

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

The Epiphany of the Lord



January 7, A.D. 2018

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 6	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 7	8:30 AM	†Tommy Rose Martine (incense)
Sunday	Jan 7	10:30 AM	In Thanksgiving (L.A.H.)
Tuesday	Jan 9	6:00 PM	†Msgr. Frank Miller
Wednesday	Jan 10	6:30 PM	†Connie Quevedo
Thursday	Jan 11	7:00 AM	Marshall, Brielle & Conner Cooke
Friday	Jan 12	6:00 PM	†Bernard Schwertner
Saturday	Jan 13	7:30 AM	†Paul Chevalier
Saturday	Jan 13	5:00 PM	Dec'd Members of Joseph & Annie Straka family
Sunday	Jan 14	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 14	10:30 AM	†Fred J. Valenta

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: John Danek, Maria Bruce, Amy Stefek

Lector: Natalie Mason

EMHC: Brandi Bernal

Gift Bearers: Confirmation 1

Saturday, January 13, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Jennifer Klepac, Brandi Bernal, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, January 14, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jamie Danek, Joseph & Adelaide Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: Lucille Nemeck, James Nemeck, Ray Nemeck

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemeck

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, January 14, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, Heron Rodriguez, William Fonville

Lector: Jill Horner

EMHC: Leo Bringman

Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-ins: January 14: James Nemeck

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Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Tuesdays @ 3:00 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:30 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

Cemetery Information: Parish Office

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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K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-746-4168

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Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496

Last Week's Collection(s)

December 24: 4th Sunday of Advent: \$4,383.24

December 25: Christmas Collection: \$5,855.24

December 31: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph: \$3,421.10
& Feast of the Holy Family Collection: \$1,747.00

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God: \$1,663.24

December's Online Donations: \$568.30

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Come spend some time with our Lord!

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

January 7 - 13: Helen Havelka

January 14 – 20: Frank & Lucille D'Elia

This Week at a Glance

Sat, Jan 6 / Sun, Jan 7:	--DCYC Bake Sale
Monday, January 8:	--Senior Citizens' Supper
Tuesday, January 9:	--RCIA Class
Wednesday, January 10:	--CCE Classes
Thursday, January 11:	--Pro-Life Adoration
Friday, January 12:	--Parish Office Closed
Sunday, January 14:	--Altar Server Practice
	--Altar Server Appreciation

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Paul Nemeck**, of our parish family, who died this past Tuesday and was buried here this Saturday, January 6. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Thank you to those who enrolled their loved ones during our Christmas CEF Drive. Your offerings totaled \$250 and will benefit the seminarians of our diocese. CEF Spiritual Bouquets make appropriate gifts for any occasion and enrollments can be made at any time by contacting Janine Nemecek at 512-289-9242.

The parish youth will host a **Bake Sale** this weekend, January 6/7, after all Masses – proceeds of which will support their attendance of DCYC. Those interested in donating items to be sold are appreciated! For information, contact Monica Sherek (512-864-4748).

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We thank the K.J.Z.T. #15 for preparing the delicious meal.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, January 10, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For all CCE questions and information, contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, January 11, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

The **parish office will be closed** this Friday, January 12.

--For those interested in becoming an Altar Server (4th grade and up, with the appropriate sacraments), we will have an **Altar Server Practice** on Sunday, January 14, at 5:00 p.m. in the church. Please contact the parish office to sign-up or for more information.

--For those who are already Altar Servers – the practice on Sunday, January 14, is for you, too, as a refresher course, so please make every effort to attend ... and then, after practice, you and your families are invited to the PAC Bldg for our annual **Altar Server Appreciation Supper**. Please RSVP to the parish office for the number attending the meal.

Our Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group will host a viewing of the documentary on the life and work of Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood. "Who was the real Margaret Sanger" takes a look at the woman who made birth control popular in America and her beliefs against the dignity of the human person. The video will be shown in the RE building at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 17, and at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 20 (after the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass). A light meal will be provided after each showing, so please RSVP to the parish office.

Due to the Parish Fundraiser scheduled for the 28th of January, the **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, January 21**, in the RE Bldg immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Agenda items include the February Senior Citizens Supper. Members will sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass. **Reminder:** Annual dues (\$5) for 2018 are now due and can be given, or mailed, to the treasurer, Louise Straka (address: 212 W. Avenue I, Jarrell, TX 76537).

In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for **Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. The prayers begin on February 20 and are done privately using the preparation book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 24** to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book (which will be mailed to you) and for more information.

Our annual January Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 28, proceeds of which will benefit the Cemetery Fund. Everyone is invited for a delicious BBQ Pork dinner with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. To-go plates will be available at the drive-thru. Spread the word and invite your family and friends! **If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of groceries, supplies, etc, January Fundraiser envelopes are available by the bulletins.**

We will celebrate our annual **Czech Mass** on Sunday, February 11, at 5:00 p.m. This Mass is offered in honor of the patron saints of the Slavic peoples, Sts. Cyril & Methodius, and all readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. Whether or not you are of Czech descent, or if you speak or do not speak the Czech language, we invite you to join us for this beautiful Mass. Help us to give tribute to the ancestors who started this community and this parish, by celebrating our Czech heritage. Many of our parishioners today are descendants of these founders. A meal will be held afterward in the PAC Bldg for those attending the Mass.

Holy Trinity BAGS for Sale! Buy a shopping bag – with our church picture and name on it – for yourself and for your family and friends! They are only **\$3 each or 2 for \$5** and can be purchased at the office.

Don't forget to pick up your 2018 Contribution Envelopes (located in the rear of the church sanctuary). If you are not currently using them and would like a box, please put your name on the sheet provided or contact the parish office, and one will be put out for you.

If you would like an Annual Donation Report for tax, or other, purposes, please contact the parish office. If you have received one in the past, you will automatically receive one each year, unless you tell us otherwise. Reports will be mailed out by January 31.

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you to all of you who came to the black-eye pea and cornbread reception after the Mass on New Year's night. Thank you, especially, to those who made the black-eye peas, cornbread, and the desserts and who helped to make it a special evening, even in the freezing weather. May the Lord bless you for your kindness to all of us.

The Christmas Season is quickly passing by. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Some of you may be wondering why Herod would be worried about a baby boy taking over his kingdom. The first century historian, Josephus, tells us that Herod the Great was a bit paranoid, and, as a result, was quite cruel. Herod continuously imagined or saw conspiracies against his authority and executed numbers of his ranking citizens, including five of his ten wives and even some of his own children. This is the kind of man which the Magi, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar, encountered as they asked for directions to the place of the newborn king of the Jews. Knowing this helps us to see that God's love could be offered in such a volatile environment.

The Magi represent all of us and it is important that we ponder their pilgrimage. The journey that they made to Bethlehem from their homelands was not an easy one. They encountered strange languages and customs, and they did not have a reliable map. Extensive travel in the first century was not an easy thing to accomplish, and their willingness to make and complete the journey is an indication of the great importance they placed on it and their commitment to it.

Another characteristic of the Magi that emerges is their openness, their willingness to seek out what they do not yet fully understand, and to embrace it once it is discovered. Just imagine ... how many of us would have gone on such a journey knowing little about what we were seeking. There were also costs associated with the journey of the Magi. Not merely the costs of the voyage itself, but also the costs of the gifts which were the most exotic and costliest gifts available. They gave so much. Do we tend to be so generous?

Why did they go through all this trouble to take such a journey? They wanted to see the Lord, to gaze upon the One who came to be the world's hope. Just consider the means that God selects to make this manifestation of Himself. He calls the Magi from within the midst of what was most familiar to them -- their own professions. An ancient astrologer should not be confused with those who bear the name today. These were primitive astronomers, searching the heavens for truth. But that truth did not come to them merely through their own efforts. It came through the prompting, leading, and protection of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus would later say, leads us into all truth.

In this sacred season of Christmas, let us ponder anew the significance of this story of the Magi. Let us remember that there are two ways in which we may search for Jesus. We may search for Him as did the wise men of old, with commitment, openness, and generosity. Or, we may seek Him out as Herod did, with a paranoid suspicion that He may displace us from the feeble thrones we have erected for ourselves. We may seek Him with the question: What will He take from me? Or, with the question: What may I offer Him?

It is the tradition that on the Feast of the Epiphany that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men -- Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Included in this bulletin, you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes. Mark your home above the front door so that all may know that your home is a Christian home. Monday, January 8, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and will be the end of the Christmas Season. Keep your Christmas lights shining until the end of the Christmas Season.

May God bless all of you this year with a strong faith and an awareness of His love for you.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

Holy Trinity Catholic Church - Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 21, 2017

Call to Order / Opening Prayer / Scripture Reading – Cynthia Edgar

Members Present: Helen Havelka, Cynthia Edgar, Billy Beyer, Gina Vrabel, John Valenta, Sora Garlasco and Marla Tonn.

Members Absent: Pete Zenner and Mike Hovatter / **Ex-Officio Members Present:** Lucille D'Elia and Fr. Stephen

Old Business

1. Election of Officers: Pete Zenner - Chairman, John Valenta - Vice Chairman, Cynthia Edgar - Recorder.
2. Parish Mission: The Parish Mission for 2018 will be held October 21-25.
3. Pew Cushions and Kneelers: The installation of the pew cushions and kneelers is complete. Many thanks to those who made this donation possible, in memory of Angela Gail Danek.
4. January Fundraiser: The annual January Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018. The Cemetery Committee will sponsor this fundraiser and all proceeds will go to Cemetery Fund.

New Business

1. The annual Elite Medical Imaging Health Screening will be held again on Saturday, February 3, 2018.
2. Czech Mass: Our annual Czech Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., followed by a meal for those in attendance.
3. Lent: begins on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.
4. Electrical Work: Amos Electric will be doing electrical work in January 2018, to repair the light in front of the church, add plugs and adjust lighting at the storage building and move the spotlight in the cemetery.
5. Parking Lot Work and Entrance Marking: Once electrical work is done, the asphalt will be repaired at the dumpster area, to cover electrical trenches and anywhere else that is needed. Reflectors will be placed to mark the church parking lot entrances.

Ministry/Committee Reports

1. Social Ministry: The Angel Tree Project, directed by Debbie Klaus, was generously supported by Holy Trinity this Year. The donations included gift cards and Christmas dinners to families in the Jarrell Independent School District, clothing to Will O Bell Nursing Home residents and money and needed supplies for babies and mothers at the Annunciation Maternity Home. Holy Trinity continues to support the Jarrell Food Pantry with volunteers and monetary donations and the Catholic Life Insurance Branch #50 from Holy Trinity collected and donated children's books for the Jarrell Food Pantry in December.
2. The St. Nicholas Celebration in December included the children bringing gifts for the Angel Tree and KJT Food drive. There are 75 students in the RE program attending on a regular basis.
3. Cemetery: Dirt work is ongoing. Future work will include extending the fence on the north side to the end of our property line. There was also discussion as to how avoid the water being left on in the cemetery.

Finance Committee: no report given

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018

Epiphany House Blessing

Using blessed chalk,
mark the current year and the initials of the
Magi above the outside doorways to your home.
Place a cross in between each of the letters.
It should look something like this.

20+C+M+B+18

After completing the above markings,
pray the following prayer:

May all who come to our home this year
rejoice to find Christ living among us;
and may we seek and serve,
in everyone we meet,
that same Jesus who is Lord of all
people forever and ever. Amen.

The legendary names of the three Magi are:

Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

(KMB in Czech)

The initials C-M-B also stand for the Latin words
“Christus Mansionem Benedicat” which means:

“May Christ bless this dwelling.”

The markings over the doors should be left all year round
as a sign that yours is a Christian home.