

# CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Parish Office is open 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

***For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours,  
please call 701-425-1483 and leave a voicemail.***

***We will return your call in a timely manner.***

## WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday) .....4:00 p.m.

Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday.....12:10 p.m.

(Holy Days as scheduled)

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, Pastor ..... 255-4600

Rev. Logan Obrigewitch, Parochial Vicar. .... 975-9802

Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager..... 975-9803

## **PASTORAL MINISTERS**

Cindy Anderst, Adult Formation ..... 975-9810

Sarah Bengtson, Pastoral Care ..... 975-9805

Sebastian Haboczki, Music Ministry..... 975-9806

Melanie Konieczka, Faith Formation ..... 975-9809

Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care..... 975-9816

Sr. Ivo Schoch, Outreach Ministry ..... 975-9808

**DEACONS:** Bob Wingenbach, Brian Lardy, Michael Fix,  
Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall (Retired)

## **PARISH SUPPORT STAFF**

Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600

Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician ..... 975-9815

Bridget Johnson, Accounting Coordinator ..... 975-9804

Colleen Reinhardt, Food Pantry, Music Assoc.... 975-9807

Beverly Everett, Organist in Residence ..... 255-4600



## May 21, 2023

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation** - Reconciliation will be offered behind a screen weekdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 3:00-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-975-9803. No Reconciliation prior to Communion Services. Also, schedule may change on Holy Days or Special Liturgies.

**Baptism** - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 701-975-9805 to register or register online at [corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism](http://corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism) 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 contact Sarah in the parish office at 701-975-9805 at least **12 months** in advance for completion of Diocesan requirements.

**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 701-222-3035 or [www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp).

**RCIA Classes** - Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.

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

**PRAYER TREE:** 255-4600

**Livestreaming Schedule:****WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:45 a.m.

**Weekly Mass Intentions***Monday, May 22- †Elmer & †Helen Richter (12:10 p.m.)**Tuesday, May 23- †Kathy Knudson (12:10 p.m.)**Wednesday, May 24- †Debbie Erling (12:10 p.m.)**Thursday, May 25- †Joseph Hager (12:10 p.m.)**Friday, May 26- †Herman Baumgartner (12:10 p.m.)**Saturday, May 27- †Cody James Schmidt (4:00 p.m.)**Sunday, May 28- †Bernadette Engelhard (8:30 a.m.)**†Charles Feeney (10:45 a.m.)**Pro Populo (5:30 p.m.)***Food Pantry needs for May:  
Canned Fruit!!***Thank  
you***REMINDER!!****No Parking or blocking any rectory  
garage stalls, or driveways, or parking pad.****Please be mindful of our  
neighbor's driveways as well.****Please silence your cell phones  
during Mass!****K.C. Breakfast at Corpus Christi**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

(9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Serving pancakes, sausage and eggs.

**Choir Rehearsal****Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

Adults, Teens and Kids Grades 3-8.

We welcome new members.

Contact Sebastian at 701-945-9806.

**CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL FUND) - (2,463 households)**

Adult Envelopes (233)..... \$15,343.79

Youth Envelopes ..... \$ 288.35

**TOTAL RECEIVED (May 14) ..... \$15,632.14***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ..... \$24,225.49**Online Giving Week 1 (May. 1-7) ..... \$ 7,070.00**Electronic Contributions ..... \$14,008.68**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday ..... \$15,632.14**Online Giving Week 2 (May 8-14) ..... \$ 3,334.00**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday ..... \$ 0**Online Giving Week 3 (May 15-21) ..... \$ 0**Electronic Contributions ..... \$ 0**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday ..... \$ 0**Online Giving Week 4 (May 22-29) ..... \$ 0****We appreciate your generosity which is part of being  
faithful stewards of Corpus Christi.*****EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Tuesdays 1:00-7:00 p.m. (private, quiet time, incense free). All are welcome to spend time in Jesus' awesome Eucharistic presence. ***During Adoration, the exposed Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. We need to make sure we have at least two committed adorers present at all times. If you are unable to come to your committed time, please contact Tracy in the Parish Office at 701-975-9803.***

**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION****A Second Pilgrimage to the  
Holy Land** is being planned.

November 13<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A place where the people, places, and events of the scriptures come to life. For information, visit <https://www.travelillumine.com/trc/ubz>

**THE BANQUET**

Corpus Christi will be serving the Banquet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Banquet feeds people in need in the Bismarck-Mandan community. If you would be interested in serving The Banquet, please call Tracy at 701-255-4600.



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or **Scan this QR Code**



## STELLAR! SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!

Vacation Bible School  
2023

May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday & Thursday  
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

*We will conclude with Mass  
on Friday at 12:10 p.m.  
A simple lunch will follow.*



### Who is it for?

Children: Preschool  
through Grade 5

Crew leaders (young people  
who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
and Adult leaders are needed to  
facilitate the activities.

\*\*\* Cost is \$45.00 per child, which  
includes crafts, lunches and snacks.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Registration is available  
online at:

[www.corpuschristibismarck.com/vacation-bible-school](http://www.corpuschristibismarck.com/vacation-bible-school) or  
you can scan this QR code.



To be a Crew Leader:  
[www.corpuschristibismarck.com/vacation-bible-school](http://www.corpuschristibismarck.com/vacation-bible-school) or  
you can scan this QR code.

Registration deadline is  
May 26<sup>th</sup>.



## What's Going on Here This Week

- Tues. 5/23      Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room  
Eucharistic Adoration 12:45-7:00 p.m., Church  
K.C. Webinar, 7:00 p.m., Community Room
- Wed. 5/24      Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Choir Room  
VBS Crew Leader Meeting, 6:00-7:00 p.m.,  
Community Room
- Sun. 5/28      RCIA Spring Session, 5:00-9:00 p.m.,  
South Hospitality Room  
SNAC, 6:30 p.m., Room 140

## Corpus Christi Youth Ministry

### High School SNAC

(Sunday Nights After Church)  
(Grades 9-12)

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>



## St. Mary's Cemetery Memorial Day Annual Appeal

The annual collection to help raise funds for St. Mary's Cemetery will take place the week of **May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**. In the mail, you will be receiving information about the cemetery and this annual collection. Your generous contributions to the Memorial Day Annual Appeal are used in two important ways: increasing our Perpetual



Care Fund, which is vital to the long-term care of the cemetery, and making necessary capital improvements. Please consider donating to our cemetery to help us maintain this beautiful and prayerful place for our loved ones.

## Memorial Day Decorations at St. Mary's Cemetery

Decorations may be placed on the graves three days before Memorial Day and will be removed one week after the holiday. All other items placed on graves outside of these days must be in a vase attached to the headstone base or to the headstone itself. This includes solar lights, shepherd hooks, blankets, stuffed animals, lawn decorations, and other items. Cemetery employees will remove all items that do not meet these criteria on Tuesday, June 6. St. Mary's Cemetery assumes no responsibility or liability for items placed in the cemetery. For questions contact Deacon Mike Marback at 701-712-2931.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

As we move through the month of May, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2023. As you move on from high school or college, may you embrace your next journey and stay grounded in your faith. As I said in my homilies this weekend, I also repeat to the graduates; Jesus' ascension does not mean God is missing, or that we are at a disadvantage. As Pope Francis said, "the disciples were not limited by Christ's absence. Rather, His ascension brings the Holy Spirit close to us all. The Holy Spirit means Jesus is present in us, beyond barriers of time and space, to make us witnesses in the Word. (May 20, 2022)." As the school year comes to a close, I wish all the students, faculty and staff a rejuvenating summer. Vacation Bible School will be held May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup> and as the volunteers prepare for this year's VBS, I thank them for their dedication and assistance.

The Diocese had a nice Mass for this year's jubilarians on May 08. As Bishop Kagan said in his homily, between the 22 jubilarians there were 575 years of priestly service - a blessing to celebrate, surely. Thank you for all your kind words to both Fr. Becker and me. Mark your calendars, there will be an open house for Fr. Becker on Saturday, June 3rd. He will concelebrate the Mass and there will be a reception after Mass with cake and refreshments. Please plan to stop by to visit with him and celebrate his 50th anniversary. He was ordained 50 years ago on June 01, 1973. and I was ordained 30 years ago on June 29, 1993, so my event will be later in the month.

I would like to thank the staff of Corpus Christi. Since Easter we have been incredibly busy with rectory events, New Member Meals, Volunteer Appreciation Meals, funerals, end of the year events, God's Share, special events, and more. I appreciate their enthusiasm for their work and their love of the parish. Lastly, Bridget Johnson has submitted her notice and will be leaving the staff in early June. I wish her well in her future endeavors and thank her for her time at Corpus Christi.

*~Have a Great Week! Monsignor Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L.*

**"For I know the plans I have for you..." Jeremiah 29:11**

There will be changes within the Corpus Christi Office. Bridget Johnson, our Accounting Coordinator, has accepted a different job and will be leaving the Corpus Christi staff on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We thank her for her work over the past 10 years and wish her Good Luck on her next adventure.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Please review the schedule below and contact the office to let us know if you are willing and able to serve as a minister next weekend. If you are not scheduled but would be willing to help, call Tracy at 701-255-4600.

Date: May 27-28		May 27, 2023 4:00 PM		May 28, 2023 8:30 AM		May 28, 2023 10:45 AM		May 28, 2023 5:30 PM
Hospitality	1		1	Helen Werlinger	1		1	
	2		2	Karen Gaydos	2		2	
	3		3		3		3	
	4		4		4		4	
Ushers	1	Bob Clooten	1	Jerome Werlinger	1	Donald Williams	1	Darcy Neigum
	2	Joyce Hinman	2	Jim Volk	2		2	
	3	Gisele Thorson	3	Mark Gaydos	3		3	
	4		4	Mike Hilbert	4		4	
	5		5		5			
	6		6		6			
Lectors	1	Jackie Mrachek	1	Dustin Fritel	1	Jane Link	1	Jim Luptak
	2		2	Brennan Quintus	2	Heather Bullinger	2	Gerri Weisgerber
Servers	1	Mason Mrachek	1	Kasen Fitterer	1	Lyla Erhardt	1	
	2	Sienna Mrachek	2	Kanin Fitterer	2	Rose Erhardt	2	
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	R-1	William Kopp	R-1	Catherine Williams	R-1	Father	R-1	Darcy Neigum
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	Vicki Conner	3	Carl Jackson	3	Cec Reetz	3	Blaine Nelson
	4	Curt Carik	4	Francis Williams	4	Rachelle Massemo	4	
	5	Mary Winbauer	5	Bess Deutsch	5	Kay Williams	5	
	6	Mary Soucie	6	Tammy Heick	6		6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8	Judy Kopp	8	Colleen Fylling	8		8	
	9	Clare Auble	9	Francis Ziegler	9			
	10	Evelyn Spangler	10	Jan Ziegler	10			
	11				11			
At 4:00*	D12				12			
	LG		LG	Andrea Jackson	LG		LG	

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY.** Corpus Christi has developed a Spiritual Gifts Inventory to recognize your God-given gifts and ways to use them in our parish/community. There are two ways to complete the inventory. You may scan the QR Code and fill it out online and you will get an email within 2 business days. Or, you can pick up a packet at the entrances and fill out and score the paper form yourself.



### ***Your stepping stones back into life...***



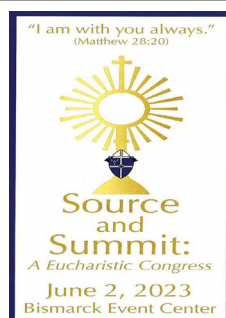
**LOTUS (Looking Onward to Understanding and Serenity)** is a group for men, women and young adults who have experienced a death. LOTUS meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. The next session will be on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This will be a LOTUS Combined end of the year social gathering "picnic" and butterfly release. *(families invited)*

**Healing Hearts Grief Support Group.** Healing Hearts is a group for anyone who has experienced the loss of a child and provides guidance on the path to healing. This group is made for miscarriages, infant, toddler, youth, teen and adult loss. This grief support group is open to the public and held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. Next Session is **May 23<sup>th</sup>** which will be an end of the year social gathering "picnic" and butterfly release.



### **EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

**The Diocese of Bismarck** is hosting "Source and Summit: A Eucharistic Congress" on **Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the Bismarck Event Center. All are invited to delve deeper into their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Real Presence in the Eucharist. The Bismarck Diocese event will feature both clergy and lay speakers - Monsignor James Shea, Father Brian Gross and Shelly Preszler. Registration is open. Go to [bismarckdiocese.com/eucharisticcongress](http://bismarckdiocese.com/eucharisticcongress) for more information. This event is part of the diocesan phase of the National Eucharistic Revival called for by the bishops of the United States from 2022-2025.



**66<sup>th</sup> Annual God's Share Appeal.** Your prayers for the success of the God's Share Appeal and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are the pledges and gifts. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese; it takes many people to form the Body of Christ. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please return a pledge envelope with your response today. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Together with your support, we can accomplish many beautiful works.

#### ***My friends,***

It is with a heart filled with gratitude that I announce to you on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Mass we will acknowledge my 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr. John Guthrie will preside and I will be concelebrating. This is my opportunity to celebrate with you, the parishioners, and to Thank You for the past 20 years at Corpus Christi.

I am grateful to Monsignor Schumacher for allowing me to remain part of the parish so we can continue to be in each others's lives.

As we celebrate together, I remember the weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the celebration of other sacraments that have brought us together. This brought me great joy. I am very grateful for your support, participation and encouragement during this time.

Words will never adequately express my gratitude. I hope you recognize my love for you, in our walking together in faith. I look forward to celebrating with you at this Mass, and of your knowing of my deep affection for you. What a gift we have received in God's love for us, and how wonderful it is to live in His love. For your gifts and kindnesses to me over the last 20 years - I am thankful. **Fr. Paul Becker**



### ***50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood***

*The Church of Corpus Christi invites  
you to a reception to celebrate*

**Rev. Paul Becker**

*Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*

*After the 4:00 pm Mass  
Parish Hall*

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

### **Consume media with care**

He couldn't have foreseen the technological advances the 21st century would bring. Yet in 1967, Pope Paul VI appreciated the need for a World Communications Day. He established the Sunday before Pentecost as an annual reflection on the opportunities and challenges of presenting the gospel message to a global society. The press, movies, radio, and television all commanded great attention in his generation. The internet and cell phones exponentially increase the range today. What are we saying and absorbing through all this media? Be a discerning steward of words and images.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a (59). *"The words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them."*

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

### **Support vulnerable women**

Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of abused wives because she herself was one. She endured years of verbal and physical abuse from her husband, and after he was murdered by a feuding family member, Rita became a nun. Read the U.S. Catholic Bishops' statement against domestic violence. On the USCCB website, you can also find downloadable "When I Call for Help" resource cards in English and Spanish that list signs of an abusive relationship and include the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. These are ideal for parish pamphlet racks, for placing in parish restrooms, and to raise awareness about domestic abuse. We owe it to Saint Rita to act.

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."*

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

### **Peace I leave with you**

Twenty-five years ago today, citizens on both sides of the Northern Ireland conflict agreed—by referendum—to honor the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, ending nearly 30 years of bloodshed that took the lives of more than 3,500 Catholics and Protestants. For his dogged commitment to the work of peace and reconciliation, Catholic politician John Hume was named co-recipient of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize. Hume, who also received both the Gandhi Peace Prize and the Martin Luther King Award—the only person ever to receive all three peace awards—said, "Bloodshed for political change prevents the only change that truly matters: in the human heart." Pray for peace today, and consider reading the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter *The Challenge of Peace*, which turned 40 this month.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). *"They know that everything you gave me is from you."*

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

### **Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us**

Today marks the sad one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Let us pray for the 21 people who died that day, including 19 children. Let us pray for their families. Let us pray for anyone who would ever entertain

even the slightest thought of causing such devastation. Today is also the feast of Mary, Help of Christians—a good day to pray for an end to gun violence. Consider this prayer to Mary, which begins: "Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin, Help of Christians, we place ourselves under your motherly protection. Throughout the Church's history you have helped Christians in times of trial, temptation, and danger. Time and time again, you have proven to be the Refuge of sinners, the Hope of the hopeless, the Consoler of the afflicted, and the Comforter of the dying."

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the Evil One."*

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

### **Marching in unison**

A doctor, a pope, and a mystic walked into a bar... no, actually, today's trio of saints all lived at different times but landed on the same day in the liturgical calendar. Although the number of saints far outstrips the number of days in the year, each saint is assigned a date to be honored, usually the day of their death. Many saints remain obscure, but the many books, articles, traditions, and websites devoted to saints ensures that somewhere the faithful are taking note. That's the point, to be inspired by saints to be saintly in our own lives in our own way.

MEMORIAL OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; GREGORY VII, POPE; MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, RELIGIOUS MYSTIC

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *"Father ... I made known to them your name."*

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

### **The saint with an inclusive perspective**

We sometimes have a difficult time holding together opposites and contradictions. Either joy or sorrow, good or bad. But what would it be like to replace *either/or* with the humble conjunction *and*? *And* serves to connect things, to show relationship. Saint Philip Neri exemplifies someone who embraced the *and*. He was deeply committed to individual prayer devotions *and* to experiencing God at the heart of community. He encouraged people to faith and joy *and* to persevering in a struggling church. What *either/or* is becoming a *both/and* for you?

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *"And when [Jesus] had said this, he said to him, 'Follow me.'"*

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

### **Hang in there**

There are times in our lives when, facing adversity, we are tempted to throw in the towel, turn back, give up. Augustine of Canterbury, sent by Rome in 596 to evangelize Anglo Saxons in England, turned back after hearing of the dangers ahead. Persuaded by Pope Gregory to persevere, Augustine completed the mission. Though progress was slow and setbacks occurred, Augustine's steadfastness paid off, and he is rightfully called the "Apostle to England." Stay the course!

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). *"There are also many other things that Jesus did."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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