

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



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Diocese of Austin

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, A.D. 2018

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Dec 22	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 23	8:30 AM	†Tommy Rose Martine †Mary Conlee
Sunday	Dec 23	10:30 AM	†Bill Klepac †Joseph T. Gavin
Monday	Dec 24	7:00 AM	†Jerome Tobolka †Frank Pospisil
Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord			
Monday	Dec 24	5:00 PM 12 Midnight	Pro Populo Pro Populo
Tuesday	Dec 25	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Wednesday	Dec 26	NO MASS	
Thursday	Dec 27	12 Noon	†Joe Janosec †Louis & Agnes Straka
Friday	Dec 28	6:00 PM	†Frances Nemecek †Doris Cole
Saturday	Dec 29	7:30 AM	†Fr. Michal Jadavan †Bobby Emge
Saturday	Dec 29	5:00 PM	†Connie Quevedo †SSGT Gary Loyer, USMC and †Betty Gragg
Sunday	Dec 30	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Dec 30	10:30 AM	In Thanksgiving – Bill Sherek family

Last Week's Collection(s)

December 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent: \$4,106.03

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday in the church from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Come spend some time with the Lord!

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

December 23 – 29: Helen Havelka

December 30 – January 5: Frank & Lucille D'Elia

Rosary for Life

December 23 – 29: Tim & Gwyn Vrabel

December 30 – January 5: Agnes Taylor



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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

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Mass Ministry Reminders

Christmas Masses

Monday, December 24, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook

Lector: Michael Vrabel EMHC: Jennifer K, Irene & Patsy

Gift Bearers: Snook family Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Monday, December 24, 12:00 Midnight: (incense)

Altar Servers: John & Jenna D, Carter Marquis, William Fonville

Lector: Chris Stefek EMHC: Ray N, James N, Brandon D

Gift Bearers: Ray & Teresa Nemecek Head Usher: Frank K

Tuesday, December 25, 8:30 AM: (incense)

Altar Servers: Caleb & Amy S, Jakob Voigt, Adelaide Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau EMHC: P&N Zenner, Monica Sherek

Gift Bearers: Pete & Nancy Zenner Head Usher: Bill Sherek

Saturday, December 29, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason

Lector: Jennifer Klepac

EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Irene Cavanaugh & Patsy Hightower

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

Head Usher: Stephanie Wright

Sunday, December 30, 8:30 AM: (incense)

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

Lector: Cynthia Edgar

EMHC: James Nemecek, Johnny Martinka, Brandon Danek

Gift Bearers: Johnny & Dee Martinka

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, December 30, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Thomas Clawson, Heron Rodriguez, William Fonville

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Clawson family

Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, December 30: Brandon Danek

Food Drive: Thank you to all of the parishioners and CCE students who participated in the food drive sponsored by the KJT Corn Hill Society #55. There will be many families enjoying a hunger-free Christmas this year because of your generosity. We donated 697 pounds of food and \$270 to The Caring Place. God bless you all.

Thank you to everyone for the items and donations for our Angel Tree. Your spirit of generosity is a true symbol of Christ's love and makes all the difference to those receiving the gifts.

"On behalf of the Friends of the Williamson County Child Welfare Board, I would like to thank Debbie Klaus for spearheading the Angel Tree Project and the parishioners of Holy Trinity for the generous donations. These gifts will be used to stock our three Rainbow Rooms that contain items that may be obtained for a child removed from his/her home due to allegations of abuse or neglect. Many times these children are picked up with nothing but the clothes that they are wearing. Caseworkers are able to access these rooms twenty four hours a day to provide these children with the essentials that they need. God bless you for what you do for those in need." Nancy Zenner, Vice-Chairperson

We will have a **Faith Formation Collection** this weekend (December 22/23) to help fund the religious education programs for all ages and needs within our parish.

The **Parish Offices will be closed for the holidays** during the week of December 24 – 28, and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2.

RCIA: No Class on Tuesday, December 25 or January 1, due to the holidays. For questions, contact Lucille D'Elia.

CCE: No Classes on Wednesday, December 26 or January 2, due to the holidays. For questions, contact Lucille D'Elia.

Adult Faith Enrichment: No Class on Wednesday, December 26 or January 2, due to the holidays.

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, December 27, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come spend time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, December 29/30, for the **Feast of the Holy Family**, which supports the maternity homes of our diocese and the diocesan office of Pro-Life Activities. Please be generous.

All visitors and parishioners are invited for our **Saturday "Christmas" Potluck** – a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season and New Year as a parish family – on Saturday, January 5, in the PAC Bldg after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share, which you can drop off at the PAC before Mass. We appreciate K.J.T. #55 for hosting the evening.

There are still several boxes of **2019 Collection Envelopes** that have yet to be picked up in the church. If you do not have a box in there and want one, please put your name on the list provided – then check back the next weekend for your box. If you are now making your donations online and no longer want a box of envelopes, please let the office know.

If you would like a **2018 Donation Report** for tax, or other, purposes, please let the office know. If you received one this past year, you will automatically receive one again. Reports will be mailed out by January 31.

Looking for a good Christmas gift for a friend or family member? We still have Holy Trinity Cookbooks – containing more than 600 recipes - for \$10/book. Contact Marla Tonn (512-863-0755) or the parish office to purchase.

The **Annunciation Maternity Home** in Georgetown is **accepting donations of used and unwanted vehicles in any condition.** Your gift helps struggling, single mothers on their journey to independence. To learn more, visit www.thematernityhome.org/vehicles, or email: donate@thematernityhome.org.

Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Armando Montes & Julia Reyna, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony here on Monday, December 31.



May you have a blessed and Merry Christmas!



Dear friends in Christ,

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Inserted in this bulletin is my annual Christmas Letter.

In today's Gospel, we are confronted with decisive babies. We hear about two pregnant women, Elizabeth and Mary. Mary was anticipating the birth of her son, whom an angel told her would be the Son of the most High God. Elizabeth was expecting the birth of John the Baptizer, who would prepare the way for the son of Mary, Jesus. The event we heard in today's Gospel seems really insignificant when compared to Caesar Augustus and the Roman legions who ruled with an iron hand. But those two little boys, John and Jesus, would prove to be more decisive than all the emperors and armies of Rome. Our thoughts today, this last Sunday before Christmas, focus on the decisive babies of history.

We never know what a baby is going to bring with them into the world. Today's tiny hand may hold the key to some bright new tomorrow. We always think of babies as small and weak. They are helpless and depend on us for care. But yet I believe we depend on them more than most of us realize. Many times the world has seemed hopeless and then a baby was born. That baby then became the pioneer of a new way of thinking and living.

In 1809 the most important thing in Europe was Napoleon and his army. He conquered one nation after another and it seemed that he would rule the world. Napoleon was the headline of every newspaper. Everyone spoke about him and they trembled at the thought of the little French dictator. It seemed to be a very dark year. The world was without hope. But it in this darkness there was much light being born. Some of the babies born that year were: Charles Darwin, Abraham Lincoln, Alfred Tennyson, Edgar Allen Poe, Felix Mendelssohn, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. The world was not as hopeless as it seemed. The Napoleonic wars were all but forgotten by most people, except for those who specialize in that period of history. But yet the contributions of those babies born in 1809 still continue to influence the thinking of mankind.

All babies have one thing in common. They need help in order to survive. Without you or someone like you, they will never make it. This is no less true of the decisive babies we hear about in today's Gospel. John needed Elizabeth and Zechariah. Later he needed his friends and disciples else his life would not have been decisive. Jesus needed Mary and Joseph. Later, he needed Peter and Andrew, James and John and the other Apostles. We never know when we will be assisting a decisive baby whom God wills to work miracles in the world. These babies need you.

Jesus is the most decisive baby in the history of mankind. We sing His praises every week. But I ask you the question: How decisive has He been in your life and mine? Each of us must answer that question for ourselves. Jesus cannot be decisive in our life in a general sort of way. One poet has said: "Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, if He's not born in me, my soul is still forlorn."

We cannot take it for granted that His coming has made any real difference in your life and mine. That may or may not be true. Most of that depends on you and me. If we take Him seriously, then His coming is a decisive factor in your life and mine. Otherwise, we can go on living as though he had never been born. What is different in your life because Jesus came? How deeply have your attitudes been affected by him?

There is no doubt that Jesus came to change history and to change the world. But all of that stops at each person's doorstep. Christ is the most decisive baby born in the history of the world. How decisive has He been in your life? Let us reflect upon this question as we celebrate His birth this week.

Christmas is just around the corner. Christmas begins the evening of December 24 and continues until Sunday, January 13. Keep your Christmas lights shining brightly all throughout the Christmas Season. Let us celebrate this season in its fullness. During the Octave of Christmas, we have some important feast days: The Nativity of the Lord on December 25, St. Stephen on December 26, St. John on December 27, The Holy Innocents on December 28, St. Thomas Becket on December 29, The Holy Family, on December 30, St. Sylvester on December 31, and Mary, Mother of God on January 1. Of course, December 25, December 30, January 1, and January 13 are all Holy Days of Obligation, so I will definitely see you at Mass on those days, unless you are traveling out of town. The Lord has given us so much and so many ways in which we can truly experience His love and presence in our life and in the life of our family. Let us accept all He gives us and be united with Him and with one another.

Here is a little meditation on Mary and Elizabeth: Obyčejné setkání dvou obyčejných žen? Ano i ne! Ano, protože se toto setkání odehrává "obyčejně", na prostém místě (v domě někde na horách), ne v chrámu (anebo aspoň v synagóze). A že to byly dvě obyčejné ženy, o tom není pochyb – Maria patřila k chudým, Alžběta byla už pokročilého věku. A přesto... a přesto. Bůh sestupuje... do obyčejnosti, sklání se k všednosti... A proto ten jásot, proto ten "hlas prostoupený radostí" ("jak jsem si zasloužila... hle, dítě se živě a radostně pohnulo"). Bůh sestupuje k člověku, a tak se šed' stává jasnem, spektrem duhových barev. A člověk tančí.



Pokud je pravdou, že tyto dvě ženy jsou obyčejné... tak musíme přece jen upřesnit, že Maria byla něčím výjimečná – otevřeností vůči Bohu. Otevřeností tam, kde se zdálo, že jsou cesty zavřené (jak počít dítě bez muže?). Otevřeností tam, kde se Boží Slovo zdálo tak těžko přijatelné, tak neuchopitelné... Ona však překročila práh "neochoty" a "uzavřenosti", práh toho "jak se to může stát". Maria přijala Boží Slovo a počala.

A proto její obyčejný pozdrav... přináší dotek Ducha, radost evangelia – toho evangelia, Slova jásotu, už přítomného ve fyzickém nitru, ale také v duchovním nitru Matky Kristovy.

I obyčejný pozdrav se stává neobyčejným. I obyčejné věci se stávají neobyčejnými. Duch Boží nečiní nové věci, ale činí věci novými, prozářenými Božím jasnem. A člověk tančí.

May your Christmas be filled with the meaning and love it is meant to bring to each of you so that you may experience God's love in its fullness.

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář



*Thank you to all who made a donation for poinsettias
in memory or honor of the following loved ones.
Thank you for your generosity. Merry Christmas!*

In memory of Gene & Noreen Hirt and Marie Houck, by Phil & Jean Houck
In memory of Angela Gail Danek, Joe & Annie Danek and James & Mary Ziegler, by Raymond & Jane Danek
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In memory of Margaret Nelson, by Kathy Windhauser
In memory of Louis & Albina Sladecek, by Tommy & Cindy Sladecek
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In memory of Cyril C. Rosipal and Willie, Mary Jo and Robert Sladecek, by Eileen Rosipal
In memory of Joe A. & Mary Simek and Ann Tomasek, by Hubert & Dorothy Tomasek
In memory of Joe & Angeline Havelka and John & Mary Cathryn Matthews, by Richard & Margie Matthews
In memory of Mike & Augustine Kohoutek and Robert & Crecencia Hernandez, by Johnny & Bernice Hernandez
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In memory of Louis & Mary Stojanik and Albert & Frieda Tschoerner, by Kevin & Sharon Lloyd
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In memory of Johnnie Simek, Jacob & Marcella Lefner and Joe & Mary Simek, by Alice Simek
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