

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, A.D. 2018

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Aug 18	5:00 PM	†Joe & Amanda Tschoerner
Sunday	Aug 19	8:30 AM	†Ted & Gabriella Nemeč
Sunday	Aug 19	10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Aug 21	6:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (for healing)
Wednesday	Aug 22	6:30 PM	†Victor Palousek, Sr.
Thursday	Aug 23	7:00 AM	For Greater Respect of Life
Friday	Aug 24	6:00 PM	†Tommie Rose Martine
Saturday	Aug 25	7:30 AM	†Frances Nemeč
Saturday	Aug 25	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Aug 26	8:30 AM	†Frances Freely
Sunday	Aug 26	10:30 AM	†Stanley Havelka

### Mass Ministry Reminders

#### Saturday, August 25, 5:00 PM:

**Altar Servers:** John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

**Lector:** Lupe Bernal

**EMHC:** Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz, Brandi Bernal

**Gift Bearers:** John & Mary Ann Valenta

**Head Usher:** Donald Tschoerner

#### Sunday, August 26, 8:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Caleb & Amy Stefek, John Danek

**Lector:** Chris Stefek

**EMHC:** Ray Nemeč, Brandon Danek, Johnny Martinka

**Gift Bearers:** Richard & Lisa Danek

**Head Usher:** A.J. Batla

#### Sunday, August 26, 10:30 AM:

**Altar Servers:** Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Martin Ortiz

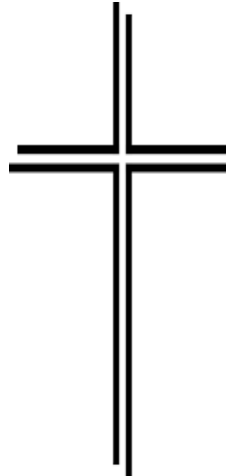
**Lector:** Jill Horner

**EMHC:** Kelly Godfrey & Keith Youngpeter

**Gift Bearers:** Voigt family

**Head Usher:** Jeff Voigt

**EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, August 26:** Brandon Danek



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**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Klepac (512-863-3020)

**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

**Director of Faith Formation:** Lucille D'Elia 737-215-1042

**Financial Bookkeeper:** Laura Soto 317-767-9782

**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

**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 Nemeč 254-527-3615

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

**K.J.Z.T. Society #15:** Dorothy Klepac 512-746-2902

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

**CEF Enrollments:** Janine Nemeč 512-289-9242

### Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed in honor of  
our HTCC teachers, students and parents as they  
begin the 2018-19 school year.

### Last Week's Collection(s)

August 12: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$3,906.25  
August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: \$1,663.00

### 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 19 – 25: Josh & Steffani Jacobs**

August 26 – September 1: Helen Havelka

### CEF 'Spiritual Bouquet' Enrollments

Are good gifts for anyone, for any occasion, and can be made  
at anytime by contacting Janine Nemeč (512-289-9242).

### This Week at a Glance

Thursday, August 23: --Pastoral Council Meeting

--Pro-Life Adoration

### In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of  
**Frank Pospisil**, who passed away last Sunday and was buried  
here on Friday. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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**

You may contact the parish office for information on these, and more, Ministries!



**CCE Classes will begin in just three short weeks – on Wednesday, September 5 – so please register your child(ren) now so that we are fully prepared!**

We have classes for grades Kindergarten through High School, including for those students who have not yet had the opportunity for catechesis and are in need of sacraments.

Registration forms can be placed in the collection basket, or returned 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).



**Youth Group 'Back To School Bash'**

**Calling all teens – grades 8-12!** Come join us for some Faith, Service and Fellowship! Start with Mass at 10:30 a.m. next Sunday, August 26, and then, immediately after, we'll meet in the RE building for a little bit of service, some fellowship and a lot of pizza and ice cream. We should be tired, full and ready to go home by 1:00 p.m. Let us know you're coming so we will be sure to have enough goodies on hand.

**Please RSVP by Friday, August 24,** to Kelly or Lucille (email [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com) or 737-215-1042).

The **Pastoral Council** will meet this Thursday, August 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Everyone is invited to attend.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet next Sunday, August 26, in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Members will gather in the front pews for Mass to lead the Rosary prayed beforehand. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the meeting.

**RCIA Classes to Begin Soon – so sign-up now – if you are interested in becoming Catholic, or are a Catholic adult in need of receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, communion and/or confirmation).** 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 classes **will be held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. in the RE building, beginning on Tuesday, September 11.** To register, or for questions, please contact Lucille D'Elia in the Faith Formation Office (737-215-1042 or [htcdre@yahoo.com](mailto:htcdre@yahoo.com)).

**✠ 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 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) – NEED 200 BOTTLES!
- Cake Walk – cakes ONLY (bring to PAC the morning of the Bazaar)

**K.J.Z.T. St. Agnes Society #15 will again sponsor the Bazaar Kolache Booth. If you would like to bake and donate kolaches,** or have any questions, call Dorothy Klepac (512-746-2902) or Barbara Danek (512-746-2015). Containers are available at the church entrance.

**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!

St. Monica Parish in Cameron will host its **Annual Homecoming Festival** today (Sunday, August 19) on their parish grounds. Beef and sausage plates will be sold beginning at 10:30 a.m. for \$10 per plate. Other activities include live entertainment, a live auction at 3:30 p.m. and a horseshoe tournament at 1 p.m.

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Granger invites you to their **Annual Parish Bazaar** on Sunday, September 2, in their parish hall. Barbecue plates (\$10 each) will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m., with drive-thru available until 12:30 p.m. or until sold out. Live auction will start at 1:30 p.m. and games for all ages will go on throughout the afternoon. A dance will then be held from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. (\$8 per person).

**Dear friends in Christ,**

May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you. This Wednesday, August 22, we celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It would be good to try to attend Mass Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm as we recognize Mary as Queen of Heaven. It is important that we celebrate our faith and religious heritage by attending Mass on special feast days throughout the year and that we pass this faith and heritage on to our children and grandchildren.

For the third Sunday in a row we hear and ponder in the sixth chapter of John what is known as the Bread of Life discourse. These verses which we read today are direct and to the point. They clearly refer to the Eucharist and the belief of the earliest Christians. In this passage, these words of Jesus caused considerable bewilderment and alarm in Jesus' listeners, and these words should be a source of unease in us as well. Because, if someone asked us to eat their flesh and drink their blood, we would be concerned. We would probably suggest some mental-health treatment. The idea of it is really quite awful. For the Jews, the disturbing nature of Jesus' suggestion goes even deeper.

Jews were forbidden by the Law of Moses to drink the blood of animals. Blood was the symbol of life. To suggest His blood was life-giving was, for them, a statement of blasphemy by Jesus. Only God gives life. We can understand and sympathize, therefore, with the opening lines of next Sunday's continuation of the sixth chapter of John, when some of the disciples are quoted as saying, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

This passage should cause us as Catholics further unease because it is a direct reference to the Eucharist. We must ask ourselves about our relationship to the Eucharist, to the Mass. We can never escape the directedness of the statement "...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you." This is a very strong statement said by Jesus. How can we possibly ever miss being at Mass and sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ if this is in fact what we believe?

In our second reading, Paul cautions us. Paul's words say to us, "Watch carefully how you live..." For us as Christians, living is something more than just mere existence. Life means something. Paul is cautioning new Christians not to live as the pagans. They were pursuing meaning in life through drunken debauchery. Immediate fun and immediate gratifications was the purpose of life. Sounds like people of today, doesn't it? With excitement and fun, life had meaning. Without it, life did not. For the Christian, however, there is much more to life.

The lesson of the Eucharist is that we can have the things of this world, but they offer nothing. Jesus emptied Himself in complete self-giving. If we were to offer our flesh and blood, we would have to die to make it available. This is what Jesus did. In that self-sacrifice, life was made possible and the secret of finding happiness and meaning was given to us.

The bread and wine we put on our altar become for us, through Jesus' sacrifice, the real Body and Blood of Christ. Participating in the Eucharist means that we ourselves are going to have to practice a bit of self-surrender. We have to come to the table. We have to give up all that would keep us from it ... we have to give up sin. In so doing, we can discover the God who made us and the love He offers us.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." We have to face this passage from Sacred Scripture. We cannot ignore it as many choose to do. The lesson of the Scriptures is that all that ever lasts is somehow connected to God. Jesus offers us a connection to the Father through the food on our altar. Paul learned this and urges us to attempt to grasp this reality.

We yearn for fulfillment and meaning. We have the opportunity in the gift of Jesus Himself. If Jesus' Body and Blood, which we receive in the host each time we come to Holy Communion, is Life, then we must partake of it. If not, we, too, will die having cheated ourselves by refusing to accept this life in Christ by the way we live our own lives, living in sin, separated from the Body of Christ. If you are separated from our Lord by not being able to receive Him in Holy Communion, do whatever it takes to become once again in good standing with the Church and follow the teachings of our Lord and so that you are able to receive His presence in the Eucharist. In next week's gospel we will hear that many turned and walked away from our Lord and could not accept this teaching about receiving His Body and Blood. Please do not do the same, but humble yourself before our Lord and receive Him.

Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the most important event of our week we are reminded to dress appropriately for Mass. Remember that we are coming to the banquet of the Lord. Anyone six years of age and older should not be wearing shorts to Mass. I know that it is hot, but may the way we dress reflect what we believe about the Eucharist and how sacred of a celebration it is to us. Also, we should not wear something that is a distraction to someone else. So try to avoid wearing shirts with pictures, artwork, or writing on the shirt. People tend to read your shirt or look at the artwork and it can be distracting during Mass when you are sitting right in front of someone. Let us all try to help one another to be focused on what is happening during Mass.

May you all have a most blessed week.

**In Christ,  
Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farāĭ**