

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, A.D. 2017

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Matthew 13:23

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	July 15	5:00 PM	For God's Many Blessings
Sunday	July 16	8:30 AM	Alvin & Linda Weber (45 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday	July 16	10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	July 18	<b>7:00 AM</b>	†Nancy Valenta
Wednesday	July 19	6:30 PM	Dec'd Members of Joseph & Annie Straka family
Thursday	July 20	7:00 AM	†Peter Sturges
Friday	July 21	6:00 PM	Lorene Nitschke (for healing)
Saturday	July 22	7:30 AM	†Gary Giromini
Saturday	July 22	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	July 23	8:30 AM	†Benny Kubacak
Sunday	July 23	10:30 AM	†Stanley Havelka

### Altar Flowers

To donate for Altar flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, please complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (by bulletins or from our website).

### Last Week's Collection(s)

July 9: Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time: \$4,556.49

### 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.

### Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

July 16 – 22: Louise Havelka

July 23 - 29: Bill & Monica Sherek

### This Week at a Glance

Thursday, July 20: --Pro-Life Adoration  
Saturday, July 22: --EIM Workshop

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Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Tuesdays @ 3:00 pm

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

Dir Rel Educ & Bookkeeping: Lucille D'Elia 737-215-1042

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

Cemetery Information: Parish Office

Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Saturday, July 22, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EMHC: Czech Deacons

Gift Bearers: John & Mary Ann Valenta

Head Usher: Howard Mertink

#### Sunday, July 23:

##### 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy Stefek

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Czech Deacons

Gift Bearers: Richard & Lisa Danek

Head Usher: A.J. Batla

##### 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas C, Samuel Williams, Jarrod Hodgson

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Czech Deacons

Gift Bearers: Troy & Cynthia Clawson family

Head Usher: Frank Knappek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, July 23: John Edgar

### CEF – Spiritual Bouquets

make appropriate gifts for any occasion. You can contact Janine Nemecek (512-863-6892) for enrollments any time.

### Religious Articles Cabinet

in the foyer of the church, is full of many wonderful items, for all occasions, which are available for purchase. Contact the parish office, Louise Straka (512-746-5322) or Janine Nemecek (512-863-6892), to purchase items.

The family of Angela Danek wishes to thank their parish family and friends for all your thoughts, prayers, food and visits. Thank you, also, to all who prepared the meal for Angela's funeral. May God bless you all.

"Thank you to Fr. Stephen and everyone else for your prayers, visits, cards, etc, during my recent hospital stay. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. May God bless you all." --Louis Straka

We congratulate and welcome Emma Rose Poché (daughter of Jonathon and Kristina Poché) and Joshua James Williams and Evalynn Marie Williams (children of James & Chelsea Williams) into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We will have our Raffle Tickets ready to hand out next weekend (July 22/23), so don't forget to stop by one of the two Raffle Tables after Mass to get your envelope – which will be full of helpful information to lend to the success of our Bazaar!

**PARISH  
BAZAAR**

Our annual Bazaar will be held on Sunday, September 17. We will have a full day - - - worship, good food, fun for the whole family and lots of friendly fellowship! Though it is a lot of fun – it's also a lot of work – and many hands are needed to make it enjoyable for everyone! If you are interested in working at the Bazaar, please contact the Function Leader of the area(s) you would like to work in. This list of contacts is posted on the bulletin board in the church. If you are new to the parish and would like more information about this annual fundraiser, please contact the parish office. New parish members are always welcome and encouraged to join in the fun! It's a great way to meet and get involved with your new parish family!

**Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, July 20, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

**The Moravian Club will host their Annual Bar-B-Que Cook-Off** on Friday & Saturday, July 21 & 22, to which everyone is invited. Hamburgers will be sold starting around 5:00 p.m. on that Friday, and BBQ judging begins on Saturday at 11:00 a.m until 3:00 p.m.

**Our EIM Workshop is NEXT Saturday, July 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the PAC Bldg – so SIGN UP NOW!** If you are currently – or plan to be – involved in any parish ministry, program or employment, you must be EIM Certified, which means attending an EIM Workshop every three years. There are several of our parishioners whose 3-year-term will expire this year (from their class in 2014), so please take this opportunity to renew your certification. If you are not sure of your expiration date, contact the parish office. Instructions on EIM workshops/compliance can be found on the diocesan website, [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org), or at the office.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** next Sunday, July 23, in the RE Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Plans for the August Senior Citizens' Supper will be discussed. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will also sit in the front pews of the church to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**SSCM Church in Granger invites all children – grades Pre-K thru 5 – to their Vacation Bible School** the week of July 24-28 (5:30–8:30 p.m. each night). For more information, or to register, call Virginia at 512-859-2637.

**CCE Program:** Classes for the new 2017/18 school year will be here before we know it, and we are already preparing! If you haven't already done so, **please pre-register your student(s)**, so that we will have a good idea of book and supply needs!! We have classes for Pre-K (age 4) and up, so if you have a youngster that's now school age – it's time to get him/her involved. To register, or for any other CCE information, please contact the Director, Lucille D'Elia, at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com). **\*\*Our current CCE Newsletter, with other important details and information, is located on the back of this bulletin.**

**RCIA Classes to Begin September 12, 2017** - 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 pm. in the RE Bldg, beginning on Tuesday, September 12. Please call the parish office, at 512-863-3020, 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.**

## Dear friends in Christ,

May the peace and love of our Lord be with you all. In today's gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the Sower, or of the Seed, or of the Soil, depending on what point one wants to emphasize. If we look at it as the parable of the Sower, it is obvious that the Sower is meant to be God. God is the One who does the sowing. God creates gifts, such as our faith, and spreads them across the world. God does this because of the love which He has for all of us, not because He has to. As any farmer, God has high expectations for the seed He plants and how it will turn out. Thus, God sows very generously.

If we look at this parable as that of the Seed, we see that the seed must have been terribly important to the Father, the Sower, or else Jesus would not have been concerned about it. The seed is given the opportunity to sprout and to grow and to produce much fruit. It can even produce a hundredfold. I think we could all say that this is a pretty powerful seed. It is important to remember, however, that Jesus did say, "Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit." We need to let God plant good, healthy seed within us. But the Soil must be adequately prepared if this seed is to produce good fruit. Seed cannot produce much of anything if it is planted in poor soil.

So this leads us to the third part of this parable, which is that of the Soil. The Soil, of course, refers to you and me. The people to whom Matthew was writing his gospel knew that Jesus was referring to them as the "soil" on which God put the seed. But what kind of soil are we? Are we the barren footpath on which nothing can grow? Or, are we the rocky ground where there can be no roots and the plant eventually withers and dies? Or the thorn patch, with a lot of briars that choke off the seed that God plants? Or, are we the good soil, a soil that is rich and fertile - that any seed would love to be planted in?

Are we a soil that invites in the sun and the rain which help the seed to grow? In order for soil to be rich and fertile, it must contain the proper minerals, which it receives from the rest of nature. Do we allow God to give us the minerals, the graces, necessary to grow the seed which is given to us by God in order to produce much fruit ... or are we like rocks on which the minerals, the graces, just run off, not being of any use whatsoever? God has given us, and is giving us, the opportunity to be good soil. Are we going to grasp that opportunity, or turn away from it?

I like to be optimistic and believe that all of us come to Mass so that we will be good soil. We are nourished by the Word of God and by the Body and Blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. Unless the soil is fed, it cannot produce good fruit. If for some reason, any of you are not able to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus at this Mass, then I encourage you to do what is necessary to be able to receive Communion in the future. We need to be fed by God if we are to do the will of God in our lives. By God's grace, and our own efforts, we can change the type of soil we discover in our hearts. Through our participation in the Eucharist, Christ makes the soil of our hearts more fertile, able to produce abundant crops for the Kingdom of God. Let us allow Him to plant the seed of Christ within us so that we are able to go and bear much fruit.

This week, we will welcome three transitional deacons from the Czech Republic: Jan Jurečka, Vojtěch Zahrádka and Jiří Šústek. They will arrive on Tuesday and will stay with us for about 4 weeks. Two weekends, they will be here for all the Masses. One weekend they will be in Houston and the other weekend in West. I will, once again, be taking them to various activities and events during their stay with us, so I will be out of the office much of the time.

**Pope Francis wants to hear from young adults!** Young people (ages 16-30s) and those who know young people are invited to fill out a short survey at [www.austindiocese.org/synod](http://www.austindiocese.org/synod). This survey will be available until Aug. 1, 2017. I encourage all young people of our parish to complete the survey. Your input is important to the Church.

The time has come for us to once again pray for rain. However, we need to pray that our farmers will have favorable weather for their crops and for when they will soon be harvesting corn and grain sorghum.

We are well set into the hot summertime of the year. Usually during summer, we are tempted to dress rather lightly or skimpy for Mass. We need to remember that, as we come to Mass, we come to worship God and to receive His Son, Jesus, in Holy Communion. We should dress in a way that shows respect for God. After all, isn't God... Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ... the love of your life, as I mentioned last weekend in my homily? We need to show God how much we truly love Him. We do this by the way we dress for Mass and also by how punctual we are for Mass. The general rule, that I believe is appropriate, is that anyone over 6 years of age should not wear shorts to Mass. Also, girls and ladies should wear blouses or dresses that are appropriate for Mass, nothing strapless and no spaghetti straps. Ask yourself if you stand in honor in His presence? Is God proud of you by how you come before Him? Does the way you dress for Mass give praise to God?

May all of you have a very blessed week.

**Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář**

**Catholic Social Corner: July 15/16 - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** This Sunday we hear the familiar story of the sower and the seed. In the end, this parable is about abundance – God makes the seed bear fruit many times over. Mother Teresa once said "If you cannot feed 100 people, feed just one." If we are fruitful recipients of the Word of God, how much will God multiply that good in the world? How does God's word move us to share abundantly through a simple gesture of offering a package of crackers to the homeless or bringing food to a local pantry?



# CCE NEWS SUMMER 2017

Registration for CCE 2017-2018 is now in full swing. Pick up your forms in the back of the church, the CCE office on online. We are registering for classes from age 4 through - - - including high school. Just as a reminder ... in our Diocese, Sacrament Preparation for Eucharist and Confirmation is a two consecutive year program. Besides, we have so many exciting learning activities planned, you won't want your child(ren) to miss even one day! Classes will begin on September 6<sup>th</sup> - which will be here before you know it. If you have any questions, please contact Lucille D'Elia at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com).



## BRAND NEW HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM STARTING THIS FALL!

Is Confirmation the same as graduation?

Does learning about our faith stop as soon as we are Confirmed?

Well, starting this fall, that won't be the case here at Holy Trinity. We will begin a brand new, exciting high school program featuring great current topics, speakers, films and even a SMYRT Retreat. Watch the bulletin for further details.

***THOUGHT ABOUT HELPING OUT IN OUR PROGRAM BUT WERE AFRAID TO TAKE THE PLUNGE? WELL, NOW IS THE TIME TO DIVE RIGHT IN!***



Our program needs teachers, helpers, classroom assistants and everything in between. There is always a need for your special talents and gifts. Call Lucille, or visit with her after Mass, and she will be happy to work with you to find out how you can help. **Be sure to take the EIM class here in the PAC on July 22<sup>nd</sup>**, or at a nearby parish.



Do you know someone whose children are Catholic, but they have not been attending CCE classes? Maybe they haven't received all of their Sacraments, or maybe they haven't received any. Now is the time for them and their children to come home to their Catholic faith. We, at Holy

Trinity, welcome those families and would appreciate the opportunity to work with them. If you know someone like this, or, if you are someone like this, please invite them to call our office at 737-215-1042.



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CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS 6:15 – 8:00 pm