrell Food Pantry continues to serve and help between 40 and 50 families every two weeks. The donations from our parish are greatly appreciated and much needed.
 - There was a discussion of *Food for Friends* ministry and whether or not our parish could/should contribute. It was decided that more investigation of this ministry is needed before any decisions are made.
- RE Program
 - Lucille D'Elia reported that Confirmation will be held on March 26 at a 10:30 a.m. Mass, with a light lunch to follow, sponsored by the Pastoral Council. First Communion will be held on April 30 at a 10:30 a.m. Mass, also with a light lunch to follow, sponsored by Debbie Klaus.
- Cemetery
 - All electrical improvements to the cemetery are complete. Pre-emergent and weed killer were recently applied to the grave sites. Financial status is good.

Finance Council

- Tommy Sladacek reported that the parish is doing well financially.

Other Business

- Pete reported that one of the goals of the Pastoral Plan was to get more people involved in parish activities. He is looking into a Bible Study Class. Details will follow as more information is gathered.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2017.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Edgar, Recorder