

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CORN HILL



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 30, 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

Saturday	Mar 29	5:00 PM	†Victor Palousek, Jr.
Sunday	Mar 30	8:00 AM	†Louis & Agnes Straka
Tuesday	April 1	6:00 PM	†Frances Shinske
Wed – Stations	April 2	7:15 PM	†Dennis Martinka
Thursday	April 3	7:00 AM	Doris Nestrsta (for healing)
Friday	April 4	7:00 AM	†George Nestrsta
Saturday (a.m.)	April 5	7:30 AM	†Christian Hill
Saturday	April 5	5:00 PM	C.J. Kellerman (80 th birthday)
Sunday	April 6	8:00 AM	John & Frances Nemec family

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. Patrick's-Hutto: Thursday, April 10, 6:30 PM

St. Mary's-Taylor: Sunday, April 13, 7:00 PM

St. Williams-RR: Monday, April 14, 1 -6 PM

Mass	Lectors	Altar Servers	Present Gifts	Ministers of Holy Communion
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
Wed, April 2 – Stations 7:15 PM	Debbie Klaus	(CCE)	(CCE)	Debbie Klaus
Sat, April 5 5:00 PM	Lynnette Hinton	Matthew Klepac Nathan Klepac	Liles family	Lynnette Hinton, Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh
Sun, April 6 8:00 AM	Pete Zenner	Jamie, John & Jenna Danek	Johnny & Dee Martinka	Pete Zenner, John Edgar, Johnny Martinka
Ministers of Holy Communion to Shut-Ins:		March 30: James Nemec	April 6: John Edgar	

Last Week's Collection: \$2,853.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Please welcome Father Tom Poisson who will speak to us this weekend 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. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

Special Collection: This 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.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will host their annual **Pancake Breakfast** today (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** today (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) also available.

We would like to say **thank you to the Jarrell Bass Club** for a generous donation to our Buildings Fund and to the Cemetery Fund. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

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 Frances Nemec. Next week, it will be in the home of Pinto & Lucille Nemec.

Fr. Stephen will celebrate **Mass at the Will-O-Bell Nursing Home** in Bartlett this Wednesday, April 2, at 10:00 a.m.

CCE: Class for Pre-K – Confirmation on **Wednesday, April 2**, from 6:30 – 7:15, followed by **Stations of the Cross and Mass at 7:15 p.m.** Meal served from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

All parishioners and visitors are welcome to join us for **Hospitality Sunday** next weekend (Sunday, April 6) in the PAC Bldg immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Breakfast will be prepared by the Emily Kuehne family and friends.

The parish's monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held on Monday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Catholic Life Insurance Branch #50 will prepare and serve the meal.

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 condition. 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. 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 Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! As I mentioned last weekend, effective April 1, Granger and Corn Hill will each have their own priest. I see this as a great blessing for each parish. For now, our weekend Mass schedule here at Holy Trinity Parish will remain the same. We will pray and discuss whether any changes should be made to the Mass times in the months ahead.

Lent is quickly passing by and Holy Week will be here soon. Some of you may already be making plans for Holy Week and Easter. Our Mass schedule for the Easter Triduum will be as follows:

**Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday - 7:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday - 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

You may wonder why the Mass on Holy Saturday is so late in the evening. The Church states that we should wait until after sunset to light the Easter Fire. With Easter being later this year that means that the sun is setting at a later time so the Vigil Mass must also begin at a later time.

The Easter Triduum during Holy Week is our most sacred and solemn week of the whole year. We should make it a priority to attend the celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, setting aside other non-religious activities that may conflict with these sacred days. Let us be faithful to God.

We will be having **Altar Server practice** for each of the above celebrations. Altar Servers will have practice for Holy Thursday on Palm Sunday, April 13, following the 8:00 am Mass. Altar Server practice for Good Friday will be after Mass on Holy Thursday. Altar Server practice for Holy Saturday will be at 11:30 a.m. on Holy Saturday. All Altar Servers who are scheduled to serve at each of the above celebrations are asked to be at these practices. If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please find a substitute for you and be sure to tell them that they must attend the practice as scheduled for that particular day. Also, please call Jennifer to let her know so that we will know who will be serving. Thank you to all of you for serving at God's Altar.

Today we celebrate *Laetare Sunday*, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. *Laetare* is taken from the Latin translation of Isaiah 66:10-11, which is used as the entrance antiphon for this Sunday as found in the Missalette. We rejoice that the Easter Mystery is drawing near and we await it with joyful anticipation.

In today's Gospel, we have the story of Jesus healing the man born blind from birth. This event follows Jesus' encounter with the woman caught in adultery and also several other encounters with the Pharisees. This discourse with the Pharisees is rather lengthy and the jealousy of the Pharisees is made visible and they become angrier and angrier with Jesus. The healing of the blind takes place on the Sabbath day, a day when no one was to do any work, not even acts of charity. This action of Jesus is seen as violating the Law concerning the Sabbath. The healing of the blind man also proves that his sins are forgiven, something which only God can do. Yet Jesus, in His humanity, heals and forgives sins. Jesus continues this act today through the actions of the priest in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Maybe you can somewhat imagine the joy that the blind man must have experienced at being able to see for the first time in his life. You can also probably imagine the anger of the Pharisees because all of us have been jealous of others and angry at them at some time in our life. Maybe you still are today! All this anger continues to build each week as we approach Holy Week and the Pharisees begin to make plans to arrest Jesus and to have Him put to death. As we enter into these last weeks of Lent, let us think of how our lives reflect that of the lives of the Pharisees and let us ask the Lord to open our eyes so that we can see clearly the things we need to change so that we can truly be the light of Jesus to one another.

May all of you continue to have a spiritually renewing Season of Lent as we prepare ourselves for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord at Easter. Be sure to make a good confession before Easter. See the schedule of area Penance Services in this bulletin.

Fr. Stephen Nestrsta, farář