

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Feb 16	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Feb 17	8:30 AM	†Benny Kubacak Liv/Dec Members of Catholic Life Ins, Branch #50
Sunday	Feb 17	10:30 AM	†Angela Danek †Bill Klepac
Tuesday	Feb 19	6:00 PM	†Greg Maney
Wednesday	Feb 20	6:30 PM	†Henry Taylor †Tony & Amelia Certo
Thursday	Feb 21	7:00 AM	†Doris Nestrsta †Edith Hejl
Friday	Feb 22	6:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (for healing)
Saturday	Feb 23	7:30 AM	†Joe Tschoerner, Jr. †Martha Tschoerner
Saturday	Feb 23	5:00 PM	†Calvin Blackman, Jr.
Sunday	Feb 24	8:30 AM	†Frank Simek, Sr.
Sunday	Feb 24	10:30 AM	Pro Populo

Last Week's Collection(s)

February 10: Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time: \$4,984.89
College Campus Ministries: \$1,105.10

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

February 17 – 23: Chris & Sora Garlasco
February 24 – March 2: Keith Youngpeter

Rosary for Life

February 17 – 23: Chris & Judith Stefek family
February 24 – March 2: Susan Schoenbaechler

This Week at a Glance

Tuesday, February 19: --RCIA Class
Wednesday, February 20: --CCE Classes
--Adult Faith Enrichment
Thursday, February 21: --Pro-Life Adoration
--Cemetery Meeting



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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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Cemetery Information: Parish Office
Cemetery Director: Johnny Martinka 512-966-4301
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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, February 20, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Joseph & Adelaide B, Jakob V, Shelby H
Lector: Adelaide Brousseau
EMHC: Janine Nemecek
Gift Bearers: Sacrament 2

Saturday, February 23, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce, Preston Snook
Lector: Leo Bringman
EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Irene Cavanaugh & Patsy Hightower
Gift Bearers: Jim & Mary Margaret Heuertz
Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, February 24, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Shelby Hutchinson, John Danek
Lector: Cynthia Edgar
EMHC: Johnny Martinka, Brandon Danek, Monica Sherek
Gift Bearers: Johnny & Dee Martinka
Head Usher: Bill Sherek

Sunday, February 24, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, William Fonville, Martin Ortiz
Lector: Zenner
EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner
Gift Bearers: Voigt family
Head Usher: Jeff Voigt

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, February 24: Monica Sherek

*Share the love of God with others through
prayer, and in your words and deeds!*

Proceeds for our January Fundraiser, which benefit the Cemetery Fund, were \$4, 868.85. Thank you, again, to all who contributed, in any way, for the success of this event. God bless you.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: the Mystery of Suffering.

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, February 20, at 6:15 p.m. Parents are always encouraged to stay and attend Mass.

Adult Faith Enrichment: Class this Wednesday, February 20, in the PAC Bldg after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. **We have begun our series of classes on the Sacrament of Confirmation. All adults are welcome, but we especially encourage the parents and sponsors of the teens in our CCE Confirmation Class to attend.** (Class dates for Confirmation series: Feb 13, 20, 27.) So mark your calendars and attend for both you and your child(ren)'s benefit.

K.J.Z.T St. Agnes Society #15 will meet this Wednesday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Barbara Danek. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The **Georgetown/Round Rock Deanery Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will meet** this Thursday, February 21, in our PAC Bldg. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. prior to the 10:00 a.m. business meeting, which will include the election of officers, voting on the amendments to bylaws and election of delegate(s) to attend the DCCW Convention. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend as we share in the mission of the National Council of Catholic Women. Contact Linda Montreuil (512-864-2451) with questions.

Pro-Life Adoration this Thursday, February 21, from 3 – 9 p.m. in the church. Spend time with the Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

The **Cemetery Committee will meet** this Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet next Sunday, February 24, in the RE Bldg following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Agenda items include: Installation of officers, St. Joseph's Altar Celebration, and Confirmation Dinner Reception. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will sit in the front pews to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass. **Reminder:** Annual dues (\$5) for 2019 are now due and can be given or mailed to the treasurer, Louise Straka. (212 W. Avenue I, Jarrell, TX 76537)

Moravian Hall Social – Celebrating Czech Heritage: Sunday, February 24. Meal of homemade sausage and trimmings from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Adults \$10 / Children \$5 / Dinner/Dance Combo \$15. To-go plates will be available (no drive-thru). Dance from 2 – 6 p.m. to music by the Praha Brothers (\$10). Fun for the family!

Banns of Marriage are announced, for the second time, for **Amy Janecka & Matthew Mertink**, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony here on Saturday, March 2. Congratulations to them and please offer your prayers for a lifetime filled with God's blessings.

Mark your calendars and prepare for our upcoming Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Workshop on Saturday, March 9, from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Several of our parishioners/ministers/catechists are in need of a refresher course in 2019 – so please check your renewal date. Even if you are not due for a refresher by March, but are this year, consider taking this opportunity to go ahead and get it done. If you don't remember your renewal date, you can find it on the diocesan website ... and if help is needed, please contact the parish office. If you're not able to attend this one, there are always workshops being held in many locations in the diocese each month. All workshop dates/locations can be found on the diocesan website at www.austindiocese.org. **If you plan to attend this – or any other workshop – you need to do some things prior to the class!** You will register for the workshop on the diocesan website. If you don't have access to the internet, you may contact the parish office and we will help you out. But, for those of you who do, please go online (www.austindiocese.org) and follow all of the directions on the Ethics & Integrity in Ministry page. If you have already taken an EIM course, then you will just have to sign up for a workshop. If you have NEVER taken an EIM course, then you will have to complete the online application and sign up for the workshop at the same time. **It is very important that you do all of the above before attending the workshop! This workshop is now posted on the diocesan website, so please sign-up as soon as possible. As new diocesan policy, workshop registration must be done within 24 hours of the class and walk-ins CANNOT be admitted on the day of the workshop!!** And, again, questions or problems? Please don't hesitate to call us!

Enhance your time of preparation during the Season of Lent by attending our upcoming **Bible Study** entitled **No Greater Love: a Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion**. Learn, more fully, the mystery of Christ's suffering and death and come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love - drawing closer to Jesus than you ever have before. The Study will be held each Monday evening, from March 11 – April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer of the church and questions can be directed to Pete Zenner (512-863-4038).

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Sts. Cyril and Methodius Celebration last Sunday. Thank you to the choir and organist, lector, altar servers, ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, those who set up the PAC and those prepared the wonderful meal and provided the desserts, and those who did the clean-up afterwards and put away the chairs and tables. Thank you also to Willie Vrabel for providing the music during supper. It was certainly a beautiful evening.

In today's Gospel, we find Jesus with the twelve apostles coming down from the mountain to find a large crowd of people waiting for them. Jesus teaches them the Beatitudes. Jesus is calling the people who are listening to Him to a conversion of heart and to a different way of thinking. Jesus is telling them that true joy only comes when a person looks for it in God and when you live as God commands. Are you looking for this joy? What is keeping you from it?

A number of years ago, former President George Bush's campaign manager, Lee Atwater, died at the age of 40 of a brain tumor. He had acquired wealth and honor, but felt a deep inner emptiness in his life. Before he died, he said the following words, "My illness helped me to see that what was missing in society is what is missing in me - a little heart, a lot of brotherhood." He ended by saying, "We must...speak to this spiritual vacuum at the heart of American society." This was a man who had acquired an abundance of material possessions, was rich and well respected. But, yet, there was something missing in his life. He had put his trust in his wealth and respect which he received. Now that he was going to die, he saw how that was not enough and how he needed to put his trust in God.

I tell this to you because, in all of today's readings, there are two themes that can be found. These are the themes of trust and social justice. So I ask you the question: "In whom do you put your trust?" Do you find trust in a friend or neighbor or spouse or parent? How many times did you think you could trust someone and then come to find out that you could not? Or, do you find your trust in money or your job or other things of this world? Or maybe you only trust yourself and no one else. In the first reading, we heard "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord." These are very strong words. The prophet Jeremiah wanted the people to realize that, ultimately, they could only find their trust in God. That is why he says, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord." Jeremiah knew that if we only find our trust in ourselves, or other people or in the things of this world, then we will be very disappointed with life. How many times have you told someone a secret and told them not to tell anyone else and then later on you found out that they had told someone else the secret that you did not want anyone else to hear? I know that this has happened to everyone. Usually we end up being embarrassed by what we had said.

Jesus came to tell us that we can only trust in Him and His Church. That is why He tells us in the gospel reading, "Blessed are you poor, blessed are you who hunger, blessed are you who are weeping, blessed shall you be when men hate you." Because when you are poor, hungry, sad, and hated by others, you have no one else to trust but God. When all else fails, it is God alone in whom you can put your trust. Usually the rich trust in their money for happiness and security, those who are full trust in the food they eat for satisfaction, those who laugh constantly trust only in good feelings, and those who receive honor and praise all the time only find trust in themselves and not in God. I believe that I can truly say that most of us here do find our trust in God and not in these other things. It is in trusting in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that we find meaning and happiness in our life. That is why we come to Mass every week...because we have faith and trust in God.

The gospel reading also reminds us of the need to be generous with what we have in this life. It tells us that those who have plenty should give to those who have little. It is the "just" thing to do. Christ warns us that those who do not share their wealth in helping the poor and the hungry, they will be cursed and will not receive eternal life as promised us by Christ. If we have all that we need in life to live, then we are rich even though we may not have big bank accounts. We are to give from what we have, no matter how much or little we may have. We should all help those who have nothing at all. Many people say that they have worked hard for what they have and that they deserve what they have and are not going to give anything to anyone. They do not realize that all that they have is a gift from God and should be shared with others.

May we all trust only in the Lord for complete happiness and peace in our lives and give to others from what God has given to us. Our reward will be great in heaven. This is good news for all who hear and accept it today.

More to meditate upon: „Kdo chce moc, nemá nic“ – toto ponaučení zaznívá na konci jednoho pohádkového příběhu o Krakonošovi. Paradoxně totiž platí opak: kdo chce mít nejmíc, nakonec bude mít všechno. A není to překroucení evangelia? Zdaleka ne. Vždyť blahoslavenství neplatí pro ty, kdo jsou „pouze“ chudí, ale pro ty, kdo především následují Pána (jako chudí). Proč? Protože mu chtějí být blízko. Proč? Protože poznali, že u něj „je největší bohatství“. A proto mohli odhodit veškerý zatěžující balast, aby mohli lehkým krokem následovat Dárce všeho dobrého. Jak by mohli stačit jeho krokům, pokud by si s sebou tahali těžký majetek? Jejich Mistr byl stále na cestě, a proto si nemohli dovolit „tahat“ s sebou velký baťoh.

Jejich putování za Mistrem, jejich „lehká výbava“ na cestu je pro nás symbolem toho, že pokud chceme kráčet za Kristem, musíme „zlehka“: nejen bez vnitřní „připoutanosti“ k majetku, ale s vnější lehkostí. Co to znamená? Někdy objevíme, že je třeba „nechat na cestě“ určité věci, které nám brání jít. Pocítíme, že je nutné se zbavit nějakého těžkého břemene – a jak se toho nevzdat, pokud víme, že právě toto je cesta k pravé radosti? Odhodíme „směšnou“ touhu mít toho hodně, a tak si zabezpečit život. Buďme velkorysí – chtějme toho nejmíc, chtějme poznat Krista – a být mu blízko. Mít tak „megalomanskou“ touhu není určitě „lidské“, ale Boží. A proto nezbývá než prosit... o takovou velkodušnost. (From Pastorage.cz)

May all of you have a very blessed week.

Fr. Stephen Nerssta, farář

Holy Trinity Catholic Church CCE News

Winter 2019



The Season of
ORDINARY TIME

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2019

The high school youth group attended the annual DCYC in Waco, Texas the weekend of February 1-3. The theme of this year's conference was "To the Heights" - and the entire weekend focused around encouraging attendees to strive "to the heights" of holiness with God. The emcee for the weekend and keynote speaker on Sunday morning was Katie Prejean McGrady, who is an author, mother, and international speaker and one of three delegates chosen by the USCCB to represent the U.S. at the Pre-Synod gathering on Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment at the Vatican in March 2018. She also presented the women's workshop here in our Diocese last September.

The speaker on Friday night was Paul J. Kim, who uses comedy and musical talents to convey the message of Christ to Catholic youth.

Sarah Swafford presented a message of being committed and confident to better love those around us. Sarah is the founder of Emotional Virtue Ministries and is a graduate and part time Director of Special Projects for Catholic Identity at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS.

On Saturday afternoon, Catholic Relief Services presented Pope Francis' "Share the Journey" campaign that is tied in with the "Be Unafraid" campaign promoting refugee and migrant awareness. Bnyad Sharef told the story of his journey to the US as a legal immigrant and refugee.

Brian Greenfield was our speaker prior to adoration on Saturday night and spoke about the beauty of adoration and opening our hearts to the Lord. Brian is the Director of Campus Ministry at Jesuit High School in Tampa, Florida.

The retreat was an amazing spiritual experience, not only for the teens, but also for the adult leaders.

The youth group would like to thank everyone who bought the Camping Cooler raffle tickets and the Religious Christmas cards. Without the generous support of the parish, we would not have been able to attend. We would also like to thank Lupe Bernal for giving up his weekend to help serve as a chaperone for the event.

DCYC will be held again next year on January 31-February 2. The conference is open to all high school students. If you are interested in learning more about the conference, or if you would be interested in chaperoning next year, please contact Kelly Godfrey for more information. - Kelly Godfrey

DCYC Reflection from Natalie Mason (High School Youth Group Member)

This year's DCYC was incredible! All the speakers were funny, kind, inspiring, and amazing. I think my favorite speaker there was Paul J. Kim. He talked mainly about opening your heart to Jesus, listening for his voice calling you to use your talents, and following the voice of God. Paul inspired me to open my heart, and I felt as if I had to tell everyone that I knew to come join me for Saturday Mass. I could relate to his story and his message got through to me. It was just awe inspiring.

Another thing that I really loved about DCYC was adoration. Even though I have been to adoration in the past, this one really was amazing. But before we got to experience adoration, another speaker by the name of Brian Greenfield spoke to us about the beauty of adoration and his own personal experience. His experience was a lot like mine. I went to church and prayed, but I wasn't fully into my religion. I was scared of letting Jesus in. And when I went to adoration for the first time I was weirded out, because everyone was crying and I didn't know why at first. Then I said, "God, if you're truly here then touch my heart." And He did, I let him into my heart and he has never left since. DCYC is an amazing and eye-opening experience. I encourage everyone to go and experience God like never before.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, February 20:
Mass 6:30 PM / Class 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 27:
Mass 6:30 PM / Class 7:00 PM



Wednesday, March 6:
ASH WEDNESDAY
NO CCE CLASS
HOLY DAY

Wednesday, March 13:
NO CCE CLASS
SPRING BREAK

Wednesday, March 20:
Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM
Class 7:00 PM

Confirmation



As our teens journey ever closer to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, don't forget the terrific classes being offered for parents, and anyone else who would like to learn more about this Sacrament. The classes are held during CCE class time in the PAC building. Please be sure to take advantage of this great opportunity to continue your own faith formation.

Watch the bulletin for all of the information about a Bible Study Class being offered during Lent.

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