CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday) . . . . . 4:00 p.m.
Sunday . . . . . 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass (3rd Sunday) . . . . . 1:00 p.m.
Monday . . . . . 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
Tuesday . . . . . 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 & 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday . . . . . 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays (12:45-3:15 p.m.); Thursdays (7:00 p.m.)

MISSION STATEMENT
As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through Word, Sacrament, and Service.

Rev. Paul D. Becker, Pastor . . . . . 255-4600 (ext. 203)
Rev. Raphael Obotama, Parochial Vicar 255-4600 (ext. 211)
Rev. Terry Wipf, Parochial Vicar . . . . . 255-4600 (ext. 218)
Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager . . . . . 255-4600 (ext. 212)

PASTORAL MINISTERS

Cindy Anderst, Pastoral Care . . . . . 255-4600 (ext. 205)
Jennifer Braun, Music Ministry . . . . . 255-4600 (ext. 209)
Mariah Conner, Faith Formation . . . . . 255-4600 (ext. 219)
Mary Janusz, Pastoral Care . . . . . 255-4600 (ext. 220)
Patrick Hall, Confirmation . . . . . (call office)
Sr. Ivo Schoch, Outreach Ministry . . . . . 255-4600 (ext. 208)

DEACONS: Michael Fix, Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall

PARISH SUPPORT STAFF

Loretta Arntz, Bookkeeper . . . . . 255-4600 (ext. 201)
Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager 255-4600
Viola Bullert, Janitress 255-4600
Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician 255-4600
Bridget Johnson, Administrative Secretary 255-4600
Colleen Reinhardt, Receptionist 255-4600

March 26, 2017

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Saturdays at 3:00 p.m., Weekdays: 15 minutes prior to Mass or please call the pastor at 255-4600 for an appointment. If you are homebound and unable to come to the Church and need a priest to come to your home for confession, please call 255-4600 to set this up.

Baptism - The Baptism Preparation Program and Baptism Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the parish office at 255-4600 to register prior to your delivery date and the program director will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

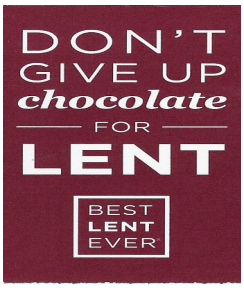
Marriage - Couples planning to be married should call the parish office at 255-4600 at least **9 months** in advance. Completion of required paperwork and taking the FOCCUS premarital inventory is also needed this early. This process is usually administered the fourth Thursday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Natural Family Planning Classes are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Diocese of Bismarck at 222-3035 or *www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp*.

Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 255-4600.

PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be received by noon on Wednesdays *(typed format)*.

PRAYER TREE: 255-4600



BEST LENT EVER

Sign up for "**Best Lent Ever**", a **FREE**, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness... and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever? This year's "Best Lent Ever" program is based on Matthew Kelly's newest book, ***Resisting Happiness***. You can request a free copy of ***Resisting Happiness*** (just pay shipping) by going to ***dynamiccatholic.com***.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, Mar. 27- ✝*John & Julianna Boechler (7:00 a.m.)*
✝*Emelia Kreitinger (12:10 p.m.)*
Tuesday, Mar. 28- ✝*George & Annastasia Lauinger (7:00 a.m.)*
Phyllis Lentz (12:10 p.m.)
✝*Larry Schulz (5:30 p.m.)*
Wednesday, Mar. 29- ✝*Mary Brendel (7:00 a.m.)*
✝*Betty Neigum (12:10 p.m.)*
Thursday, Mar. 30- ✝*Rose Gabriel (7:00 a.m.)*
✝*Ardyce Hoffert (12:10 p.m.)*
Friday, Mar. 31- ✝*George & Annastasia Lauinger (7:00 a.m.)*
Phyllis Lentz (12:10 p.m.)
Saturday, Apr. 1- ✝*Lorraine Fisher (4:00 p.m.)*
Sunday, Apr. 2- ✝*Helen Eberle (8:30 a.m.)*
Fulton Martian (1:00 p.m.)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Our new Diocesan Synod Guidelines offer specific methods and documentation requirements for the offering of the Blessed Sacrament to those not able to attend Mass with us at the church. Therefore, if you take the Eucharist from Corpus Christi and distribute it to someone that is not able to attend mass at this time, we ask that you contact the parish office as soon as possible for updates and distribution information.

PRAY, FAST, GIVE

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

WEEK 4:

INSTANT POTATOES AND RICE

CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL FUND) - (2,247 households)	
Adult Envelopes (343)	$19,637.17
Spanish Mass	$ 238.00
Youth Envelopes	$ 235.45
TOTAL RECEIVED *(March 19)*	$20,110.62
1st Sunday	*$23,685.58*
Ash Wednesday	*$ 6,584.28*
Electronic Contributions (141)	*$13,189.81*
2nd Sunday	*$18,270.48*
3rd Sunday	*$20,060.62*
Electronic Contributions (99)	*$ 9,131.81*
Spanish Mass	*$ 238.00*
4th Sunday	*$ 0*

We appreciate your generosity which is part of being faithful stewards of Corpus Christi.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. Tuesdays 12:45-3:15 p.m. *(private, quiet time, incense free)* with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend time in Jesus' awesome Eucharistic presence. Eucharistic Adoration *(Benediction, Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy)* is also available Thursdays with Father Terry from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Keep the Promise Capital Campaign

Watch our campaign initiative videos, register to receive email updates and learn more about the progress of our campaign to create more space for our students. Visit keep the promise.net to learn more about the future of Light of Christ Catholic Schools!

Bismarck Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, April 4 for our 6:00 p.m. potluck supper at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Visit our website at bismarckcda.org or call 221-2818 for info.

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, Pastor of St. Wenceslaus, Dickinson, ND invites you on an enriching **Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France** on October 5-13, 2017 with travel from Bismarck. For more information, contact the St. Wenceslaus Parish Office at 701-225-3972.

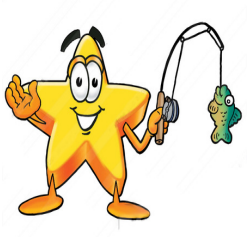
DAILY SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Monday-Friday: Mass 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
(The 12:10 p.m. mass is followed by lunch)
Tuesday: Mass - 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Thursday - 7:00 p.m. (with Adoration)
Friday - 5:30 p.m. (followed by a fish fry)

Please call Tracy at the Parish office to help with readings, lights or the carrying of the cross.



Fish Fries have begun and will run every Friday through **April 7**. This is an excellent fundraiser for our youth ministry programs and is also a great way to participate in meaningful ministry for the parish. Sign-up sheets for working Fish Fries are located on the table in the lower gathering space of the church. Shifts are usually 5:00-8:00 p.m. each Friday. All are welcome.

Fish Fry Meals for the Homebound. Each Lent, the Corpus Christi Youth Group joins together with our homebound ministry program to offer Fish Fry deliveries to our parishioners that are no longer able to leave their homes and come to church. If you participate in our homebound ministry progams, and you would like to have a fish fry meal delivered to your home on April 7, please call the parish office at 255-4600 so that we can add you to the list.

LENTEN TALKS

Sundays in the Parish Hall
9:30-10:30 a.m.

April 2 - Fr. Terry

Lotus (Looking Onward to Understanding and Serenity) is a group for men, women and young adults who have experienced a death. All groups meet at the Serenity Center for Loss and Healing at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. On Tuesday, March 28, there will be a panel of speakers discussing the topic, ***"Allowing for a new relationship, my role has changed, knowing my vulnerability."*** The times will be 10:00 a.m. for both men and women and again at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, April 9 - Ascension	(3:00 p.m.)
Monday, April 10- St. Mary's	(7:00 p.m.)
Tuesday, April 11 - Corpus Christi	(7:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, April 12 - Cathedral	(7:00 p.m.)

St. Mary's Central High School will be hosting **"A Taste of Rome,"** a Rome Pilgrimage fundraiser dinner, on Sunday, March 27 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Central High School Lunchroom. The cost for the meal will be a free-will offering.

What's Going on Here This Week

Mon. 3/27	Lenten Lunch, 12:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Tues. 3/28	Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room Lenten Lunch, 12:30 p.m., Parish Hall Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-3:15 p.m., Chapel
Wed. 3/29	Lenten Lunch, 12:30 p.m., Parish Hall Faith Formation (A), 3:30-5:00 p.m Children's Choir, 4:30 p.m., Choir Room Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Church Faith Formation (A), 6:00-7:30 p.m. Confirmation (3), 6:30 p.m., Conference Room Pre-Confirmation(1), 7:00 p.m., Community Room Middle School Youth Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall Confirmation (4), 7:30 p.m., Conference Room
Thurs. 3/30	Toastmasters, 6:30 a.m., Community Room Lenten Lunch, 12:30 p.m., Parish Hall Handbells, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room Eucharistic Adoration with Stations, 7:00 p.m., Church
Fri. 3/31	Lenten Lunch, 12:30 p.m., Parish Hall Lenten Fish Fry Supper, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m., Church
Sun. 4/2	Faith Formation, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fr. Terry Lenten Talk, 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall Children's Liturgy, 10:45 a.m. Praise and Worship Choir, 5:15 p.m. SNAC, 7:30 p.m., Room 140

ACTIVITIES COMING UP:

Thursday, April 6 - Afternoon at the Movies, 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 6 - Prepare, Care, Share & Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 10 - Palm Weaving Class, 6:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Vocation Views: The Lord looks into the heart. What does He see? We are given the gift of sight and insight. Look into the heart with love. (Samuel 16:6-13 & John 9:1-49)
Stewardship Thoughts: "I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in His word. (Psalm 130:5)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DAILY LENTEN LUNCHEONS DOWNSTAIRS AFTER THE 12:10 P.M. MASS.

The Holy Father Speaks. . . Pope Francis warned against treating the confessional like the dry cleaners, a place to make a quick transaction, wipe away our sins and steal a false pardon. He also stressed the need for Christians to be truly ashamed of their sins. "Here is the shame of sins, a grace which we cannot attain by ourselves." Moving onto the Gospel, where Jesus tells Peter to forgive his brother "not seven times, but seventy-seven times," the Pope reminded the congregation that being forgiven and understanding that forgiveness, gives us, in turn, the ability to forgive others. This is shown in the actions of the debtor who is forgiven by his maser, but who himself could not forgive another person who was in debt to him. "He has not understood the mystery of forgiveness," the Pope said. He went on to explain that this mystery is not like a transaction in a bank and sounded a warning against those who confess their sins like a sort of checklist: ***"If I ask 'Are you all sinners? - Yes Father, all of us - And to obtain pardon for our sins? - We confess - And how did the confession go? - I go there, I say my sins, the priest forgives me, I'm given three Hail Mary's to pray and I leave in peace.'*** You have not understood! You have only gone to confession ashamed of what you have done. You have seen stains on your conscience and have mistakenly believed that the confessional box is like the dry cleaners that removes those sins. You're unable to feel shame for your sins. The marvel enters your heart. You have the power to enter into its knowledge. Otherwise you leave the confessional, meet a friend, begin to talk and gossip about someone else and continue sinning."

Welcome! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today and we hope you will return often. If you do not belong to a parish, please consider choosing Corpus Christi as your church home. You may call the parish office at 255-4600 to register.

Date: Apr. 1-2		*April 1, 2017*		*April 2, 2017*		*April 2, 2017*		*April 2, 2017*
		4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		6:30 PM
Hospitality	1		1	Linda Heil	1	Kathy Howe	1	Amy Hornbacher
	2		2	Brian Steffl	2	Beverly Larson	2	Lauren Hornbacher
	3		3	Heather Steffl	3	Rita Mastel	3	
	4		4	Catherine Williams	4		4	
	5		5	Francis Williams	5		5	
	6		6		6			
Ushers	1	Yvonne Regnier	1	Kenneth Heil*	1	Anthony Silvernagel Jr.*	1	Gene Rivinius*
	2		2	Mike Hilbert	2	Yvonne Richter	2	Bev Rivinius
	3		3		3	Dan Sauter	3	
	4		4		4	Dale Schneibel	4	
	5		5		5	Lonnie Zahn		
	6		6		6			
	7		7		7			
Lectors	1	Lisa Frank	1	Norita Kress	1	Jo Kralicek	1	Todd Van Orman
	2	Imelda Long	2	John Kambeitz	2	Christopher Knudson	2	Emma Konieczka
Servers	1	Meghan Friese	1		1	Jaxson Walz	1	Edriana Konieczka
	2		2		2		2	Eliza Konieczka
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	1-R	Carol Thompson	1-R	Dean Anagnost	R-1	Pamela Vetter	R-1	Adeline Pelster
	2	Clyde Thompson	2	Shawn Anagnost	2	Elizabeth Schatz	2	Jim Luptak
	3	Mary Ann Metcalf	3	Brenda Bergan	3	Cathy Schatz	3	
	4	Larry Thelen	4	Debbie Best	4	Janet Spooner	4	
	5	Derek Theurer	5	Lynn Best	5	Daryl Wanner	5	
	6	Phyllis Lentz	6	Karen daSilva	6	Cindy Wetzel	6	
	7	Jerome Volk	7		7	Phyllis Lentz	7	Father Raphael
	8	Elaine Thompson	8		8	Jo Kralicek	8	
	9	Father Paul	9	Father Terry	9	Father Paul		
	10		10		10	Kyle Schatz		
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		BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST
	1	Char Blaskowski	1	Dominic Volesky	1	Shirley Bachmeier	1	Doug Kostuck
	2	Al Emineth	2	Irene Goetz	2	Doretta Bornemann	2	Jane Greer
	3	Terry Fugere	3	Gerry Teevens	3	Nancy Christensen	3	
	4	Les Witkowski	4	Mike Teevens	4	Carolyn Heintz	4	
	5	Suzanne Witkowski	5	Donna Schauer	5	Jeff Heintz	5	
	6		6		6	Rose Hollan	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8		8		8	Kathy Howe	8	
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Can you help? The blank spaces mean we need more help in that ministry.
Please come to the ushers room and sign in on the schedule to help. Thank You.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more information.

$1 a day for 40 days of Lent means:

3 months of clean water for 4 families

2 years of seed for a farmer

1 month of food for a family

All Are Welcome!

Please join us in singing during Holy Week.

Practices are as follows:

...Holy Thursday practice is: Tuesday, April 4 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

...Good Friday practice is: Tuesday, April 4 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

...Easter Vigil practice is: Monday, April 10 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

...Easter Sunday (9:00 a.m.) practices are: Wednesday, April 5 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. and April 12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

All Teens and Adults Welcome!! Questions? Call Jennifer at 255-4600 or email ***Jennifer.Braun@corpuschristibismarck.com.***

OPENING THE WORD

Have you ever wondered how you might get more out of Sunday Mass? A key is reading and reflecting briefly on the scripture readings before coming to Mass. An easy way to do this is to listen to a short 4-5 minute reflection entitled **"Opening the Word"** on FORMED. A new reflection is posted each week for the Sunday scriptures.

FORMED is a dynamic Catholic website that the Church of Corpus Christi has a subscription for. To sign in go to www.formed.org. and type in the parish code which can be obtained by calling the parish office or from flyers outside the parish office. You will need this code the first time you enter this site. After creating your own user name and password, you can then listen to the "Opening the Word" each week before coming to Sunday Mass.

If you have questions about this or need help with registering on FORMED, please contact Cindy Anderst in the parish office by calling 255-4600.

Marriage Moments: "Not as humans see does God see, because humans see the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Sam. 16:7) Yes, love can be blind, but deep love sees beneath annoying habits to the inner goodness. Name one positive quality that you see in your beloved that others might not see.

Parenting Pointer: Teach your child two contradictory life lessons: 1. How to stand up for themselves. 2. How to forgive someone who has hurt them. Model it. Role play potential situations.

It's almost April Fool's Day. Have fun with it. Tell your child stories of silly mistakes or dumb things you did when you were a kid. Mutual laughter can take the pressure off. .....Susan Vogt@www.susanVogt.net.

Easter Week Mass Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 5:30 p.m. Mass

Good Friday: 12:10, 3:00, and 5:30 p.m. Good Friday Services

Holy Saturday: 8:15 Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. Mass, 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

SHUTTERSTOCK

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)
Seen Jesus lately?
If you want to "see" Jesus, you know where to look, right? Just stop in at your neighborhood church and the Lord will be there during Mass on the altar in the consecrated bread and wine, or in the tabernacle, or in a monstrance during adoration or benediction of the blessed sacrament. But he is to be seen in other places as well. Scripture and the church teach us that God is present in others, in the poor, and in the image and likeness that looks back at us in the mirror. Church is a great place to see Jesus. So is the rest of the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (31). "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."*

MONDAY, MARCH 27 LENTEN WEEKDAY
What's done is done
An inexhaustible source of human unhappiness is the tendency to recall and relive painful past events. In no time at all you can find yourself digging up regrettable past events, painful memories, and long-held resentments. Fortunately spring reminds us that God is forever looking forward. Bulbs are ready to burst forth. New blades of grass emerge. Buds appear on tree branches. All of creation moves forward; shouldn't you as well?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). "The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind."*

TUESDAY, MARCH 28 LENTEN WEEKDAY
Put on your walking shoes
If it has been a while since you took a walk, this is a reminder that walking has much to commend it! There are the well-documented physical benefits of course, but walking offers powerful spiritual rewards as well. Something about the rhythm of breathing and movement quiets and clears the mind. Before you know it, you are free of repetitive, unhelpful thought patterns. You open to new ideas and fresh perspectives. Often a profound sense of optimism sets in. A good walk also can induce prayer. Saint Augustine summed it up best when he wrote, "*Solvitur ambulando*": "It is solved by walking."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). "Take up your mat and walk."*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 LENTEN WEEKDAY
Do you get the message?
Before any gospel was written, the apostles preached a nugget of faith we call the *kerygma*—the "proclamation": *Jesus Christ . . . rose from the dead, and was raised to God's right hand in heaven. Faith in this Good News will bring you salvation.* It takes all of Lent to absorb this heady message and what it means to be baptized into Christ. We enter the season and the heart of the Good News with fresh eyes and ears, as if the daffodils sprouting around us had never been seen before, as if Jesus were the new beauty and new fragrance in the air.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 (246). "For just as the Father . . . gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes."*

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 LENTEN WEEKDAY
Give us your best imitation of Christ
Jesus was not interested in human praise because he saw that there is often an element of self-interest in praising others. But imitation? That's a different kind of praise—the highest form—and Jesus was on board with that kind. He calls you to follow him, to imitate him, in thought, word, and deed, rather than merely pay him lip service. We gather together in worship not because that is sufficient to fulfill our calling but to gather strength and support to follow through on our vocation once we walk out the church doors. Do your best imitation of Jesus today!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). "I do not accept human praise."*

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE
Uncovering the cornerstone
Though we'd like to think the cornerstone of our life is our faith, the actual foundation of our lives may be something far less permanent. Maybe our world pivots on one person, whose existence is as precarious as ours. Maybe our trust is really in our bank account, our career or position, our power of attraction or personal cleverness. Those things may sustain us through a lot of hard times, but they can also change overnight. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. No one and nothing is more reliable.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). "The one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true."*

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 LENTEN WEEKDAY
Dare we fiddle with tradition?
As Tevye reminds us in *Fiddler on the Roof*, there is something to be said for tradition. At the same time there needs to be room for innovation as well, lest rich traditions become ossified museum pieces. Jesus was a radical trailblazer, much to the distress of the Jewish community's deeply entrenched leadership. A living faith such as Christianity must seek anew with every generation the proper mix of tradition and change. Be part of the conversation in your own faith community by getting involved, listening and learning from others, and letting your own voice be heard.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). "So the Pharisees answered them, 'Have you also been deceived? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?' "*

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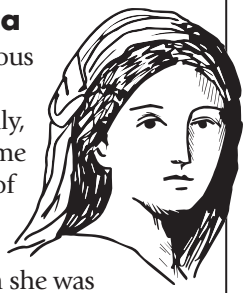
Church of Corpus Christi

One Minute Meditations

St. Zita of Lucca

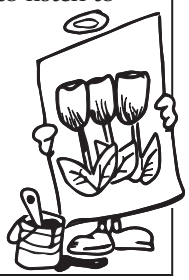


Born to poor, pious parents in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family when she was twelve. For her hard work, piety, and generosity, she was despised by her fellow servants and overburdened by her employers. Eventually, her love and humility won over her enemies, and she was given charge of all household affairs. Famous for helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.

Heart to heart

There is nothing wrong with *"pestering"* God (Matthew 7:7), but think: if this was all we did with our loved ones, what quality of relationship would that be? Instead, God seeks a personal relationship with each of us—to converse with us heart-to-heart. Of course, tell him what's on your heart, but don't forget to listen to him, too.

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8).



Healthy habits for happy hearts

Human beings are creatures of habits – we love our comfortable routines. Healthy diet and exercise practices make our bodies strong. The same is true of spiritual habits. They can strengthen our souls. The key to living a happy life is to develop healthy habits of the heart.

Humility. Humility is closely tied to gratitude and is the appropriate response to contemplating the greatness of God. Regularly meditating on God's immense acts – creating the universe out of nothing, sacrificing himself to save us – is a sure way to appreciate his love and generosity.

Prayer. Happy Catholics use prayer to connect to God and gain distance from worldly preoccupations that can weigh heavily. Develop a prayer routine that helps you "pray constantly." For example, start with a morning offering, recite the Angelus at noon, pray a daily Rosary, perform a brief examination of conscience at night, and sit in silent prayer for at least 15 minutes.

Trust. No one asks for discomfort but we get into trouble when we go out of our way to avoid it. In so doing, we can put ourselves before God and others. Healthy Catholics know that there is no avoiding suffering and it can even be meaningful. Trusting that God loves us dearly and will use our suffering for good makes the suffering easier to bear.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe in the "Real Presence"?

We believe that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist because we have it on divine authority. Referring to the Eucharist, Jesus told his disciples, *"whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life"* (John 6:54). Jesus makes this promise to us every time we receive the Eucharist at Mass. When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the bread and wine, Jesus becomes really and truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

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Take an antidote for a deadly sin

Some sins are considered especially deadly because they lead to other sins. Fortunately, the "Capital" or "Deadly" sins such as envy, pride and lust have antidotes. For example,

Envy is wanting what someone else has. Heavy doses of gratitude will help. Our peace is restored when we remember that all good gifts come from God and are glad for others' good fortune and grateful for our own.

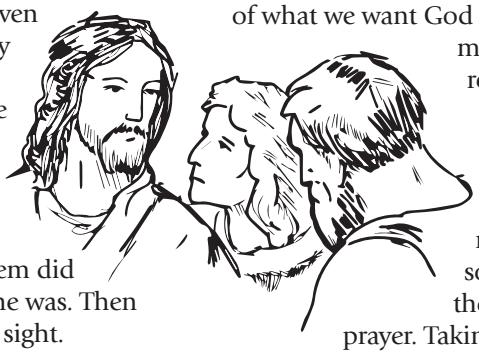
Pride is seeking attention and honor that belong to God. Pride makes us focused on ourselves, concerned about how we appear to others. Humility is a counter. Purposely draw attention to others, rather than yourself. Praise and thank God daily for your gifts.

Lust is focusing on sexual self-gratification rather than glorifying God. Sexuality is a gift from God and not inherently impure. Lust, however, is misuse of that gift, straying from God's intentions for us. Love, willing the good of the other, is at the heart of what it means to be human. Love for God and each other is the antidote.

from Scripture

Luke 24:13-35, Jesus hides in plain sight

Jesus was so close to Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus, he could have tripped them. Yet neither man recognized him. Jesus even gave clues to his identity that he quoted from Scripture. The men were too caught up in the pain and disappointment of the crucifixion. Only when he broke bread with them did they see Jesus for who he was. Then he was gone from their sight.



Both Cleopas and his friend had formed such clear ideas of what they wanted Jesus to be that they failed to see him for who he was. They expected a warrior king and almost missed the universal savior. Aren't we like that, too? Don't we have such expectations of what we want God to be that we miss who he really is?

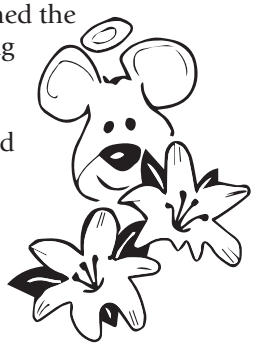
Christ's presence in our lives isn't revealed so much by the song of angels as the whisper of a prayer. Taking the time to be alone with God, to read Scripture, and seek him in the people around us will help us uncover Christ's presence everywhere.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 1 – St. Hugh of Grenoble (1132). St. Hugh was the bishop of Grenoble, France, and as bishop, he worked hard to reform his diocese of corruption. St. Hugh was also the friend and patron of St. Bruno, giving him the land where the Grand Chartreuse was built. With his help, St. Bruno founded the Carthusian order.

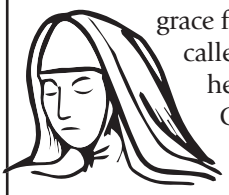
April 9 – Palm Sunday. The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday and recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering, *"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest"* (Matthew 21:9). It marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (1622). In his native Prussia, St. Fidelis became a lawyer and championed the poor and oppressed. He joined the Franciscans. During the Protestant Reformation, St. Fidelis worked hard to bring people back to the Catholic faith. He was martyred by an angry mob.



Q & A Why are there religious orders?

Historically, religious orders were founded in response to a need within the Church. Each order receives a special grace from the Holy Spirit, called a charism, which helps to build up the Church. For example, the charism of the Sisters of Life is to protect human life in all its stages.



There are two "kinds" of religious orders: contemplative and active. Members of contemplative orders live apart from the world in closed-off communities. They devote themselves entirely to prayer. Members of the active orders do their work in the world, though there is often a contemplative element to their life as well.

Religious life is "a permanent state of life recognized by the Church, entered freely in response to the call of Christ to perfection…characterized by the profession of…[vows]" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church)*. All religious orders have the mission to spread the Gospel by how they live. They vow to live in poverty, chastity, and obedience so they can dedicate their lives, hearts, and minds completely to God's service.

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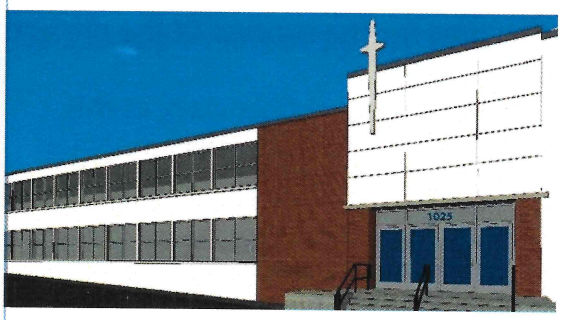
Revitalizing elementary classrooms at our three elementary schools.

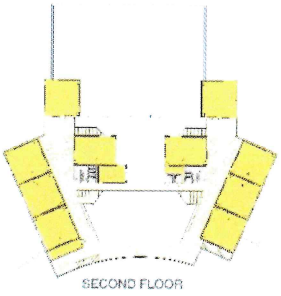
Architectural renderings of the additions at St. Mary's Grade School and Saint Anne School.

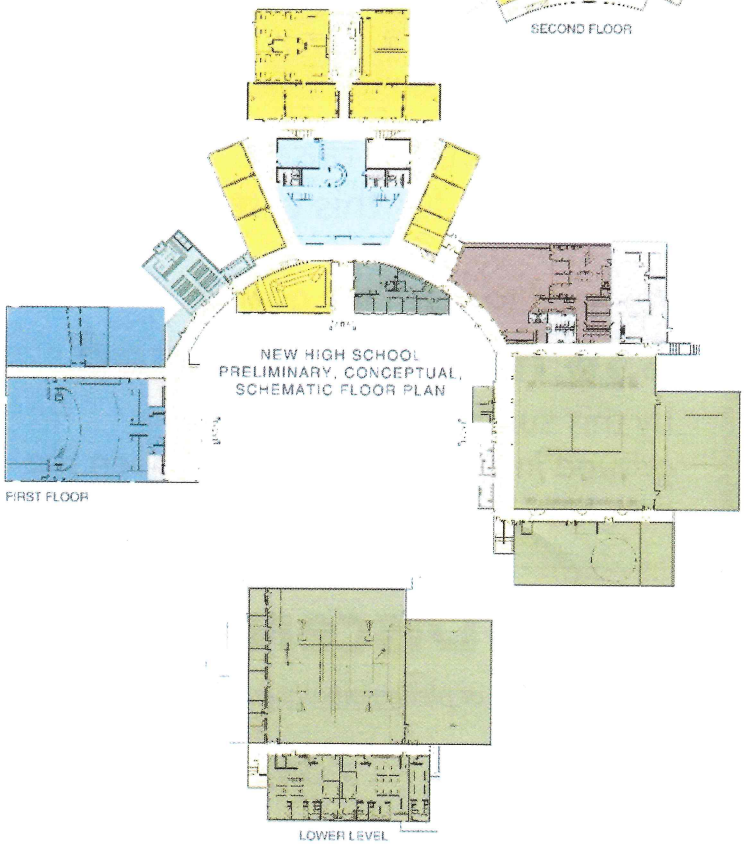


Remodeling 1025 N 2nd Street

- Learning in the new SMCHS Academic Center
- Playing and cheering in the new SMCHS Athletic Center
- Praising and praying in the new SMCHS Chapel
- Creating in the new SMCHS Fine Arts Center

This campaign is fundamentally based on a need for more room for our students. Our enrollment has been strong and growing for the last five years and we need more room to continue our mission of educating minds and enriching souls.





Campaign Prayer

God our Father,
Who sent to us Christ as our Light in the darkness, send again, we beg you, the Light of Christ to guide this great work so that we may keep our promise to the next generation.

May we allow His Light to fill the souls of our children and students with virtue, the minds of our parents and teachers with wisdom, and the hearts of our friends and benefactors with generosity.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may our Catholic Schools be a sanctuary of love shining with the Light of Christ.

Amen.
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Bishop David D. Kagan

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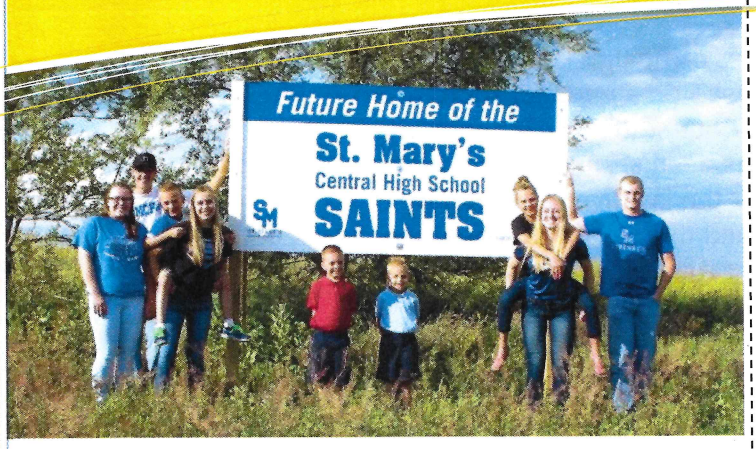

We have already raised
$??? million for this campaign.

We need to reach the goal of
$36 million pledged
by this summer in order to break ground in the fall of 2017 and open the new SMCHS campus in the fall of 2019.

Pray. Discern. Give.

Example of 5 year pledge monthly payments:

$25,000	$416.67
$18,500	$308.33
$10,000	$166.67

View our architectural renderings, register to receive email updates and watch our campaign videos at **keepthepromise.net**

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Please fill out this pledge card and return to your parish or mail to:
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Bismarck, ND 58501

- ☐ I am ready to make a pledge now. Please contact me.
- ☐ I would like more information before I make my pledge.
- ☐ I have already made a pledge to the campaign and will continue to pray for the success of the project.
- ☐ I cannot give financially at this time, but will pray the campaign prayer.

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