

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 23, 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 22	5:00 PM	†Juanita Pena
Sunday	Mar 23	8:00 AM	Pro Populo (parishioners of HTC & SSCM)
Tuesday	Mar 25	6:00 PM	Frances Nemec – In Thanksgiving
Wednesday	Mar 26	7:00 AM	†Barbara Barabas
Thursday	Mar 27	7:00 AM	†Benny Kubacak
Friday – Stations	Mar 28	6:30 PM	†Mary Ziegler
Saturday (a.m.)	Mar 29	(no Mass)	
Saturday	Mar 29	5:00 PM	†Victor Palousek, Jr.
Sunday	Mar 30	8:00 AM	†Louis & Agnes Straka

Sts. Cyril & Methodius-Granger

Saturday	Mar 22	7:00 PM
Sunday	Mar 23	10:00 AM
Tuesday	Mar 25	(no Mass)
Wed – Stations	Mar 26	6:30 PM
Thursday	Mar 27	6:00 PM
Friday	Mar 28	7:00 AM
Saturday (a.m.)	Mar 29	7:30 AM
Saturday	Mar 29	7:00 PM
Sunday	Mar 30	10:00 AM

(† 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
Sat, March 22 5:00 PM	Aaron Liles	Renae & Maria Bruce Michael Liles	Alex & Virginia Hernandez	Leo Bringman, Lynnette Hinton, Fred Mullenbach
Sun, March 23 8:00 AM	Nancy Zenner	Kelsey Marquis Carter Marquis	Jerry David	Nancy Zenner, James Nemec. Jerry David
Fri, March 28 – Stations 6:30 PM	John Obst	Kelsey Marquis Carter Marquis	(volunteers)	John Obst
Sat, March 29 5:00 PM	Don Gudinas	Matthew Klepac Nathan Klepac	Robert & Carolyn Barker	Irene Cavanaugh, Patsy Hightower, Keith Youngpeter
Sun, March 30 8:00 AM	Michael Vrabel	Jamie, John & Jenna Danek	Barney & Dorothy Walther	Barney & Dorothy Walther, Kathy Windhauser
Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:		March 23: Jerry David	March 30: James Nemec	

Last Week's Collection: \$2,675.00

Thank you for your generosity!

"A very big **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** for helping to make our combination Holy Trinity and Sts. Cyril & Methodius Confirmation a huge success. Our students did a terrific job and made our outstanding Confirmation teachers, Nancy Zenner and Barbara Janning, very proud. Our altar servers were great, the choir was magnificent and as usual, our Parish family was warm and welcoming. A special thanks to the people who cooked and served that wonderful breakfast and made the PAC look so beautiful. Although there were many helpers, there was a committee who took over the responsibility of the celebration so that I could focus on the Confirmation itself. I would personally like to thank Debbie Klaus, Jennifer Klepac, Stephanie Wright and Pinto and James Nemec for all of their hard work. It was really wonderful and I truly appreciated it. I am very blessed to be working here at Holy Trinity with the most special people I have ever met." Thank you again, **Lucille D'Elia**

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet today (Sunday, March 23) in the RE Bldg immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All ladies are invited to join them.

The **Holy Trinity Parish Prayer Campaign for Church Vocations** is open to all parishioners. 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 Frances Nemec.

CCE: Class for K – 9th on Wednesday, March 26, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Meal served from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

****The newly confirmed will have class this Sunday** immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Our new CYM program will also be introduced at that time. Classes continue for these students as per their schedule until the last day of CCE (May 7).

Stations of the Cross w/Mass: (SSCM) Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m.; (Holy Trinity) Friday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Special Collection: Next weekend (March 29/30), we will take up the **Catholic Relief Services** collection. This program helps by providing humanitarian aid, pastoral support and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe.

Father Tom Poisson will be visiting our parish next weekend (March 29/30) to speak on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will host their annual **Pancake Breakfast** next Sunday, March 30 (after the 8:00 a.m. Mass) in the PAC Bldg. They will serve pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee for a good-will donation. Proceeds will support their yearly parish and community projects.

The Granger KC's and KJZT will host a **Fifth Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner** next Sunday, March 30, at the SSCM Parish Hall. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. Adult plates \$8 / Children \$5. Drive-thru (adult plates only) available also.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES: **Holy Trinity:** Sunday, March 30, 5:00 PM; **SSCM-Granger:** Monday, March 31, 7:00 PM;
St. Helen-Gtown: Monday, April 7, 7:00 PM; **St. Williams-RR:** Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 PM;
St. Mary's-Taylor: Sunday, April 13, 7:00 PM.

Social Concerns Ministry: During this Lenten season, our parish is sponsoring a **Clothing Drive** for the benefit of The Caring Place. Donations of gently used clothing may be dropped off at the RE Building anytime between now and April 13th (Palm Sunday). Items should be clean and in good repair. Clothing may be placed in the bins outside the CCE office or brought in to the office during regular business hours. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS IN THE CHURCH. If you have any questions, please contact Lucille at 512-318-5149. Thank you.

Ashes to Easter: We are so blessed by the gracious gift of one man, Jesus Christ, who transformed human history with His infinite love. Through His Spirit, His grace has been poured into our hearts. With an open heart, share your blessings. Put something in your Ashes to Easter box each day. Your donation will substantially help and bring hope to the struggling missions. Please pray for the missions.



If you would like to help decorate the church for Easter with beautiful lilies and spring flowers in memory of a loved one, you may do so by turning in an "Easter Flower Envelope" (located by the bulletins). The memorials will be announced in the Easter weekend bulletin. Deadline to turn in flower envelopes is Sunday, April 13.

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation such a beautiful experience last Sunday. Thank you, also, to everyone who put together the reception and who cleaned up afterwards. I was very proud of all of you.

Today's gospel is the story of Jesus meeting the woman of Samaria at the water well. In those days, men would not have approached a woman alone and they would not have spoken to her. The fact that Jesus talks to her and asked her for a drink of water would have been very scandalous. But, Jesus teaches us what is really important. Helping the woman was more important than the laws that were against such an encounter. Jesus wanted to give her the "living water" of the Spirit. Donald Schwager writes, *'The image of "living water" is used throughout the scriptures as a symbol of God's wisdom, a wisdom that imparts life and blessing to all who receive it. "The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life" (Proverbs 13:14). "Living water" was also a symbol for the Jews of thirst of the soul for God. The water which Jesus spoke of symbolized the Holy Spirit and his work of recreating us in God's image and sustaining in us the new life which comes from God. The life which the Holy Spirit produces in us makes us a "new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do you thirst for God and for the life of the Holy Spirit within you?*

Hippolytus, a second century Christian writer, explains the significance of the Holy Spirit's work in us: "This is the water of the Spirit: It refreshes paradise, enriches the earth, gives life to living things. It is the water of Christ's baptism; it is our life. If you go with faith to this renewing fountain, you renounce Satan your enemy and confess Christ your God. You cease to be a slave and become an adopted son; you come forth radiant as the sun and brilliant with justice; you come forth a son of God and fellow-heir with Christ." (From a sermon, On the Epiphany)

Basil the Great (c. 330-379) speaks in a similar manner: "The Spirit restores paradise to us and the way to heaven and adoption as children of God; he instills confidence that we may call God truly Father and grants us the grace of Christ to be children of the light and to enjoy eternal glory. In a word, he bestows the fullness of blessings in this world and the next; for we may contemplate now in the mirror of faith the promised things we shall someday enjoy. If this is the foretaste, what must the reality be? If these are the first fruits, what must be the harvest?" (From the treatise, The Holy Spirit)

We receive this "living water" every time we receive the Sacraments, especially in Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation (Confession) and the Eucharist. When we receive the Sacraments, we receive a special grace of the Holy Spirit. In addition to this, Jesus wants us to meet Him at the well as often as possible to receive the food and drink that brings us eternal life, His Body and Blood that we receive at Mass in Holy Communion. Even though Jesus invites, many do not come. They reject what Jesus has to offer saying that they do not need it. So they live in their own little world without being fed and nourished by our Savior. It is no wonder that they continue to be misguided and do not understand what Jesus teaches since they are not accepting His invitation every week to be with Him and receive Him. If we reject Jesus' invitation now, then we will not be able to accept His invitation at the time of death. We all need to pray a little more for those who do not come to Mass and we also need to pray that our faith will not falter. Ask for the Spirit to be with you each day.

Don't forget to attend Stations of the Cross every week during Lent with your family to pray the Way of the Cross and walk with our Lord in His suffering so that you can experience the resurrection with Him.

Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář