

Czech Mass - Vítame Vás na Corn Hill:

Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading.

He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "You are My servant,' He said to Me." Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see [Acts 13:46–47](#)).

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see [Exodus 12:1–23, 27](#)).

In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see [1 Corinthians 5:7](#); [1 Peter 1:18–19](#)). Our Lord sings of this in today's Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see [Hebrews 10:3–13](#)).

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see [Hebrews 10:4](#)). They were meant not to save but to teach (see [Galatians 3:24](#)). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience, He has made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see [Revelation 7:14](#)). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see [Romans 12:1](#)).

*In February we celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saint of Slavic peoples. In honor of these saints a Czech Mass will be celebrated on, **Sunday, February 16, at 5:00 pm**, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill. All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius*

***Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill** invites you for a BBQ Pork meal with all the trimmings on Sunday, January 26. The meal will be served from 11 am - 1 pm in their Parish Activity Center. Adults \$9 / Children \$5. Adult to-go plates available in the drive-thru (11 am - 12:30 pm). All proceeds benefit the Holy Trinity Cemetery Fund.*

Dear Parishioners of the Church of the Visitation, It has been my decision in discussion with the directors of the adult choir that they will transition back into the liturgy for Sunday Mass beginning on March 1st, the first Sunday of Lent. I am very grateful to those that have provided the music for the Mass during this interim period, especially the service of Grady Barganier, Jerry Loden, Renae Willberg, (anyone I may have left out). If you feel that you are musically inclined and would like to offer your gift of voice to God and the church as a choir member this is an excellent opportunity to join the adult choir at this time. Practice will begin on January 29th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall, and it is necessary to attend practice if planning to be in the choir. If eighteen years old and interested please contact the church office: 254-584-4983, or the music director Valerie Gausemeier: 254-721-8853, or Tanya Hoelscher: 254-721-7446. I am thankful for Valerie's patience and the choir's desire to offer their time and talent for the liturgy, the Church, and for God. And to all parishioners in their service to God and the Body of Christ the Church.

Sincerely In Christ, Rev. Darrell Kostiha

St Luke's 2nd Annual Fashion Bingo

***Sunday, February 9, 2020** from 1-4 with doors opening @ 12noon. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. For tickets they can call: Laura Brenek: 254-718-2991 Sandy Brenek: 254-760-8393 St. Luke Office: 254-773:1561*

***KJT Society #28, Granger** will be having their annual Pork Steak Dinner on Sunday, February 9th in conjunction with the Polka Mass. The Mass will be held at 10 AM at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Granger and the dinner will be held at the Parish Hall beginning at 11 AM. This year, they decided to donate the proceeds of it (along with a matching grant from the KJT Home Office) to the Church of the Visitation for the rebuilding of our church and in memory of Msgr. Ed Rabroker and Deacon John Thornton. They both served SSCM for many years and were from our parish. Serving will begin at 11 AM and plates will be \$10. A drive thru line will also be available from 11 AM - 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!!*

PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISH CHURCH

Heavenly Father, author and inspirer of all things holy, hear our prayers for our new church. Send forth Your Spirit that we may humbly be guided by Your Divine Will. Touch our hearts with true generosity to raise up a house of God for the inspiration and renewal of all Your faithful. May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK				
	Sat, 01-18 - 6:00 pm RE Bldg	Sun, 01-19 - 8:00am	Sat, 1/25-6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 1/26 - 9:00am
Weekend Mass Intentions	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Joyce Greger +Charlotte Ann Thornton +Robert and Leona Brenek	Parishioners	Respect Life/Pro Life	Parishioners
Altar Server	Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters	Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green	Carter Kleypas Tamryn Stock Easton Green	Colton Ranly Grant Meyer Maverick Cannon
Lector	Mark Bartek	Jerry Loden	Caroline Hoelscher	Ray Rabroker
Psalmist		Katie Wilde		Kathy Thornton
Cantor		Katie Wilde		Jerry Loden
Gift Bearer		Dennis Wilde Family		Eric Wilde Family
Ushers	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Gary Frei Gary Ketterman	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Johnathan Frei & Bradley Rudloff
EMHC to sick	Kerri Meier	Mark Bartek	Geraldine Kahlig	Donna Hoff
Rosary Leader	Carl & Mary Jane Hubik	Chris & Peggy Hrabal	Carl & Mary Jane Hubik	Chris & Peggy Hrabal
Money Counter	Mike & Sylvia Heise: Gary and Melissa Frei		Clifford & Susan Newman: Ronnie & Rita Kleypas	
Vocation Cross	Janet Wilde		Ken & Janette Driska	
Church Cleaner	1/11 & 1/18 Greneta Ordner, Tammie Frenzel, Cheryl Wilde, Debbie Ordner, Shayne Wilde, Courtney Wilde 1/25 & Feb 1 Helen Ranly, Lonnie Ranly, Janice Ranly, Cheryl Sell, Charla Kahlig, Kayla Skala			
Weekday Mass Intentions	Tue 1/21 8:00 am	Wed 1/22 7:20 am	Thu 1/23 8:00am	Fri 1/24 8:00 am
	+Louise Lange	+Don Merryfield	+Larry Joe Filer, Sr	+Charlotte Ann Thornton

The Sick and the Suffering requesting our prayers: Gary Locklin, John Macha, Eva-Ann Greger, Rachel Rudloff, Charles Thornton, Annette Hoelscher, Layla Grace Evetts, JoeAnn Kalmbach, Pattie Kalmbach, Jeff Bernsen, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Mike Meyer, Bobby Bulls, Charles Ordner, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, Fran Greger, Gary Herzog, Barron Shoemaker, Skylar (Savage) Wolfe & Amy Drake

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building	01-12 OFFERINGS:
UPCOMING EVENTS:	Regular 1,735
Sun 1-19 - HS Religious Education	
Tue: 1-21 - Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 pm RE Building	
Wed 1-22 - Youth Meeting ...Hall	

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Deacon Charlie Wright
Deacon Julian Tyboroski (Retired)

MASSSES: Saturday - 6:00 pm, Sunday - 9:00 am
Tues 8:00am, Wed 7:20am, Thurs 8:00am, Fri 8:00am

RECONCILIATION: Prior to Weekend Mass

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
JANUARY 19, 2020