# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL







Bishop Joe Vásquez Diocese of Austin

# Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, A.D. 2020 Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Nov 14	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Nov 15	8:30 AM	†Roberta & P.J. Christensen †Marsha May
		10:30 AM	†Margie Havelka †Hubert Klepac Luke Allen
Tuesday	Nov 17	6:00 PM	Bill & Donna Danker & Family Fr. Wolfgang Seitz O.R.C & Family
Wednesday	Nov 18	6:30 PM	†All Souls
Thursday	Nov 19	7:00 AM	†Aage Sund †Mary Conlee †Joe & Wilma Zgarda
Friday	Nov 20	6:00 PM	†Marsha May †Albina Teltow †Soul of Jerry Horn
Saturday	Nov 21	7:30 AM	†Annie Mae Janish †Cyril & Margaret Kohoutek
Saturday	Nov 21	5:00 PM	†Rosemary Waltman †Jeff Wright A.J. & Dorothy Tschoerner (66th Wedding Anniversary)
		8:30 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday	Nov 22	10:30 AM	†Frank & Anastasia Knapek Rodney Robichau Chaney & Luke Allen

#### Mass Ministry Schedule for November 17 - 22

<u>Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 pm:</u> <u>Lector:</u> Louis Brousseau

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Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 pm:

**Lector:** Adelaide Brousseau **Altar Servers:** Lucas Beyer, Preston &

Heather Snook

Thursday, November 19, 7:00 am:

Lector: Pinto Nemec
Altar Server: Pinto Nemec

Friday, November 20, 6:00 pm:

**Lector:** Jakob Voigt **Altar Server:** Jakob Voigt

Saturday, November 21, 7:30 am:

Lector: Janine Nemec
Altar Server: Pinto Nemec

Saturday, November 21, 5:00 PM: Altar Servers: Nathan & Lucas Klepac

**Lector:** Janine Nemec **EMHC:** Jim Heuertz

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, November 22, 8:30 AM: (Incense)

**Altar Servers:** Jenna D, Carter M, Lucas B, Caleb S **Lector:** Jennifer Marquis

**EMHC:** Ray Nemec **Head Usher:** Matt Mertink

Sunday, November 22, 10:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Jakob V, Jarrod H & Martin Ortiz

Lector: Kelly Godfrey
EMHC: Leslie Allen
Head Usher: Frank Knapek

EMHC to Shut-Ins: November 22: Ray Nemec

## ቱ Fr. Stephen Nesrsta ቱ

Website: www.holytrinityofcornhill.org
Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Administrative Assistant: Monica Snook 512-863-3020
Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Tuesdays @ 2:00 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: Stephanie Wright 512-470-5204
Pro-Life Prayer Group: Chris Garlasco 860-689-3021
Knights of Columbus: Josh Jacobs 612-212-9624
Conf. of Christian Mothers: Lucille Nemec 254-527-3615

Religious Articles: Louise Straka 512-746-5322
K.J.T. Society #55: John Danek 512-819-4362
K.J.Z.T. Society #15: Dorothy Klepac 512-746-2902
Catholic Life Insurance #50: Tommy Sladecek 512-635-3496

CEF Enrollments: Janine Nemec 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)

### Last Week's Collection(s)

Weekly: 4145.00 \$ / Online: \$ 1491.80

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed in memory of **Adolph & Louise Valenta** and are donated by their family.

The flowers at the Eucharistic Altar are placed in memory of **Noreen Kabella** and are donated by her family.

The flowers at the Crucifix are placed in honor of Captain Amanda Sherek and are donated by the Sherek family.



# Prayer to St. Elizabeth of Hungary

**God,** You taught St. Elizabeth to recognize and serve Christ in the poor.

Grant, through her intercession, that we may always lovingly serve the needy and the oppressed.

**Amen** 

WE ASK THAT ALL WHO ATTEND MASS WEAR A MASK / FACE COVERING FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF ALL PRESENT! And we thank you, while our seating is limited, for moving, if possible, to make room for larger families that come in for Mass.

A blessed thank you to everyone who gave a gift this past weekend to the Catholic Services Appeal. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Each and every person's gift is important. For those who have not made a pledge, please join us in supporting the vital programs and services throughout the Diocese of Austin from which you and this parish benefit. Pledge cards are available at the bulletin tables of the church and can be returned by mail to the Diocese of Austin. Thank you for your support.

We will have our monthly **Faith Formation Collection** this weekend (November 14/15) which allows us to provide necessary resources for the education of children in our CCE program, participants in the RCIA program, the continued education of adults, etc. Please be generous.

Just in time for your holiday baking! The **Knights of Columbus will be selling assorted nuts**, after Masses, on the weekends of November 15 & 22.

**God's Plan for You** - Join Sally Robb November 17 from 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake as she ponders the mystery for God's plan for you and how you can use your unique gifts to give glory to God. Robb is a Catholic speaker, author and a mother of six children. Cost is \$40. Register online www.cedarbrake.org or call (254) 780-2436.

**RCIA:** Next class will be held this Tuesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. **in the church**. Topic of discussion: Tour of the Church. For more information, please contact Lucille D'Elia (737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com).

**Holy Hour of Reparation** every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. (after the 7 a.m. Mass), in the presence of the Lord, inside the church. We follow a beautiful, timeless, relevant Catholic Church approved booklet that will be provided for you each week. This is a good opportunity to pray for the world and for our families. Give the Lord your time and spend an hour in His presence to pray to His Heart.

**Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration** every Thursday from 3–9 p.m. in the church. Come and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Knights of Columbus (KofC) – Holy Trinity Council**: There will be a KofC meeting this Thursday, November 19, with the Rosary starting at 6:45 p.m. in the RE Bldg. All members are invited. All men interested in becoming a member, transferring into the Holy Trinity Council from another, or for more information, please contact Josh Jacobs (612-212-9624 or SKJosh.Jacobs@gmail.com).

**Holy Trinity Painting Restoration Update**: The restoration is being done by Brown Mountain Art and Antique Restoration in Dallas. It should take about 12 weeks to complete the work. Cost is \$12,100.00. As of today, we have received a total of \$5,500.00. Thank you for your generosity! If you would like to donate, please put your donation in an envelope and mark on it "Holy Trinity Painting Restoration" and either mail it to us, put it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. Thank you!

We will have a **second collection** next weekend, November 21/22, for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**, which is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Please donate prayerfully and generously.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will sponsor a **Bake Sale** after all Masses next weekend, November 21/22. Proceeds will benefit Catholic Relief Services (a project of the Austin DCCW for 2020-2021) and the CCM Funds for the activities they promote. Your generosity of providing and/or purchasing baked goods or monetary donations is very much appreciated. **Note:** The Sale will be held at the RE Bldg., therefore all donated baked items should be brought to the RE Bldg. prior to Mass Time with all sales after each Mass.

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season with beautiful poinsettias --- in memory or honor of loved ones --- you may do so by completing and returning a "Christmas Flower Envelope" (located by the bulletins). Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 20. All memorials will be announced in the December 27 bulletin.





The Diocese of Austin has announced that it **WILL** have DCYC this year. It will be a one day event on January 30, 2021 at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock. All teens in grades 9 through 12 are invited to come worship and celebrate our great Catholic faith. The speakers and presenters promise to be a dynamic and exciting group. All COVID protocol will be practiced and masks will be mandatory throughout the event. The cost is \$50 per attendee and includes the registration fee, a t-shirt and lunch. If you would like to attend, please contact our Faith Formation office as all registrations must be in by December 2. If there are any questions, please contact our office at 737-215-1042 or htcdre@yahoo.com or Kelly Godfrey at klgodfrey12@gmail.com.

#### Dear friends in Christ.

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever! Amen. We had a wonderful Parish Mission this past week with Fr. Louis Guardiola. Thank you to everyone who responded to God's call to attend the Mission. Fr. Louis reminded us of our need to be prepared for the second coming of Jesus and how we might go about being prepared and ready for that day. He also spoke to us about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Prodigal Son, the Eucharistic Sacrifice and the Blessed Virgin Mary. His talks are available on the Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill Facebook Page for your viewing. Thank you to our altar servers and anyone else who helped out with the Mission. May God bless you in return.

As we approach the end of our Church Liturgical year, our Gospel reminds us of our need to be prepared and not to be caught by surprise. I think most of us know what it is like to be caught by surprise, whether it be by a welcomed surprise or by a tragedy.

A well-known parishioner came to the church office every Friday to purchase grocery certificates that was part of a fund-raiser for a Catholic School. She came every Friday at the end of the workday, right at 5:00. If she were a few minutes late the secretary would wait for her so she could purchase her certificates.

One day Maureen came into the office and was more jovial than ever. She made her purchase and left. Not more than 20 minutes later the Pastor was walking out the door when the secretary ran up to him and grabbed him and said: "Maureen is at the hospital. She was in a wreck. She's dead!"

One moment Maureen was teasing the staff and a few minutes later she was standing in the presence of God. Death is an awesome reality, but it is usually not one we like to ponder. Next week we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King as we end our Church year and as we celebrate the end of time. It is important that we take time to reflect upon this reality and consider what meaning it has for each of us.

The people that St. Paul and St. Matthew are writing to today expected the Second Coming of Jesus in their lifetime. The people of Thesselonica were very much wrapped up in knowing when Christ would come, as are many of our friends today. But Paul tells us that we cannot know when Christ will return, but He will return "like a thief in the night," in other words, very unexpectedly.

Many of us are too caught up in our immediate concerns of life that we do not even consider that the end will come, that we are going to die. This was the problem with the people that Matthew was writing his Gospel. Matthew's point is to shake them up and to shake us up as well. His point is that Christ will return, and we are going to be held accountable for our lives.

All of us have been given various degrees or measures of faith. Not all of us have the same faith or the same amount of faith, but yet faith is something that is not quantifiable. Matthew is asking us what we are doing with the faith we have been given. Are we investing it or have we just buried it, are we keeping it hidden? In Matthew's time the usual thing to do with one's money was to bury it and not to invest it. This was because if you invested it you could loose it all. So, it was seen as smarter to bury it and protect it. It was the ordinary thing to do. But Matthew is telling us today that God does not expect the ordinary. He expects much more. God expects us to use our faith in ways that will make it grow. We must risk our gift of faith if it is to become anything more than it is now.

Matthew tells us that the person who is not willing to take the necessary risk of faith is a "wicked, lazy servant." Many of us think, "I am a pretty good person. I'm not that bad. God would not condemn me." However, if we don't use our faith and help it to grow, then God will take it away from us and throw us outside the Kingdom. "For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

Can we develop a sense of urgency within ourselves about the end that is to come? Paul's letter tells us that a believer should not fear God's coming, but we cannot take it for granted either. We must be prepared at all times. Our whole faith is built on the notion that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, and that one day He will come back again. When Jesus does come, or when He calls us and it is time for us to die, and He asks for our talents back, what are we going to be able to give to Him? Have we worked hard and produced and increased what He has given to us? Think about it. Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and will be the last Sunday of our liturgical Church year. Be thinking about how you may truly dedicate your life and the life of your family to Jesus Christ the King. Is He really your King? Are you his faithful subjects?

**K ZAMYŠLENÍ:** Často si křesťané kladou otázku, jak porozumět podobenství o hřivnách. Nemusíme si vyčítat, když vzdáme kroužek kreslení či vyšívání! Zde jde o mnohem víc. Hřivna byl obrovský majetek. Pán nám svěřil život a očekává, že ho budeme rozvíjet v plnosti. Nikoli pouze ve svůj prospěch (požitek), ale k plnosti života celého stvoření. To zahrnuje soulad mezi Bohem a naším životem, stejně jako soulad v naších vztazích... Poslední služebník se na první poslech jeví jako chudák, možná neměl tolik schopností... Ale on tu nestojí jako někdo, komu podnikání nevyšlo, ale jako někdo, kdo to dopředu vzdal! A navíc nepřichází s omluvou za svoji zbabělost, ale s nadávkami na toho, který mu hřivnu svěřil. Není těžké osočit Boha, že za všechno může. K tomu jsme ale dar života nedostali a takový postoj nepřinese nikomu radost.

**33ero. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:** Todos queremos ser considerados siervos fieles y buenos y Dios nos da todo lo que necesitamos para ser sus discípulos: los sacramentos y su gracias, la palabra de Dios, la comunidad de fe. Lo que necesitamos hacer es arriesgarnos a derramar nuestras vidas tal como Jesús lo hizo y no aferrarnos a nuestra vida y dones por miedo. Podemos hacer esto al dar nuestras vidas y al aprender que mucho más es dado cuando nos damos a nosotros mismos en el servicio de Dios hacia los demás. Si usted no cree esto, pregúntele a alguien que ha servido en un ministerio para los demás tal como la Sociedad de St. Vincent de Paul, el ministerio de la comunión para los enfermos, un ministerio para encarcelados, un ministerio pro-vida o cualquier otro en su parroquia. Ellos le platicarán a usted las ricas recompensas que recibieron.

Please continue to pray for the Souls in Purgatory during this month of November as we remember those who have died. May they rest in peace.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen Nesrsta, farář

# Holy Trinity Catholic Church Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020

Call to Order with opening prayer and scripture reading

Members Present – Leo Bringman, Jacqueline Danek, Kelly Godfrey, Mary Margaret Heuertz,

Mike Hovatter, Ken Loudermilk and Helen Havelka.

Member Absent – Stephanie Wright and Sora Garlasco

**Ex-officio Member Present** – Fr. Stephen and Lucille D'Elia

**Guests Present: 1** 

#### **Old Business**

**Encountering Christ Capital Campaign** – In the latest statement received from the diocese, there is \$54,756 in the parish account. The 5-year campaign began in 2018.

**2020 Parish Mission** – The Parish Mission is Nov. 8-12. Fr. Stephen encouraged all to come.

Active Shooter Training & Pastoral Council Training – These are on hold due to covid-19.

#### **New Business**

**Parish Bazaar Meal and Raffle** – We raised \$67,496. Fr. Stephen thanked everyone who worked to make it possible and those who made donations.

**Holy Day/Holiday Schedule** – The schedule will be the same except for Christmas Eve. Father will have Mass at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to accommodate those wishing to attend on Dec. 24.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Sunday Breakfast, Senior Supper** – These are on hold due to covid-19. **Land Purchase** – The 3.3 acre-tract next to the parish grounds was purchased for \$239,000. The buildings have been removed, and the house is scheduled to be moved soon. We appreciate the work Clawson Disposal is doing to clear the land.

**Coronavirus** – Fr. Stephen feels we are doing the best that we can. Approximately 375 are attending weekend Masses. For now, the pews will remain roped to allow for social distancing.

**Holy Trinity painting** – Brown Mountain Art and Antique Restoration of Dallas is doing the work. It will cost \$12,000 to restore and should be completed in approximately 12 weeks.

**Work at the Rectory** – A carport and covered walk to the garage is being built. All work and materials are donated.

#### **Ministry/Committee Reports**

**Social Ministry** – Lucille D'Elia – The parish is getting more calls for assistance, and we help when we can. Lucille will provide flyers and information on the website identifying assistance resources.

**Faith Formation Program** – Lucille D'Elia – Students in Sacramental preparation have returned to class. There are also students learning from home. It is going well.

**Cemetery** – The road construction has been completed, and we have a Cremation Garden monument. **Long-Range Plan** – The final plan has been completed. There are 3 contractors who will bid on the first 2 phases of work in early November.

**Finance Council Report** – Fr. Stephen said our financial status is good. We will need to borrow \$400,000 for the upcoming work. In 2021, we will have an envelope for the Building Fund, which will replace the Faith Formation collection.

#### **Other Business Presented**

**Catholic Services Appeal** – The council watched a video on the upcoming CSA. Information from the diocese is coming soon.

Administrative Assistant – Monica Snook has replaced Jennifer Klepac in the office.

#### **Executive Session – Parish Council Selections**

Next Meeting: 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020