

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
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Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, A.D. 2018

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Aug 4	5:00 PM	†Steve & Soon Lee
Sunday	Aug 5	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Aug 5	10:30 AM	†William Harding, Sr.
Monday	Aug 6	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday	Aug 7	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wednesday	Aug 8	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday	Aug 9	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday	Aug 10	<b>7:00 AM</b>	†Paul Chevalier
Saturday	Aug 11	7:30 AM	Craig & Krystle
Saturday	Aug 11	5:00 PM	†Cyril & Margaret Kohoutek
Sunday	Aug 12	8:30 AM	†Frank & Anastasia Knapek
Sunday	Aug 12	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Saturday, August 11, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook  
**Lector:** Janine Nemec  
**EMHC:** Patsy Hightower, Jim & Mary Margaret Heurtz  
**Gift Bearers:** Johnny & Bernice Hernandez  
**Head Usher:** Howard Mertink

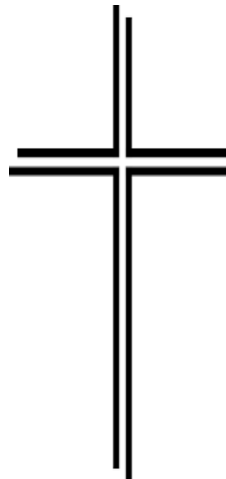
#### Sunday, August 12, 8:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** William, Joseph & Adelaide Brousseau, Caleb Stefek  
**Lector:** Louis Brousseau  
**EMHC:** James Nemec, Monica Sherek, Ray Nemec  
**Gift Bearers:** Pinto & Lucille Nemec  
**Head Usher:** Frank Knapek

#### Sunday, August 12, 10:30AM:

**Altar Servers:** Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Martin Ortiz  
**Lector:** Kelly Godfrey  
**EMHC:** Kelly Godfrey, Leslie & Linda Allen  
**Gift Bearers:** Bill & Linda Montreuil  
**Head Usher:** Jeff Voigt

**EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, August 12:** Monica Sherek



We are always in need of more Mass Ministers, so if you are looking to get more involved in your parish, consider becoming one, or more, of the following:

**Lector ~ Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**  
**Gift Bearer ~ Altar Server ~ Usher**

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**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

**Director of Faith Formation:** Lucille D'Elia 737-215-1042  
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**Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals & Info:** Parish Office  
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**Cemetery Director:** Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301  
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**Music Ministry / Choir:** Ronnie Simek 512-630-5074  
**Finance Council:** Tommy Sladeczek 512-746-5881  
**Pastoral Council:** Pete Zenner 512-863-4038  
**Pro-Life Prayer Group:** Chris Garlasco 860-689-3021  
**Men's Prayer Group:** Pete Zenner 512-863-4038  
**Conf. of Christian Mothers:** Lucille Nemec 254-527-3615  
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**K.J.Z.T. Society #15:** Dorothy Klepac 512-746-2902  
**Catholic Life Insurance #50:** Tommy Sladeczek 512-635-3496  
**CEF Enrollments:** Janine Nemec 512-289-9242

### Altar Flowers

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

### Last Week's Collection(s)

July 29: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$3,558.00  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Social Ministry - Collection: \$847.00

### 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.

**August 5 – 11: James Nemec**

August 12 – 18: Pinto & Lucille Nemec

### Religious Articles Cabinet

in the foyer of the church, is full of many items, for all occasions, which are available for purchase. Contact the parish office, Louise Straka (512-746-5322) or Janine Nemec (512-289-9242), to purchase items. Items can also be ordered for you from the catalog.

### This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, Aug 4/5: --Back to School CEF Enrollments  
 Sunday, August 5: --Hospitality Sunday  
 --Bazaar Planning Meeting  
 Monday, August 6: --Senior Citizens' Supper  
 Thursday, August 9: --Pro-Life Adoration  
 Sat/Sun, Aug 11/12: --Back to School CEF Enrollments

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of Barbara (Kubacak) Kajs, who passed away and was buried here last week. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

The Moravian Club would like to thank everyone who participated in, attended and supported their annual BBQ Cookoff this past weekend. Community at its best!



**Registration has begun and the CCE Office will be open after all Masses this weekend (August 4/5).** Classes are now being formed for grades Kindergarten through High School, including classes for those students who have not yet had the opportunity for catechesis and are in need of sacraments.

Our program needs to be ready to go on the first day of class – **September 5** – so please take a moment and register your child(ren) now. Registration forms can be placed in the collection basket (marked “CCE”) or returned by mail, or in person, to the CCE Office. However, if you are registering your child(ren) for the first time you must do so in person at the CCE office.

For questions or further information please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Lucille D’Elia, at 737-215-1042, or via email at [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com).

A CEF ‘Back-to-School’ enrollment drive will be held after Masses this weekend (August 4/5) and next (August 11/12), for anyone wishing to enroll their children, grand/god-children, teachers, etc, as they begin another school year. Enrollments for other occasions can also be made at this time. The usual offering is \$2 per person, per card, and benefit the education of our diocesan seminarians.

All visitors and parishioners are invited to our **Hospitality Sunday** today (Sunday, August 5) in the PAC Bldg, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We appreciate the K.J.T. #55 for preparing the breakfast.

We will have a **Bazaar Planning Meeting** after Hospitality Sunday today (August 5). All Function Leaders are encouraged to attend.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens’ Supper** will be held this Monday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We thank the Confraternity of Christian Mothers for preparing the meal and festivities.

The **Georgetown/Round Rock Deanery Council of Catholic Women** will meet this Thursday, August 9, at St. Mary of the Assumption in Taylor. Registration is at 9:30 a.m., with the business meeting at 10:00 a.m. All ladies of the parish are invited and questions can be directed to Linda Montreuil at (512) 864-2451.

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

On Wednesday, August 15, we will celebrate the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be at 7:00 a.m., 12 Noon, and 6:30 p.m.

**RCIA Classes to Begin on September 11, 2018 - 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, is welcome to attend the classes, which **will be held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. in the RE building, beginning on Tuesday, September 11. If you would like to become Catholic, or are Catholic and need to receive First Communion, Confession, and/or Confirmation, or have any questions, please contact Lucille D’Elia in the Faith Formation Office at 737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com).**

We realize that several of our parish families have done away with land line phones in their homes, and the number we have for some of you no longer works. If you have changed your phone #, address, etc, please let us know so that our records are up-to-date.

We welcome all visitors and appreciate you joining us for Mass! If you are new to the parish, or have been attending for a while, and would like to become a member, please complete and return a Parish Registration Form (yellow sheets found by the bulletins).

## Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! May God's love be with each of you. The month of August has begun. School and Religious Education classes will begin soon. Let us be praying for our students and their teachers as they make preparations for this new school year.

Our readings today continue the same theme that was begun last weekend. In today's First Reading, the people complain to Moses and God hears their complaining and sends them bread from heaven. Well, that was not enough to satisfy them, so God sends them an abundance of quail in the evening. They had bread and meat to eat, but, as we well know, that was not enough to satisfy them either. They thought food would satisfy their bodily needs. But, they needed more. Sure, they had food to eat, but their spirit was dying. They so easily turned away from God and forgot what He had done for them.

Last week, we began reading from the Gospel of John. We are focusing on the sixth chapter of this Gospel. I would encourage you to read the sixth chapter in its entirety. You will see a progression in the depth of faith that Jesus is asking of His apostles...going from that which can be seen and witnessed, that of the corporeal world, to that of which cannot be seen, but of which they are expected to believe. He is asking them to believe in the miracles that are taking place through Him, especially in the miracle of the Eucharist as He asks them to believe that His Body and Blood become present in the bread and wine which we receive at Mass. He will speak of this miracle as His Flesh and Blood that is for them to eat and to drink.

In the Gospel, John 6:24-35, Jesus speaks about the bread of God that gives life to the world and Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Jesus tells the apostles that the people were coming to Him because he fed them with earthly food. He wants His apostles to realize that it is not the earthly food which gives life, but it is He, Himself, that gives true life, that is satisfying to one's hunger pains.

Next week, this Gospel will continue, and Jesus will say "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Jesus will emphasize the need to "eat His flesh and drink His blood", referring to the Eucharist. Jesus is calling them to a deeper faith, a faith in His Real Presence in the Eucharist. To believe that Jesus is really present in the Holy Communion we receive takes a deep faith, a real faith in Him. Let us give thanks to Him that we have received that faith and let us receive Him and be nourished by Him.

May all of you have a most blessed week.

In Christ,  
Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář

*Speak the name, Jesus, slowly, quietly and reverently, and you will gain a moment of peace and reflection. It's as if in one moment, all that Jesus is fills us with love, comfort and hope. Saint John Henry Newman speaks to this eloquently, "To holy people, the very name of Jesus is a name to feed upon, a name to transport. His name can raise the dead and transfigure and beautify the living."*

## ✠ PARISH BAZAAR ✠

**Stop by the 'Raffle Table' after Mass to pick up more raffle tickets or to turn in your ticket stubs and money!** We very much appreciate your efforts in selling tickets to your family members, coworkers, friends and neighbors!

**If you would like to donate for the groceries and other expenses of the Bazaar...envelopes can be found on the bulletin tables** and can be put in the collection plate, mailed/brought to the parish office, or turned in at the Raffle table at the weekend Masses.

**Donations for the Bazaar games, silent and live auctions, etc, are now being accepted and are very much appreciated! Please see the list below of suggested items, and all donations can be brought to the PAC Bldg (which will be open every weekend after Mass) or to the parish office during business hours.**

- Live Auction – NEW & Unused items – valued at \$25 or more – please contact Jacqueline Danek (512-423-2598) for suggestions / questions.
- Silent Auction – NEW & Unused items – religious articles, homemade goods, crafts, candles, small tool & garden sets, kitchen items, lotion/bath sets.
- Bingo Prizes – NEW & Unused items - valued at \$5 or more – coffee, sugar, snacks, candy, laundry and/or dish detergents, etc.
- Toy Walk Prizes – NEW & Unused items - valued at \$5 or more – stuffed animals, Barbies/dolls, tractors, trucks, crafts, Legos, board games, etc.
- Ring Toss Game – 2 liter sodas (any brand / any flavor)
- Cake Walk – cakes ONLY (bring to PAC the morning of the Bazaar)

**Volunteers are needed for all areas of the Bazaar – and we need as many helpers as possible to make the day enjoyable for everyone!** A list of Function Leaders is in your Bazaar Packet, as well as posted on the church bulletin board, so please call the Leader in the area(s) you would like to work in. New parishioners are always welcome!

**Why do we receive the Eucharist?** To some, that may seem like a silly question. It's the body and blood of Jesus, so why wouldn't we receive it? However, I don't think the issue is quite so simple. Yes, it's great to have God physically present among us, but why would we want to eat and drink that presence? What exactly does consuming Jesus' body and blood do for us? That's a much tougher question to answer, and in this article, I want to look at how the Bible answers it. Specifically, I want to look at what Jesus said about the importance of the Eucharist in our spiritual lives.

### ***For the Life of the World***

Many Catholics are familiar with the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In it, Jesus gives a sermon that scholars call the Bread of Life Discourse, and this sermon (particularly verses 51-58) is often used in apologetics to show that the Eucharist really is Jesus' body and blood. He repeatedly tells his followers that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood, clearly confirming the Catholic belief that the Eucharist is not just a symbol. However, this sermon teaches us more than just the bare fact of Jesus' real presence; it also tells us a bit about the role the Eucharist is supposed to play in our spiritual lives. In particular, one thing Jesus says in it is packed to the brim with meaning: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:51) When we read Jesus' words about his flesh being given "for the life of the world," most of us understand him to be referring to his sacrificial death. On the cross, Jesus gave his life, his flesh, to redeem the entire world (1 John 2:1-2), and he gives us that very same flesh in the Eucharist. However, I would suggest that there is more here than meets the eye. Yes, Jesus is referring to his death, but his words have a second meaning as well, one that tells us a lot more about the role the Eucharist should play in our spiritual lives.

### ***The New Manna***

If we go back and read this verse in context, we can see that the Bread of Life Discourse was prompted by a short dialogue that Jesus had with his audience. In this dialogue, the people ask him what sign he would perform so they could know for sure that he came from God, and they cite the manna, the miraculous bread from heaven that sustained the Israelites as they traveled to the Promised Land after their exodus from Egypt (the story is recounted in Exodus 16:1-36), as an example of the kind of sign they're looking for (John 6:30-31). In response, Jesus tells them that the manna foreshadowed the "true bread from heaven" that God would later give his people (John 6:32), and then he begins his Bread of Life Discourse, where he explains that he himself (and ultimately his body and blood in the Eucharist) is the "bread which came down from heaven" (John 6:41, 51). With that background, we can see that when Jesus says that his flesh is given "for the life of the world" in the Eucharist, he means that his flesh is the new manna, the "true bread from heaven" that is intended to sustain all of us on our journey to our heavenly homeland just as the manna in the Old Testament fed the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. However, this raises a question for us. How exactly does the Eucharist sustain us spiritually? What does it really mean to say that the Eucharist is our food for our journey to heaven?

### ***Eternal Life***

In the rest of the Bread of Life Discourse, Jesus gives us a few clues to help us answer those questions. First, he tells us: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:53-54) In this passage, Jesus teaches us that the Eucharist quite literally sustains our spiritual lives. Without it, as he says, we "have no [spiritual] life" in us. In other words, it helps to sustain the life of grace within us, the grace that we receive at baptism and that we believe will flower into the life of heaven once we die, just as earthly food sustains our physical lives. More specifically, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains, the Eucharist "preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace," "separates us from sin," and "preserves us from future mortal sins" (CCC 1392-1393, 1395).

### ***Abiding in Christ***

Secondly, Jesus tells us that "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:56). Now, this verse is interesting because it's the reverse of what we would expect him to say. We would expect Jesus to first say that the Eucharist allows him to abide in us (after all, we receive him in this sacrament, not the other way around) and only secondly to say that it allows us to abide in him, but that's not what he does. No, he reverses the order, implying that our presence within him is more important than his presence within us. But what does that mean? How can we abide in Jesus? He doesn't answer this question in the Bread of Life Discourse, but he picks up this loose thread later in John's Gospel and subtly explains what he means: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned." (John 15:5-6) Now, the connection between these two passages is obscured a bit in many English translations. In the Bread of Life Discourse, Jesus says that the Eucharist allows us to "abide" in him, and here he's saying that we must "remain" in him. Those are two different verbs, but in Greek they're actually the same word. Consequently, for John's original readers, the connection would have been crystal clear. And what precisely is that connection? The Eucharist allows us to "abide" or "remain" in Jesus just as branches abide in their vine. Just as a vine gives life to its branches and allows them to grow and flourish, so too does the Eucharist connect us to the source of our spiritual life, Jesus, allowing us to grow and flourish spiritually. It allows us to bear fruit for God, obeying his laws and following his will for our lives, and without it, we can't fulfill our vocations or live faithful Catholic lives. In a nutshell, this sacrament connects us to the source of all grace and holiness, and the more we receive it, the stronger that connection becomes.

### ***Food for the Journey***

So the next time you go to Mass and receive Communion, remember that you're not just performing some archaic religious ritual that Jesus instituted a couple thousand years ago. No, when we receive the Eucharist, we nourish our souls with the new manna, the new bread from heaven that sustains our spiritual lives just like the manna in the Old Testament sustained the Israelites' physical lives. It strengthens us to live as faithful Christians in a hostile world, making sure that we remain connected to the source of all holiness and spiritual strength, Jesus Christ. Simply put, the Eucharist is food for our journey home, food that helps us to survive the hostile desert of this world and arrive safely at our heavenly homeland.