

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2013**

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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	Dec 14	5:00 PM	†Robert & Crecencia Hernandez
Sunday	Dec 15	8:00 AM	†Clyde James Haines
Tuesday	Dec 17	5:00 PM	†Mr. & Mrs. Frank Spann, Jr.
Wed – CCE	Dec 18	6:30 PM	†Stanley Havelka
Thursday	Dec 19	7:00 AM	†Janette Zurovetz
Friday	Dec 20	6:00 PM	Wilma Ethridge (for healing)
Saturday	Dec 21	7:30 AM	(no Mass)
Saturday	Dec 21	5:00 PM	†Gabriella Nemeč
Sunday	Dec 22	8:00 AM	Pro Populo (for parishioners of HT & SSCM)

Sts. Cyril & Methodius-Granger

Saturday	Dec 14	7:00 PM
Sunday	Dec 15	10:00 AM
Tuesday	Dec 17	7:00 AM
Wednesday	Dec 18	7:00 AM
Thursday	Dec 19	12:00 PM
Friday	Dec 20	7:00 AM
Saturday	Dec 21	7:30 AM
Saturday	Dec 21	7:00 PM
Sunday	Dec 22	10:00 AM

(† in front of an intention denotes deceased) (Please note that the Saturday morning Masses do not fulfill your weekend obligation.)

Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Present Gifts	Ministers Holy Communion
December 14 5:00 PM	John Obst	Matthew Klepac Abby Hodgson	Bob & Christine Albanese	John Obst, Janine Nemeč, Carolyn Barker
December 15 8:00 AM	Michael Vrabel	Kelsey Marquis Carter Marquis	Jerry David	Barney & Dorothy Walther, Jerry David
December 21 5:00 PM	Aaron Liles	Renae & Maria Bruce Michael Liles	Liles family	Richard & Jerrie Witte, Aaron Liles
December 22 8:00 AM	John Edgar	Jamie Danek Logan Eckert	Pinto & Lucille Nemeč	Louise Straka, John Edgar, Lucille Nemeč
Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:		December 15: Jerry David	December 22: Richard Witte	

In Memoriam: The parish family extends sympathies and prayers toward the friends and family of **Lucille Herrington**, who passed away. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. (Burial to be announced.)

Last Week's Collection: \$2,524.00 **Priest & Religious Retirement Fund:** \$1,133.00 **Thank you for your generosity!**

Communal Advent Penance Schedule

St. Helen – Georgetown: Mon, Dec 16, at 7 pm; **St. John Vianney – RR:** 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



Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24: Children's Mass at 5:00 p.m. (starts with Children's Christmas Program at 4:30 p.m.)
 Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m. (caroling starts at 11:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day Mass at 8:00 a.m.

We will have a **second collection this weekend** to help those affected by **Typhoon Haiyan**. The money collected will be forwarded to and used by Catholic Relief Services in their relief efforts for this catastrophe. Please be generous.

K.J.T. #55 will meet today (Sunday, December 15) in the RE Bldg, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

THIS IS YOUR LAST DAY to sign up for the **Marriage Anniversary Certificates** and to turn in a **Christmas Flower Envelope!**

PENANCE SERVICE HERE – TODAY – Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 p.m. (See attached document to use in your preparation!!)

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 Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz. Next week, it will be in the home of Frances Nemec. Please pray for Vocations!

CCE: Pre-K – 9th grade will meet this Wednesday, December 18. A little change in schedule for this week: Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the church with class afterward to 8:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg (NO CCE meal).

Food Drive: The collection of food for the Caring Place comes to a close on Wednesday, December 18. The K.J.T. Corn Hill Society 55 would like to thank everyone who donated food and money to help the needy in our area. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Havelka (512-869-8715).

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will not have a regular meeting this month, but will meet on Thursday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg to prepare Christmas bags.

Advent Giving Tree: This Advent Season, our parish has adopted two families, who are in need of a wonderful Christmas, including a meal and gifts. On the trees in the foyer are “ornaments” that contain a suggested gift/donation. In the spirit of family, it would be a true blessing if all of our members could be a part of this project by taking an ornament and fulfilling the request. (But ... if you feel the need to bypass the Christmas shopping frenzy, and would like to give a monetary donation instead, all contributions are welcome and will be put to good use for the families!) All donations should be unwrapped and can be brought to either the church or the RE Bldg. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, December 22 (ending with 8 a.m. Mass). That afternoon, our Confirmation Class will be wrapping and assisting with the delivery of the items. For any questions, please contact Lucille D’Elia at 512-746-4317 or htcdre@yahoo.com.

About 3 months ago it was decided that we would refinish all of our sacred vessels, chalices, ciboria, etc., and also the candle sticks, the side tabernacle doors, and the main tabernacle. All of this work will cost about \$20,000.00, which is only a fraction of the cost if we were to replace them with new ones. We received donations from the Valenta and Rosipal families for part of this work. We are still need of donations to pay for the remaining portion of the cost. We have received about \$5,000.00 and are still needing the remaining \$15,000.00. Please consider making a donation to help offset the cost of this restoration work. No donation is too small. Any donation is greatly appreciated as we continue to keep our church looking beautiful for the glory of God. Thank you.

Would you like to take a trip to the Czech Republic? Msgr. Louis Pavlicek has put together a tour that will take place June 23 - July 3, 2014. The flight is from Austin. The tour will begin in Vienna, Austria and then continue to Brno, Velehrad, Zlin, Hostyn, Ostrava, all in the Czech Republic, continue on to Krakow, Poland, the concentration camp in Auschwitz, and then the final two days will be in Prague, Czech Republic. Information flyers are in the church and detailed trip information may be picked up in the parish office or requested from Msgr. Pavlicek (512-763-6495).

Dear friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent. “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near!” (Philippians 4:4,5) This verse, taken from today’s entrance antiphon and from today’s second reading. It expresses the theme of this Sunday’s readings and the reason we call this Sunday “Gaudete Sunday.” Today we wear rose colored vestments to remind us that we have passed the half-way point of this season and the joyful anticipation of celebrating the birth of the Lord increases within us.

Listed in this bulletin are the Penance Services of the parishes in our deanery. Please plan on going to Confession sometime before Christmas. Here at Holy Trinity, we will have our Penance Service today (Sunday, December 15) at 5 pm. It is one of the best ways that you can prepare your soul to celebrate the birth of the Savior. Our being cleansed of all sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings joy to all the saints and angels in heaven. When we go to confession, we not only please God, but we make it possible for us to experience joy on a much deeper level and we experience the love and grace of God. Attached to this bulletin is a good examination of conscience to help you prepare to make a good confession.

In today’s second reading, St. James offers us some good practical advice for this time of year when everyone’s life is filled with much busy-ness and stress. St. James says, “Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. ...do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged.” How patient have you been lately? How much complaining have you done? It is sad that when we should be preparing for the celebration of the Birth of the Lord that people are running around like chickens with their heads cut off in the stores trying to get the best deal, worrying about what gifts they should be buying for family and friends. And, in the process, they get irritated and upset and their tempers flare. Patience is lost. On the news, all they speak about is how much money everyone is or is not spending. It seems the Advent Season is all about money and the economy. You never hear anything on TV about how we should prepare spiritually for Christmas. So, as we continue in this Season of Advent, I encourage you to take more time for prayer and less time for shopping. Remember that the greatest gift we can give is the gift of ourselves, both to our Lord and to one another. Remind others to read the daily readings and to pray together and attend daily Mass when possible. Spending more time in prayer is the best gift we can give to ourselves any time of the year.

**In Christ,
Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář**

This Christmas, remember what the season is all about! Replace the “ho, ho, ho” with *“Hōly, Hōly, Hōly!”*