

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Jan 5	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 6	8:30 AM	†Bishop John McCarthy (incense)
Sunday	Jan 6	10:30 AM	†Frank & Marcella Palousek
Monday	Jan 7	6:00 PM	Liv/Dec Benefactors of Czech Seminarian Fund
Tuesday	Jan 8	6:00 PM	†Henry Taylor Virgil Tonn (healing)
Wednesday	Jan 9	6:30 PM	†Angela Danek
Thursday	Jan 10	7:00 AM	†Emil Sherek †Lorena Canik
Friday	Jan 11	6:00 PM	†Frances Nemeč †Msgr. Emilián Foltýn
Saturday	Jan 12	7:30 AM	†Pete & Eleanora Schwertner
Saturday	Jan 12	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Jan 13	8:30 AM	†Doris Cole (incense)
Sunday	Jan 13	10:30 AM	†Jerome Tobolka

Last Week's Collection(s)

December 23: 4th Sunday of Advent: \$4,507.00
and Faith Formation: \$1,179.00

December 25: Christmas Day: \$7,451.00

December 30: Feast of the Holy Family: \$4,086.07
and Feast of the Holy Family Diocesan: \$1,604.53

December's Online Donations: \$1,575.50

January 1: Solemnity of Mary: \$2,257.57

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

January 6 – 12: Andrew & Susan Klepac

January 13 – 19: Louis & Louise Straka



Rosary for Life

January 6 - 12: Clem & Geri Dauskurdas

January 13 – 19: Michael Vrana

✠ Fr. Stephen Nestrsta ✠

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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: (Position Vacant)

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

Marriage Preparation: Contact the priest before setting a wedding date and at least 9-12 months before the desired date.

Baptisms: Classes are scheduled based on need. Contact Lucille D'Elia for questions and requirements (737-215-1042)

Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, January 9, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Amy Stefek, Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Brandi Bernal

Gift Bearers: Faith Formation

Saturday, January 12, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Nathan Klepac, Natalie Mason

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Jennifer Klepac, Brandi Bernal, Janine Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Alex & Virginia Hernandez

Head Usher: Donald Tsoehner

Sunday, January 13, 8:30 AM: (INCENSE)

Altar Servers: Carter M, Shelby Hutchinson, Caleb & Amy Stefek

Lector: Pete Zenner

EMHC: Johnny Martinka, Nancy Zenner, Ray Nemeč

Gift Bearers: Pinto & Lucille Nemeč

Head Usher: Tommy Sladeczek

Sunday, January 13, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Heron Rodriguez, Martin Ortiz

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Kelly Godfrey

Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil

Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, January 13: Ray Nemeč

*May your year be filled with God's blessings of
love, peace, good health and happiness!*

In Memoriam: We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family of **Trudi Reid**, who was buried here this past weekend. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, January 7, in the PAC Bldg. Join us for Mass in the church at 6:00 p.m., then enjoy good food and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. We thank the K.J.Z.T. #15 for preparing the meal.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Baptism & Confirmation. For questions, contact Lucille D'Elia.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, January 9, at 6:15 p.m. Parents are encouraged to stay and attend Mass as an example for their children. For questions, contact Lucille D'Elia.

Adult Faith Enrichment: Class this Wednesday, January 9, in the PAC Bldg after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. For questions, contact Lucille D'Elia.

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, January 10, from 3 – 9 p.m. in the church. Come spend time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet next Sunday, January 20, 2019**, in the RE Bldg immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. (Members: note meeting date change from the usual 4th Sunday.) Agenda items include 'reception' of new members, February's Senior Citizens' Supper, Deanery DCCW meeting and election of officers. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before the 8:30 a.m. Mass. **Reminder:** Annual dues (\$5) for 2019 are now due and can be given, or mailed to, the treasurer, Louise Straka (Address: 212 W. Avenue I, Jarrell, TX 76537).

Altar Serving:

--For those interested in becoming an Altar Server (4th grade and up, with the appropriate sacraments), we will have an **Altar Server Practice** on Sunday, January 20, at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Contact the parish office to sign-up or for more information.

--For our current Altar Servers – the practice on Sunday, January 20, is for you, too, so please make every effort to attend.

--After practice, all new and current Altar Servers and their families are invited to the PAC Bldg for our annual **Altar Server Appreciation Supper** (at 5 pm). **Please RSVP** to the parish office to give us a head count of those attending the meal.

Our annual January Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 27, proceeds of which will benefit the Cemetery Fund. Everyone is invited for a delicious BBQ Pork dinner with all the trimmings, served from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. To-go plates will be available at the drive-thru. Spread the word and invite your family and friends! **If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of groceries, supplies, etc, January Fundraiser envelopes are available by the bulletins.**

Holy Trinity Catholic Church - Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - Thursday, December 20, 2018

Members Present – Pete Zenner, John A. Valenta, Gina Vrabel, Mike Hovatter, Sora Garlasco, Stephanie Wright, Mary Margaret Heuertz, Helen Havelka.

Members Absent – Kelly Godfrey **Ex-officio Members Present** - Lucille D'Elia, Fr. Stephen **Guests Present:** 2

New members of the council were welcomed. Election of Officers: Chair – Pete Zenner; Vice Chair – John Valenta; Recorder – Helen Havelka

Old Business

1. Parish Mission – the 2019 Parish Mission will be held October 20-24.
2. January Fundraiser – set for Sunday, January 27. Proceeds will benefit the Cemetery Fund. The Cemetery Committee is in charge of the event.
3. *Encountering Christ* Capital Campaign – our parish has completed this campaign with a total pledge of approximately \$325,000, which is 130% of our original goal.
4. Long-Range Plan – Council members are meeting with staff from the diocese. An architect will provide information regarding the expansion of the Religious Education building. No timetable has been set.
5. Drive on North Side of Church – Finance Council is obtaining bids to add a drive with additional parking.

New Business

1. Saturday 'Christmas' Potluck – on Saturday, January 5, after the 5 p.m. Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and celebrate Christmas.
2. Czech Mass – the annual Czech Mass is scheduled for Sunday, February 10, at 5 p.m. A meal will be provided afterward in the PAC Bldg.

Ministry/Committee Reports

1. Social Ministry – our parishioners were very generous in donating items for The Angel Tree and KJT food drive. Debbie Klaus will have a report for the next Pastoral Council meeting.
2. Faith Formation Program – Lucille provided an update on the various elements of the program. An EIM (Ethics & Integrity in Ministry) workshop will be held here in March and she encourages all parishioners who volunteer to check their EIM status.
3. Cemetery – no report
4. Finance Council Report – no report

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 7 p.m.

We will celebrate our annual **Czech Mass** on Sunday, February 10, at 5:00 p.m. This Mass is offered in honor of the patron saints of the Slavic peoples, Sts. Cyril & Methodius, and all readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. Whether or not you are of Czech descent, or if you speak or do not speak the Czech language, we invite you to join us for this beautiful Mass. Help us to give tribute to the ancestors who started this community and this parish, by celebrating our Czech heritage. Many of our parishioners today are descendants of these founders. A meal will be held afterward in the PAC Bldg for those attending the Mass.

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you to all who came to the black-eye pea and cornbread reception after the Mass on New Year's night. Thank you especially to those who made the black-eye peas and cornbread and to those who made all the preparations. May the Lord bless you for your kindness to all of us.

Today we celebrate the great feast of Epiphany when Jesus was revealed to the world by the coming of the three Wise Men or Magi or Kings. Three important men come to see the boy who would become the King of the Universe, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Just as Jesus was seen by the three Wise Men, He is still seen today by those who partake of Him in the Eucharist, as we gaze upon His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Only those who have faith are able to recognize this special Real Presence of Jesus in our midst. May our faith remain strong so that we will always be drawn to His presence in the Eucharist and so that we will always have the desire to receive His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is the Star of Jesus that shines brightly at each Mass or when we come to adore Him in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. May we always be drawn to this Star so that all darkness of evil will be removed from our life and then, we also, become the Star of Jesus to others. Keep that Star shining brightly by making a good and frequent confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Here is a short reflection for the feast of Epiphany:

O slavnosti Zjevení Páně („Tři králů“) hledíme na zkušenost mudrců, kteří následováním hvězdy nalézají Světlo. Hvězda, která se jim ukázala na nebi, zažehla v jejich myslí a srdci světlo, které je podněcuje, aby hledali velké Světlo Kristovo. Mudrcové věrně následují světlo, které prostupuje jejich nitro, a setkávají se s Pánem.

Cesta mudrců z Východu symbolizuje úděl každého člověka. Náš život je poutí. Cestou jsme osvěcováni světly, abychom našli plnost pravdy a lásky, kterou my křesťané rozpoznáváme v Ježíši, Světlu světa. Důležité je bdít a naslouchat Bohu, který k nám neustále mluví. Jak praví Žalm: „Svítlnou mým nohám je tvé slovo a světlem mé stezce“ (Žl 119,105). Zvláště naslouchání evangeliu, jeho četba, rozjímání o evangeliu, které se tak stává našim duchovním pokrmem, nám umožňuje setkat se s živým Ježíšem a učinit zkušenost s Ním a Jeho láskou.

Na slavnost Zjevení Páně si připomínáme, jak se Ježíš ukázal lidstvu v tváři Dítěte a vedle sebe vnímáme mudrce jakožto prozíravé průvodce na cestě. Jejich příklad nám pomáhá pozvedat zraky ke hvězdě a sledovat velké touhy svého srdce. Učí nás nespokojovat se s průměrností života „malé kocábky“, nýbrž nechávat se vždy podmaňovat dobrem, pravdou a krásou - Bohem, který je tím vším a vždy více!

Příklad mudrců nás také učí nenechat se klamat zdáním, tím, co je pro tento svět velké, moudré a mocné. Netřeba se u toho zastavovat. Je zapotřebí střežit víru. V této době je důležité chránit víru. Je třeba jít dál, překročit tmu, vábení Sirén, překročit zesvětštění a jeho četné dnešní formy a jít do Betléma, tam, kde v jednoduchosti domu na periferii, mezi maminkou a tatínkem oplývajícími láskou a vírou září Slunce, které vzešlo z výsosti, Král veškerenstva. (From Pastorage.CZ)

It is the tradition that on the Feast of the Epiphany that we bless our homes by marking them with blessed chalk with the current year and the initials of the Three Wise Men - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Inserted in this bulletin, you will find the blessing prayer and instructions on how to mark your homes.

Are your Christmas lights still shining? The Christmas Season continues until Sunday, January 13, 2019. Keeps those lights on until the end of the Christmas Season to give witness to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ. Let your Christmas lights be an Epiphany of the Lord to those who see them.

Mark your calendar to reserve the date for our annual Czech Mass in honor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. The Mass will be on Sunday, February 10, at 5:00 pm, followed by a meal in the PAC.

May God bless all of you this year with an abundance of faith, hope and love.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář



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Holy Trinity Catholic Church CCE News

January 2019



Advent & Christmas 2018



If you have been admiring the Christmas decorations in our church, please thank a Confirmation student. Continuing in our Holy Trinity tradition, on December 23rd the current Confirmation class decorated the church for the Christmas season. The students placed the ornaments on the trees, put up the wreaths on the columns and placed the figures in the nativity. This year, the beautiful garland over the doors was a new addition, and the lights really made it even more special. After all their hard work, the teens were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by Charles and Jennifer Marquis. Thanks to all who made the day so special; particularly the Marquis family, the Brousseau family and the Hodgson family. We couldn't have done it without you all.

Speaking of people we couldn't do without, on December 19th our own Mr. & Mrs. Heuertz (aka Mr. & Mrs. Cookie) visited all of the classrooms and delivered special home-made cookies to all of our students and teachers. As they visited each classroom with their cart of milk and cookies you could hear the children's excitement. Everyone in our program looks forward to this special treat each year. What a truly wonderful way to end our classes for 2018. Thank you, again, to the Heuertz for always being so kind and generous in helping us to make our CCE celebrations so special.

Also, this year we celebrated St. Nicholas Day during our Wednesday evening class time. We began with a beautiful Mass where Father Stephen helped us to learn more about St. Nicholas. To truly get in the St. Nicholas spirit, the students brought food items to donate to the parish KJT food drive. The children really enjoyed being able to put their food items into the grocery bin. Then the students in grades K through 2nd gathered in the dining room where the 3rd & 4th grade class (along with some of our high school students) were waiting to begin a fun celebration. The children played games, including our new religious corn hole game and also the favorite "Pin Baby Jesus in the Manger". To everyone's delight, St. Nicholas even came for a visit and some children had their picture taken with him. When they were finished with the games, the children returned to their classrooms and discovered that St. Nicholas had left them little gifts in their shoes. From all accounts, it was a great time.

This month, we will return to Ordinary Time in our Liturgical Year and we all know there is nothing "ordinary" about Ordinary Time. We will again focus on the weekly Gospel with our *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* material. It promises to be an "ExtraOrdinary Time."



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, January 9th

Mass 6:30 PM Class 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 13th

Confirmation I Class prepares the church for Ordinary time after the 10:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, January 16th

Mass 6:30 PM Class 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 23rd

Mass 6:30 PM Class 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 30th

Mass 6:30 PM Class 7:00 PM

Friday, February 1st through Sunday, February 3rd

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) for high school students



Are you new to our parish? Are you searching for a CCE Program for your child(ren)?

Although classes have begun for this year, registration is always open and there is room for your child(ren) in our program. Classes are held every Wednesday evening for students in Kindergarten through High School.

If you have questions, or would like more information, don't hesitate to contact us:

[737-215-1042](tel:737-215-1042) or htcdre@yahoo.com

We would be happy to speak with you and welcome you to our program.