

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, A.D. 2018

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Sept 22	5:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (for healing) †Albin & Janette Zurovetz
Sunday	Sept 23	8:30 AM	†Patrick Vrabel †Mary Conlee
Sunday	Sept 23	10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Sept 25	6:00 PM	†Bill Klepac
Wednesday	Sept 26	6:30 PM	†Joe & Mary Kreitz Leo Bringman (for healing)
Thursday	Sept 27	7:00 AM	†Joe Janosec †Doris Cole
Friday	Sept 28	6:00 PM	†Tommie Rose Martine †John Emge
Saturday	Sept 29	7:30 AM	†Joe Tschoerner, Jr. †Betty Emge
Saturday	Sept 29	5:00 PM	†Evalyn Guzman †Otto & Albina Teltow
Sunday	Sept 30	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Sept 30	10:30 AM	†Jeff Taylor †Pete & Eleanora Schwertner

Altar Flowers

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

Last Week's Collection(s)

Sept 16: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$3,878.50

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Come spend some time with our Lord!

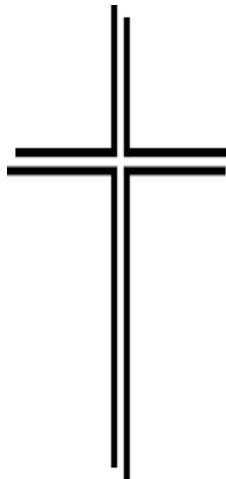
Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

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

September 23 – 29: Louis & Agnes Brousseau family
September 30 – October 6: Louise Havelka

CEF 'Spiritual Bouquet' Enrollments

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



✠ Fr. Stephen Nestrsta ✠

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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

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

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Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301

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Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Caleb Stefek, Lucas Beyer, Preston Snook

Lector: Pete Zenner

EMHC: Nancy Zenner

Gift Bearers: 5/6th Grade

Saturday, September 29, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason

Lector: Janine Nemeč

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Jennifer Klepac

Gift Bearers: John & Mary Ann Valenta

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, September 30, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: William, Joseph & Adelaide Brousseau, Caleb Stefek

Lector: Louis Brousseau

EMHC: John & Cynthia Edgar, Ray Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Dee Martinka

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, September 30, 10:30AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Abby Hodgson, Heron Rodriguez

Lector: Monica Sherek

EMHC: Monica Sherek, Leslie & Linda Allen

Gift Bearers: Hodgson family

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, September 30: John Edgar

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, Sept 23: --Confraternity of Christian Mothers
Tuesday, Sept 25: --RCIA Class
Wednesday, Sept 26: --CCE Classes
Thursday, Sept 27: --Pro-Life Adoration
Sat/Sun, Sept 29/30: --5th Sunday Collection

Alice Simek and her family would like to offer a very special thank you to Fr. Stephen and everyone else for their visits, thoughts and prayers during her time of illness. God bless you all for your love and kindness.

We will have a **second collection** this weekend (September 22/23) for our **Faith Formation Program**. Your generosity allows us to continue to educate our children, RCIA participants, and adults, through many different classes and programs.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** today (Sunday, September 23) in the RE Bldg, immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Agenda items include October activities – Austin DCCW Board Meeting brunch/lunch, Bake Sale and Parish Mission Reception. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will sit in the front pews that morning to lead the Rosary prayed before the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Joseph's Church, in Cyclone, invites you to their **73rd Annual Cyclone Picnic** today (Sunday, September 23). A Sausage & Fried Chicken meal starts at 10:30 a.m. for \$10 a plate. Live music by Jerry Haisler, live auction and lots of games and fun for all!

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Divine Revelation. For RCIA program questions, please contact Lucille D'Elia in the Faith Formation Office (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, September 26. Class from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m., which parents are encouraged to stay and attend, and then class will continue in the RE Bldg until 8:00 p.m. For all information, please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

Join us for **Pro-Life Adoration** this Thursday, September 27, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

We will have our **5th Sunday Collection** next weekend, September 29/30, for the Jarrell Food Pantry and our parish's Social Ministry Fund. Please be generous in helping those in need.

Baby Banks will be available next weekend (September 29/30)! October is Respect Life Month and our parish will again host the annual **Baby Banks Campaign** to foster a greater respect for the sanctity of human life. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in both our parish and throughout our diocese. The Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line and much more, will receive funds from this campaign.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. We appreciate Catholic Life Insurance Branch #50 for preparing the meal.

PARENTS / ADULTS! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 3 – which will be the first night of our new *Adult Faith Enrichment* program (to be held each Wednesday evening, during the school year). Do you have children, or grandchildren, in our CCE program and wonder what they're learning? And is it anything different than what you learned as a child? Or maybe you'd like to 'enrich' your faith and knowledge in general. All parents of our CCE students are encouraged to attend while your child is in class – especially those with children in Sacrament preparation classes – but ALL adults are invited, whether you have children in our program or not, as we could all use a little refresher course now and again. We will meet in the PAC Bldg immediately after the 6:30 p.m. Mass, which you are encouraged to attend as well. For questions or information, don't hesitate to contact Lucille D'Elia. (**Please Note:** these classes are for those who are already Catholic. They are not RCIA or 'introduction to the Catholic faith' classes. If you would like information about becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith, please contact Lucille D'Elia.)

The **Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group will meet** on Thursday, October 4. They will begin with a Pro-Life Rosary in the church at 6:30 p.m. and then continue their meeting in the RE Bldg. Everyone is invited to both the rosary and the meeting.

Join us on Sunday, October 7, at 3 p.m. (in the church) – to **unite as one to pray the Rosary** – for our Church, our country, the world – that we will all turn back to our loving God and for an end to the spiritual warfare that is raging in the world today! We have joined the many organizations and parishes in the **Rosary Coast to Coast** movement, which will take place on this day around the world – literally from coast to coast. For more details and information, please visit <http://rosarycoasttocoast.com> and we hope to see you there.

The Schwertner Community Center (corner of FM 1105 and FM 487) will have their **41st Annual BBQ Dinner** on Sunday, October 7. Plates are \$10 each and start serving at 11:00 a.m. Eat in or take out. They will have a Raffle – with only 300 tickets available (\$10 each) – and you can contact Billy Beyer (254-541-5992) to purchase them.

Dear friends in Christ,

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. We give thanks to God for the beautiful rains we have received and for the cooler temperatures. I think it makes all of us feel a little better.

Thank you to all who worked to make the Bazaar a great success. Special thanks to Charles Marquis and Helen Havelka for co-chairing the event. So many people worked so much and for days and weeks. Thank you to all of you. The meal was absolutely delicious. The weather cooperated to give us a beautiful day and everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable day. May God's blessings be upon all of you for all you have done for your parish and for our Lord.

Inserted in today's bulletin is the Pastoral Council Nomination form. Please read it and participate in nominating new members for the Pastoral Council.

This Friday is the feast of St. Wenceslaus, martyr. He is the patron saint of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. He was killed by his brother, Boleslaus, and some other ruffians at the entrance of the church in the year 929 at the age of 22. He is usually known as King Wenceslaus. He was duke of Bohemia and was a very faithful Catholic. He loved to serve at Mass even though he held such a high position in life. His brother was a pagan and was jealous of him and wanted his crown and power. Wenceslaus lived his life with humility and a spirit of service to God and to the people in his kingdom. May we also do the same.

Saturday, September 29, is the Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels. Since this is a feast day, I encourage whoever is able to do so, to please come to the Saturday morning Mass at 7:30 a.m. to celebrate the feast day.

Today's readings tell us that, if we are going to survive in life, we must put our trust in God and serve Him alone. However, as we do so, we, like the people closest to Jesus, will not be immune from the human traits of envy, ambition, and arrogance, which the letter of James identifies as the source of so much evil. Jesus tried to tell the Twelve that His mission would end in death, but they would not listen. Apparently, all they could think about was their own importance in the new kingdom they thought their master would establish.

When Jesus discovered the Apostles discussing among themselves who would have the greatest position, He reprimanded them severely. He told them that the one who wanted to rank first in His kingdom would have to put himself last and be a servant to the others. He told them to think of themselves as little children since childlike simplicity, innocence, and sincerity are the qualities that count most in the kingdom of God.

People who display such characteristics, of course, are vulnerable. Other people will certainly take advantage of them. That is why adults who make themselves defenseless, by practicing the kind of simplicity Jesus advocated, must depend on our loving God to protect them.

Jesus was teaching His disciples that the kingdom of God does not rely on the power of force to triumph over its enemies. Any victory achieved by force would be empty. It depends, instead, on the power of love, which changes the hearts of those it conquers. Those who enter the kingdom of God must come willingly, using their freedom of choice to decide for themselves to adopt the way of love Jesus preached.

In some respects, the way of life Jesus preached is difficult for us. We are not all that different from those whom Jesus corrected for their arrogance and selfish concern. Because we think of ourselves as strong and self-reliant, it isn't easy to let go of our egos and simply put our trust in God. We would rather rely on our own strength than adopt the childlike simplicity Jesus demanded of His followers.

It is difficult to return to this childlike simplicity. It is rather scary and that is why many refuse to do it. When we do return to this simplicity, we must let God be the one who is in control and we must do whatever His will may be in our life. This is not an easy thing to do because we are usually driven by our own ambitions and desires and seek our own good above the good of others. We can become a very selfish people. But we must pray that the Lord will save us from this trap and guide us to be of service to Him.

However, we do have an advantage over the first disciples who refused to listen when Jesus tried to tell them about His forthcoming death on the cross. We already know what happened. We know Jesus was condemned and suffered and died, that the evil of the world seemed to conquer Him. But we also know that, by the power of God, Jesus triumphed in the end through His resurrection and exaltation to eternal glory.

If we believe in Christ and follow the way of life He taught us, we can share in His resurrection to everlasting life through God's saving power. "Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life." (Ps 54:6)

May the Lord bless you all with a week filled with His Love.

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



Embracing Discipleship - \$14 million

Catholic Charities of Central Texas - \$5 million

Catholic Charities supports the parish’s spiritual work by meeting their clients’ material and social needs, helping break the cycle of generational poverty. The number of families served annually by Catholic Charities has more than tripled over the past 10 years, and is expected to rise to 100,000 per year by 2028. Currently, the Catholic Charities offices in Austin and Bryan/College Station are at capacity, limiting the amount of volunteers and services for clients. We plan to establish a Catholic Charities office in Waco and reconfigure the existing facilities in Bryan/College Station and Austin so that we can welcome more staff, volunteers and clients.

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center - \$2 million

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton provides a beautiful setting that encourages retreatants to rest and be renewed in their faith. However, the retreat center requires several upgrades to help it best serve the needs of our diocese today. With funds from the campaign, we will expand the Our Lady of Good Counsel chapel to seat 80 retreatants, install additional sacred art and upgrade lighting. Additionally, we plan to construct a multipurpose meeting and dining space for our youth, along two dormitory-style cabins with bunk beds for up to 48 retreatants. Finally, we plan to construct a small prayer chapel and plant a prayer garden for retreatants to have designated sacred prayer spaces to reflect upon their experiences and calling.

Young Adult Ministry - \$2 million

Our diocese is blessed to have the active ministry of a number of independent young adult groups that gather and grow together in faith. In order to strengthen these groups and connect them with the diocese and parishes, we plan to build a network of young adult ministry programs. With this support they will be able to grow in number, faith and continue to discern their calling during their post-college years.

Leadership Development - \$5 million

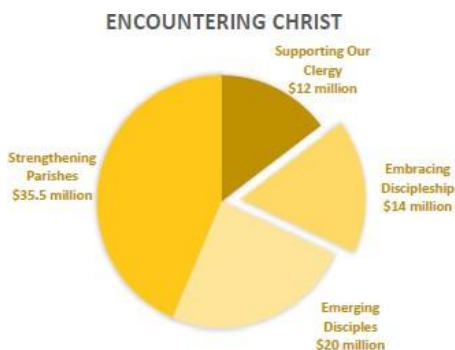
Through *Encountering Christ*, we will make immediate investments and establish an endowment to help replicate successful models of leadership identification, recruitment and formation for both the laity and clergy. This will be done by continued support to parishes with effective programs already in place and encouraging collaboration across offices to support ministry and leadership of the Hispanic and other emerging communities.

Encountering Christ
Total Campaign Goal:
\$85,000,000

Holy Trinity Church of Corn Hill
(Numbers as of 9/21/18)
Our Goal: \$260,000
Raised to date: \$139,000
Percentage Raised: 53.5%
Number of Gifts: 20
Average Gift: \$6,950

How you can Help!

- Prayerfully consider making a pledge
- Pray for the success of the campaign
- Answer the call to volunteer



CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Good and gracious God, source of wisdom and generosity, who, through your ever-present Holy Spirit, has bestowed upon our diocese in every generation the means to accomplish the mission of the church, we humbly ask for the grace to lovingly respond to your Spirit, leading us in the service of the Gospel through this Encountering Christ campaign.

May we experience a deep and profound encounter with Christ so that, transformed through faith, hope and love, we are moved to respond to the needs of the marginalized, raise up vibrant parishes, form fruitful ministries and call forth pastoral leaders.

Asking the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, may the work of this campaign be pleasing to you, as we await, in joyful hope, the fullness of your glory.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**