

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 9, 2014**

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Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:15–4:45 p.m.; Sunday: 7:15–7:45 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Trinity–Corn Hill

Saturday	Mar 8	5:00 PM	†Frankie Hyzak
Sunday	Mar 9	8:00 AM	Pro Populo (for parishioners of HTC & SSCM)
Tuesday	Mar 11	6:00 PM	†Margie Sladeczek Stefek
Wednesday	Mar 12	7:00 AM	Virgil Tonn (healing)
Thursday	Mar 13	7:00 AM	†Sherry Vrabel
Friday-Stations	Mar 14	6:30 PM	†Ted & Gabriella Nemec
Saturday (a.m.)	Mar 15	(no Mass)	
Saturday	Mar 15	5:00 PM	†Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Waltman, Jr.
Sunday	Mar 16	8:00 AM	Recipients of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sts. Cyril & Methodius-Granger

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(† in front of an intention denotes deceased) (Please note that the Saturday morning Masses do not fulfill your weekend obligation.)

Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Present Gifts	Ministers Holy Communion
March 8 5:00 PM	Janine Nemec	Erin, John & Maria Bruce	Bill & Linda Montreuil	Janine Nemec, Frank Feist, Keith Youngpeter
March 9 8:00 AM	Pete Zenner	Travis Clawson Thomas Clawson	Louis & Louise Straka	Pete Zenner, Ray Nemec, Louise Straka
Friday, March 14 6:30 PM	Carolyn Barker	Travis Clawson Thomas Clawson		Carolyn Barker
March 15 5:00 PM	John Obst	Kelsey & Carter Marquis Abby Hodgson	Bob & Christine Albanese	John Obst, Lynnette Hinton, Fred Mullenbach
March 16 8:00 AM	(Confirmation)	Klepacs Daneks	(Confirmation)	Deacon Gene Davis Lucille Nemec
Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:		March 9: Ray Nemec	March 16: John Edgar	

Last Week's Collection: \$2,872.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission project has begun! Each family is invited to pick up a special Mission box (located by the bulletins). Keep it on or near your dining table at home. Put in some coins each day during Lent and pray for missions worldwide. Money collected will help local missions and missionaries from our diocese.

The **Holy Trinity Parish Prayer Campaign for Church Vocations** is open to all parishioners. For information, or to sign-up, contact the parish office. This week, the crucifix will be with Henry & Agnes Taylor. Next week, it will be in the home of Scott & Aimie Tibbetts.

CCE: Due to Spring Break, we will not have class on Wednesday, March 12. Next class will be held on Wednesday, March 19, for grades PreK – 9th.

Fr. Stephen will celebrate **Mass at the Villa Nursing Home** in Granger on Thursday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross w/Mass: Friday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the church. (Full schedule for Stations of the Cross is on our website.)

A **Fish Fry**, sponsored by the Granger Knights of Columbus, will be held at the SSCM Parish Hall on Friday, March 14, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dine-in and to-go available.

St. Peter Lutheran Church, of Walburg, will celebrate their 125th Anniversary on Sunday, March 30, and has extended an invitation to help them celebrate. Worship will begin at 10:15 a.m. with a meal to follow in their hall. **It will be necessary to RSVP for lunch on or before March 14.** You may call their church office at 512-863-5600.

The high school Confirmation Candidates from both Holy Trinity and Sts. Cyril & Methodius parishes will be **celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation** here on Sunday, March 16, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass with our Bishop, Joe Vásquez. Please join us in praying for them as they receive the Holy Spirit in this blessed sacrament and as they continue their journey of faith as young adults in the Church.

Dear friends in Christ,

Peace be with you. This week most of the schools will be on Spring Break. I encourage parents to come with their children to the Stations of the Cross and Mass at 6:30 pm on Friday evening.

Please pray for all of our youth from our parish and from Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Granger who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation here next Sunday. Pray that their hearts will be open to the Spirit dwelling in them and in leading them in their life of faith.

This past week we began the holy season of Lent. Lent is a forty-day period of time before the Easter Triduum in which we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday when we are marked with ashes to signify that we are sinners and that we want to repent. In other words, we really desire to change our life and to do better in living as disciples of Jesus. There are three aspects to the season of Lent and they are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Increased prayer helps us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, fasting helps us to gain a spiritual hunger for our Lord and helps us to gain self-control of our appetites and desires, and almsgiving helps us in our need to live as Jesus did in service to other people. These help to prepare the Christian to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. Lent helps to remind Christians of their sinfulness and the need to return to their baptismal innocence.

During the Lenten season we as Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross every week, usually on Wednesday or Friday, as we meditate on Jesus being arrested in the Garden, brought before Pilate, scourged, crowned with thorns, carrying His cross, being crucified and then buried. By meditating on these last events of Jesus' life we come to have a greater appreciation of the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead so that we can truly celebrate Easter with abundant joy.

As we live the Season of Lent we may want to see how this holy season can strengthen our family life. Think of ways in which you can celebrate this season as a family...i.e., pray together at home as a family, attend Mass on the weekend and, when possible, during the week as a family, attend Stations of the Cross as a family, read the Bible together as a family, go to confession together as a family, and I am sure there are many things you can do as a family to make this season more meaningful to you. Every good Catholic will do everything possible to help them and their family to grow in faith and in their relationship with our Lord Jesus. Every good Catholic will try to attend Mass every weekend and will try to attend Stations of the Cross to help their family to grow in union with Christ and with His Catholic Church. Let us all support one another in faithfully living our faith.

In today's first and second reading we hear how sin came into the world through Adam and Eve in their act of disobedience to God. Ever since then we have struggled with being obedient to God, we struggle to keep His Commandments. As today's Psalm 51 says we cry out to God, "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." We continually fall into sin and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. There are ways that God has given us so that we can avoid giving in to the temptation of sin. In today's Gospel we heard how Jesus was in the desert for forty days spending time in prayer and fasting. Even though He was strong spiritually since He is the Son of God, Jesus still needed to discipline his human body so that it would be strengthened against the temptations of the flesh. As we heard in the Gospel, Jesus was tempted by the devil and He resisted those temptations. These forty days of Lent are meant to help us be strengthened spiritually and physically so that we can be prepared for everything that the devil might throw at us in ways of temptation. May we respond to Jesus' invitation and do all that He asks us to do so that we are prepared for all that awaits us in life.

May the Lord bless you all with a spiritually renewing Season of Lent.

Fr. Stephen Nestrta, farář