

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 1, 2013**

✠ Fr. Stephen Nestrsta ✠

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

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 4:15–4:45 p.m.; Sunday: 7:15–7:45 a.m.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Holy Trinity–Corn Hill

Saturday	Nov 30	5:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (for healing)
Sunday	Dec 1	8:00 AM	Frank & Ann Foltyn family
Monday	Dec 2	7:00 AM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of Czech Sem. Fund
Tuesday	Dec 3	7:00 AM	†Bill Klepac
Wed – CCE	Dec 4	7:30 PM	†Bill and Joanie Schwertner
Thursday	Dec 5	7:00 AM	†Tommie Martine
First Friday	Dec 6	6:00 PM	†Parents of Herbert & Mary Koch
Saturday	Dec 7	7:30 AM	(no Mass)
Saturday	Dec 7	5:00 PM	Pro Populo (for parishioners of HTC & SSCM)
Sunday	Dec 8	8:00 AM	†Robert & Leona Brenek

### Sts. Cyril & Methodius-Granger

Saturday	Nov 30	7:00 PM
Sunday	Dec 1	10:00 AM
Monday	Dec 2	8:00 AM
Tuesday	Dec 3	8:00 AM
Wednesday	Dec 4	7:00 PM
Thursday	Dec 5	6:00 PM
Friday	Dec 6	7:00 AM
Saturday	Dec 7	7:30 AM
Saturday	Dec 7	7:00 PM
Sunday	Dec 8	10:00 AM

Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Present Gifts	Ministers Holy Communion
<b>November 30</b> 5:00 PM	Don Gudinas	Nathan Klepac Ciara Hernandez	Alex & Virginia Hernandez	Patsy Hightower Irene Cavanaugh
<b>December 1</b> 8:00 AM	Cynthia Edgar	John Danek Jenna Danek	Ray & Teresa Nemec	John Edgar Cynthia Edgar
<b>December 7</b> 5:00 PM	Leo Bringman	Erin, John & Maria Bruce	Billy & Kathy Meissner	Leo Bringman, Frank Feist, Keith Youngpeter
<b>December 8</b> 8:00 AM	Pete Zenner	Travis Clawson Thomas Clawson	Johnny & Dee Martinka	Johnny Martinka, Ray Nemec, James Nemec
<b>Immaculate Conception – Holy Day</b> <b>Monday, December 9</b> 6:30 PM	Carolyn Barker	Jamie, John & Jenna Danek	Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz	Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Lucille Nemec
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:</b>		<b>December 1:</b> John Edgar	<b>December 8:</b> James Nemec	

**Last Week's Collection:** \$2,314.00

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development:** \$1,042.00

**Thank you!**

**Prayer for Advent:** Lord of our longing, fill us with hopeful anticipation as we wait for the fullness of your Kingdom on earth. Help us to see that only you can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. Remove any temptation to settle for something less. May our Advent prayer and worship increase our confidence in your holy Word so that sin and evil never lead us to despair. As we ready our hearts and minds for the celebration of Jesus' birth, may we reach out in charity and kindness to those most in need. Amen.

### Communal Advent Penance Schedule

**SSCM – Granger:** Mon, Dec 2: Mission at 7 pm / Confessions at 8 pm; **Holy Trinity – Corn Hill:** Sun, Dec 15, at 5 pm;

**St. Helen – Georgetown:** Mon, Dec 16, at 7 pm; **St. John Vianney – Round Rock:** Tues, Dec 17, at 7 pm;

**St. William – Round Rock:** Wed, Dec 18, at 7 pm and Fri, Dec 20, from 1:00-3:30 pm & 3:30-6:00 pm;

**St. Patrick – Hutto:** Thurs, Dec 19, at 7 pm; **St. Mary – Taylor:** Sun, Dec 22, at 7 pm

The CYM would like to thank everyone who purchased items at their Bake Sale last weekend. Thanks to your generosity, they made \$485, which will go toward the purchase of new Christmas decorations for the church. God bless!

From Frances Nemec ~~ Thank you to Fr. Stephen, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers and friends at Holy Trinity for your prayers and well wishes for a speedy recovery. May God bless you all.

Please welcome Fr. Dave Pivonka, who is concelebrating this weekend's Masses with Fr. Stephen, to introduce the **Advent Mission - "Advent Blessing: The Crib, Cross and Gift"** that will be held at SSCM in Granger this Monday – Wednesday, December 2 - 4.

**Raffle tickets will be sold here** after Masses this weekend (Nov 30/Dec 1) for the St. Patrick Church (Hutto) 2013 Parish Raffle (drawing to be held on Saturday, December 28). Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Grand prize is a 2014 Chevy Double Cab Silverado Pickup!

Join us for **Hospitality Sunday** today (Sunday, December 1) in the PAC Bldg, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**NO Confirmation Class** today (Sunday, December 1). (See CCE schedule below for more class details.)

The **Holy Trinity Parish Prayer Campaign for Church Vocations** is open to all parishioners. For information, or to sign-up, contact the parish office. This week, the crucifix will be in the home of Kathy Windhauser. Next week, it will be in the home of the Scott & Aimie Tibbetts family. Please pray for Vocations!

The parish **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, December 2, in the PAC Bldg, at 6:30 p.m. The CCE Program will prepare a meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls, with brownies and ice cream for dessert. Bingo will also be played.

Fr. Stephen will celebrate **Mass at the Will-O-Bell Nursing Home** in Bartlett at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4.

**CCE: Pre-K – 9<sup>th</sup> grade and the Confirmation Class will all meet** this Wednesday, December 4 --- class from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg and Mass from 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the church. **The Confirmation students need to make every effort to attend as they will be receiving Reconciliation and fulfilling Mass requirements.** (CCE meal served from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.)

Our **CCE children who are to receive their First Holy Communion this year will receive their First Reconciliation** next Sunday, December 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the church.

**K.J.T. #55 will meet** on Sunday, December 15, in the RE Bldg, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited.



**Marriage Anniversaries:** If, in 2013, you celebrated your 10, 15, 20, 25, etc., 50<sup>th</sup> or more, wedding anniversary, the Austin DCCW, together with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez, will honor these couples. There is a (blue) sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Please make sure you fill in all the information and **print clearly** so that we don't misspell your names! **Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, December 15!** The certificates will be presented on Holy Family weekend (Dec 28/29).

If you would like to make a donation for our poinsettias in memory or honor of a loved one, you may do so with a **Christmas Flower Envelope**, which is available by the bulletins. The memorials will be announced in the Christmas week bulletin. **Deadline to turn in an envelope is Sunday, December 15!**



**Food Drive:** With the season of preparation and giving upon us, the Catholic Union of Texas, K.J.T. Society #55 of Corn Hill, is collecting food for the Caring Place. The drive began on Thanksgiving Day and will end on Wednesday, December 18. The Caring Place assists needy residents of Georgetown and Jarrell. **A list of non-perishable food items needed can be found by the bulletins.** Monetary donations are also accepted. For more information, contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715). Donation boxes in the church and RE Bldg.

**Advent Devotionals** are available in the foyer of the church for anyone interested. There are also **2014 Calendars** available as well.

If you would like a **2013 Donation Report**, to use for tax, or other, purposes, please call or email the parish office (contact information is at top of bulletin). Reports will only be sent to those who request them, and the deadline is Friday, January 17.

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you! Are you still stuffed from your Thanksgiving dinners? I hope that all of you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with your family and friends. This weekend, we are beginning the Season of Advent. Since Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Birth of the Lord, Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Granger is having a Parish Mission to assist you with your preparation. Being spiritually prepared will make the Advent and Christmas Season more meaningful for you and for your family. All of you are invited to join Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish on Monday thru Wednesday for the Parish Mission.

The Christmas Season begins on the evening of December 24 and continues until Sunday, January 12, when we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, after Christmas Day on December 25, please do not say that Christmas is over, because, it has actually just begun. Too many Catholics and other Christians have given into the secular celebration of Christmas, a celebration that is completely absent of the presence of Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate. Celebrate Advent as a time of preparation, attend the Parish Mission in Granger, make a good confession and spend extra time in prayer with your family.

During the Season of Advent we usually begin decorating our homes for Christmas. I always recommend that you wait until the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, before you turn on your Christmas lights. Also, I encourage you to leave your tree and decorations up and your Christmas lights shining until the end of the Christmas Season on January 12. Let us truly celebrate Christmas during the entire Christmas Season. I also encourage parish organizations to have their Christmas parties during the Christmas Season and not during Advent. In the USA, Santa Claus has only become an advertising gimmick. Instead of Santa coming to our parties, we should live the truth of our faith and have St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, come to our celebrations. He is the one who brought gifts to the poor and needy of his day. The more we present our faith in the spirit and truth it is meant to teach, the more people will have a conversion of heart and think about the faith they have received.

Today's readings speak to us about the fulfillment of God's promise to His people. The first reading from Isaiah speaks about the coming of the house of the Lord, the Kingdom of God. Both the second reading and the Gospel speak about being vigilant and being prepared for the return of Jesus. St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, gives us some good, practical advice of how we are to conduct our lives so that we are prepared when Jesus comes again. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that not everyone will be prepared. This is a sad reality. Some will be prepared and will be saved, while others will not be prepared and they will not be taken into the fullness of God's Kingdom. Which one will you be? As we live this Advent Season, let us live in the joyful expectation of the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at His second coming into the world.

Please pray for those who will make their First Confession next Saturday, December 7, here at Holy Trinity. They will experience the forgiving love of God for the first time in their lives as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May they always have a great appreciation for this Sacrament and return to it often to grow in God's grace and love.

May all of you have a very blessed Advent and Christmas Season.

In Christ,  
Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář