HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL







Bishop Joe Vásquez Diocese of Austin

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, A.D. 2019

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Sept 21	5:00 PM	Virgil Tonn (for healing) Dorothy Klepac & family
Sunday	Sept 22	8:30 AM	Liv/Dec Members of Catholic Life Insurance, Branch 50 †Charles Jones
		10:30 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday	Sept 24	6:00 PM	†Frances B. Kajs family †Stanley Juranek
Wednesday	Sept 25	6:30 PM	†Frances Nemec †Steve Little
Thursday	Sept 26	7:00 AM	†Annie Janish Matt & Lillian Filer
Friday	Sept 27	6:00 PM	†Joe Tschoerner, Jr. †Bob Howe
Saturday	Sept 28	7:30 AM	†Peter Janish Sharon Parma & family
Saturday	Sept 28	5:00 PM	†Tommie Rose Martine †Evalyn Guzman
	·	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Sept 29	10:30 AM	†William Harding †John Obst

Altar Flowers

To donate Altar Flowers in memory or honor of loved ones, complete and return an 'Altar Flower Envelope' (by bulletins or from website).

<u>Last Week's Collection(s)</u>

September 15: Weekly Collection: \$5,018.50 Online Donations: \$ 303.00

Rosary for Life

September 22 – 28: Helen Havelka September 29 – October 5: Janet Havelka

Vocations Crucifix Prayer Campaign

September 22 – 28: Keith Youngpeter September 29 – October 5: Kathy Windhauser



St. Wenceslaus Feast Day ~ September 28

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

🕈 Fr. Stephen Nesrsta 🕈

Website: www.holytrinityofcornhill.org **Hours:** Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm

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: 3:45–4:40 pm; Sun: 7:30–8:10 am; & Wed: 5:30-6:10 pm (or by appt.)

Parish Contacts & Resources

Director of Faith Formation: Lucille D'Elia 737-215-1042
Financial Bookkeeper: Steffani Jacobs 512-863-3020
Parish Activity Center (PAC) Rentals: 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 Sladecek 512-635-3496
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 Nemec 254-527-3615 K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-746-4168

Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladecek 512-635-3496
CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemec 512-289-9242
Marriage Preparation: Contact the priest before setting a

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

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, September 25, 6:30 PM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, William Brousseau, Shelby H

Lector: Jennifer Klepac EMHC: Kelly Godfrey Gift Bearers: Confirmation 1

Saturday, September 28, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: Natalie Mason, Preston & Heather Snook

Lector: Lupe Bernal

EMHC: Brandi Bernal, Leo Bringman Gift Bearers: Mark & Debbie Klaus Head Usher: Howard Mertink

Sunday, September 29, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Joseph, William & Adelaide Brousseau

Lector: Louis Brousseau
EMHC: Duane & Gwen Blakeslee
Gift Bearers: Billy & Belinda Beyer
Head Usher: Tommy Sladecek

Sunday, September 29, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob Voigt, Samuel Williams, Martin Ortiz

Lector: Pete Zenner
EMHC: Pete & Nancy Zenner
Gift Bearers: Susan Schoenbaechler
Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-ins: Sunday, Sept 29: D&G Blakeslee

Thank you to everyone who enrolled their loved ones in the Clerical Endowment Fund "Back-to-School" drive. A total of \$355 was donated and benefits the seminarians of our diocese.

We will have our monthly **Faith Formation Collection** this weekend (September 21/22). Your generosity allows us to provide the necessary resources for the education of children in our CCE program, participants in the RCIA program, the continued education of adults, etc.

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet** today (Sunday, September 22) in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Agenda items include: October's Austin DCCW Board meeting and the Parish Mission reception. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Members will gather in the front pews for Mass to lead the Rosary prayed beforehand.

St. Joseph's Church in Cyclone invites you to their **74**th **Annual Cyclone Picnic** today (Sunday, September 22). Fried Chicken & Sausage meal served from 10:30 a.m. 'til.....for \$10/plate. Live music by Jerry Haisler, games for the kids, Live Auction and more.

RCIA: Class this Tuesday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Divine Revelation. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

CCE: Classes this Wednesday, September 25, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. Parents are very much encouraged to stay and attend Mass at 6:30 p.m., which provides a good example for your children. For questions or information about our program, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

Adult Faith Enrichment: Class this Wednesday, September 25, to which all adults of the parish, especially the parents of our CCE students, are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will attend the 6:30 p.m. Mass and then gather in the PAC Bldg (until 8 p.m.). Please contact Lucille D'Elia for questions or more information.

Pro-Life Adoration: this Thursday, September 26, from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church. Come spend some time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

The **Cemetery Committee will meet** this Thursday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg.

You're invited, next Saturday, September 28, to dance the night away – for free – to the music of 'The Moravians' at the Moravian Hall from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Next weekend (September 28/29), we will welcome a representative of the Congregation of the Salvatorian Fathers (Society of the Divine Savior), Fr. Thaddeus Tabak, SDS, who comes to provide some information on their apostolates and to ask for your spiritual and monetary support. Fr. Thaddeus was ordained in Poland in 1977. He has worked in many places, including some parishes within the Dioceses of Austin and San Antonio. He is a Regional Superior of Polish Salvatorian Fathers in the U.S. and is currently at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Merrilville, Indiana. Please keep him in your prayers as he promises to pray for us as well. For more information on the Salvatorian Fathers, visit their website: https://www.sds.org.

Join the Annunciation Maternity Home for their **9**th **Annual Charity Golf Tournament.** It will be held at White Wing Golf Club in Sun City on Saturday, October 5. Check-in starts at 11:00 a.m. and shotgun start is set for 1:00 p.m. Sponsorship packages are available. To learn more and to register your foursome, visit their website at www.thematernityhome.org/golf-2019. All proceeds benefit their programs that serve women facing crisis pregnancies and their children.

The Schwertner Community Center invites everyone for their **42**nd **Annual BBQ** on Sunday, October 6. Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. for \$10/plate. Dine-in or take-out. They are also having a raffle and you can purchase tickets from Billy Beyer (or another Community Club member). See the flyer on the bulletin board for all information. (Center is at corner of FM 1105 and FM 487.)

It's time for us to update our parish photo directory! We know everyone is busy with work, family life, kid's activities during the week, etc, but our directory won't be complete without you ... and family photos make great Christmas presents ©.

- ★ Check your calendars now for our photography dates of November 5-9.
- ★ Schedule for each photography day: Tuesday, November 5 Friday, November 8: schedule runs from 2 pm 8 pm with basically 4 family sessions per hour (last session at 8:40 pm); Saturday, November 9, runs from 10 am 4 pm (last session at 4:40 pm).
- ★ Beginning on Monday, September 30, you will be able to sign up online via a link on our website or by calling the parish office.
- ★ Help will also be needed with family sign-ins on each photography day. Please call the office to volunteer.

For questions or for more information, please call the parish office.

Catholic Corner: The key to the readings this Sunday is the final line of the Gospel: "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Again this week, Jesus asks us about where our heart, energy and devotion lie. Are we committed to God or to the things of this world? Are we aware of the needs of the poor or do we ignore them with our inattention? The Lord urges us to be wise so that we can serve Him by serving others.

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. Thank you to all of you who worked to make the Bazaar a great success. The meal was absolutely delicious. The weather cooperated to give us a beautiful day and everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable time. 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.

In the area of Palestine, there are two main bodies of water which are of Biblical Significance. These are the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. Around the Sea of Galilee, there is a lot of life: green vegetation, lively foliage, trees and shrubs, fish and birds and lots of people coming and going. I have a video of the Holy Land which shows all of this very clearly. The Sea of Galilee has life around it because it not only receives water, but it also gives. It receives water from all sorts of springs and tiny creeks which feed into it. However, it also provides water for the Jordan River, which in turn distributes it to the countryside and provides irrigation to the Jordan Valley. Life does well around the Sea of Galilee because the sea is a generous and sharing point of nature.

It is very different with the Dead Sea, however. There is nothing around the Dead Sea but a dry, parched land, hot and practically deserted and friendless. Not much of anything grows there. There aren't any fish or other sea life in the Dead Sea as it is very salty. The Dead Sea is literally dead because this body of water only receives, it does not give anything. It takes water from the Jordan River, but keeps it all. It doesn't share water with the countryside, as the Sea of Galilee does. In a way, you could say that it is being punished by nature for its selfishness.

What does this have to do with today's readings? We are told that we cannot serve both God and money. We can either give ourselves to God or we can give ourselves to money, to our possessions. But, we cannot give ourselves to both. I believe that if Jesus were standing in the middle of the Jordan River He might say, "You can make your choice. Share your water or keep it all for yourself. Help bring mankind to life with what you have, or keep all for yourself and shrivel up in a dead sea." In other words, if we keep everything that God gives us, all of our money and possessions, just for ourselves, and do not share them with others, we will become like the Dead Sea and be lifeless, good for nothing. If we keep all our possessions, they become our 'god' and we move further and further away from our true God in heaven.

So, we have to make a choice: We can give ourselves to God ... or to our money, to our possessions. I believe that many of you give yourselves to God and, last weekend at our Parish Bazaar, you showed how generous and giving to God you really are. It was amazing! However, it is important for us to realize that worldly possessions are little in comparison with heavenly goods; they are given to us by God to be used as God wills; if we misuse them, we cannot expect a heavenly reward. It is also important for us to realize that possessions are a demanding master. We fool ourselves if we think that they will not carve away larger and larger portions of our heart and allegiance to God if we do not put God first. However, too often, religion uses the name of God in order to become a moneymaking enterprise. We have seen religion make money just for the sake of a few individuals, such as certain TV evangelists, and even a few bishops and priests, who lived in beautiful mansions, and many of them own more than one, but most of them have fallen flat on their face because the spirit died within them. They did not do the will of God with that wealth, but instead kept it all for themselves.

We know that we cannot buy our way into heaven as the man tried to buy his way into the friendship of others in today's gospel. Once he would be fired from his job, he knew that he could depend on the gratitude of those of whom he reduced their debt. He was living by the rules of this world. However, Jesus challenges his disciples throughout the Gospels to go beyond this kind of even exchange and instead risk everything for the kingdom by living generous lives and serving one another out of love, not hope for gain.

This is also seen in the first reading from the Book of Amos. Amos is warning the people to stop cheating the poor and to stop selling on the Sabbath. The people had started to treat the Sabbath just as another day of the week and even fixed the scales to cheat the customers. Sounds like a modern day problem, doesn't it. Nowadays, for most people, Sunday is not much different from the others days of the week. Most people do not go to Church on Sunday and they go shopping as if it were just a regular day.

Today, God is asking us to look at our behavior with money and see whether our stewardship of it is the best. He is also asking us to check and see if we have been good stewards with the spiritual gifts that we have received. God is asking us to look at our behavior between ourselves as Christians and ask the question whether we put our full energies into the practice of our beliefs or not. Are we like the Sea of Galilee or are we more like the Dead Sea?

K ZAMYŠLENÍ: Následovat nepoctivost správce není cesta k pravému štěstí, vždyť i evangelium mluví o důsledcích, které na správce pro jeho nepoctivost dolehly. Co ale Pán chválí? Nesrovnávejme poctivého a nepoctivého správce. Srovnejme dva typy nepoctivých správců: první, kterého asi nejčastěji potkáváme a který ukradne majetek přímo pro sebe. A druhý, o kterém mluví evangelium, který si dá práci a získává si nepoctivostí přátele, tedy buduje vztahy. Oba jsou nepoctiví, ale druhý ví, že dobré vztahy mají větší váhu než samo zajištění a majetek! Kam míří naše úsilí? Nejsme pro samou honbu za majetkem, ač spravedlivě získaným, přeci jen zaslepeni, a neztrácíme tak lidské vztahy?

Septiembre 21-22, 25to Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: La clave para las lecturas de este domingo se encuentra en la línea final del Evangelio. "No puedes servir a ambos, Dios y las riquezas". De nuevo, esta semana Jesús nos pregunta en dónde está nuestro corazón, nuestra energía y nuestra devoción. Estamos comprometidos con Dios o con las cosas de este mundo? ¿Estamos conscientes de las necesidades del pobre o las pisoteamos con nuestra falta de atención? El Señor nos urge a ser sabios e inteligentes para poder servirle al servir a otros necesitados.

May all of you have a most blessed week in service to our Lord and to one another.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář



Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill

Parish Mission

"Challenge Yourself ... to Make a Stronger, Deeper, More Personal Commitment to Christ, His Church and the Sacraments."

Join us

Sunday, October 20 – Thursday, October 24

to hear

Fr. Jewel Aytona, CPM, of the Fathers of Mercy

speak to us about...

~God, the Father of Mercies~
~Eucharist ~ Food for the Journey~
~Our Heavenly Mother~

...and more!

Mission Schedule: (Mass & Mission in the church / meals & reception in the PAC Bldg)

Sunday, October 20: Confessions: 6:00–6:45 pm / Holy Hour & Mission: 7:00 pm

Monday, October 21: Mass at 8:00 am

Confessions: 6:00–6:45 pm / Light Meal: 6:00–6:45 pm / Holy Hour & Mission: 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 22: Mass at 8:00 am

Confessions: 6:00–6:45 pm / Light Meal: 6:00–6:45 pm / Holy Hour & Mission: 7:00 pm

Wed, October 23: Mass at 8:00 am

Confessions: 5:30–6:15 pm / Light Meal: 5:30–6:15 pm / Holy Hour & Mission: 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 24: Confessions: 6:00–6:45 pm / Mass & Mission: 7:00 pm / Closing Reception



Fr. Jewel Aytona, CPM, is a missionary preacher with the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy in Auburn, KY. He travels throughout the country conducting parish missions and retreats, spreading the good news of the Mercy of God and the teachings of the Catholic Faith, nourishing souls with the Bread of Life and being an instrument to reconcile souls with God.

Mission Prayer

Almighty God, Father of Mercies, grant that the upcoming Parish Mission will be a means for souls to draw closer to You. May the Holy Spirit's gift of wisdom be instilled in the minds of the faithful, may hearts be inflamed with greater charity, and may the prodigal children of God be brought into the merciful arms of the Savior. Amen.