

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, S.T.L., 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
Cole Jones, Youth Ministry..... 255-4600
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
Colleen Reinhardt, Food Pantry, Music Assoc. ... 975-9807
Beverly Everett, Organist in Residence 255-4600



November 5, 2023

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Reconciliation is 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 701-255-4600 to register or do so online at corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism prior to your delivery date and the program coordinator 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 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.

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 Tuesdays (*typed format*).

PRAYER TREE: 255-4600



CORPUS CHRISTI APP:

Download the app for any smart devices.
Text the word *App* to 55321.
Or scan the QR Code.

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

Mon., Nov. 6 (12:10 p.m.) - †Ernest Fritz
Tues., Nov. 7 (12:10 p.m.) - Cecelia Vianden
Wed., Nov. 8 (12:10 p.m.) - †Antone & †Ann Hager
Thurs., Nov. 9 (12:10 p.m.) - †Josie Steier
Fri., Nov. 10 (12:10 p.m.) - †Marcia Schmidt
Sat., Nov. 11 (4:00 p.m.) - †Orvin & †Bernadette Engelhard
Sun., Nov. 12 (8:30 a.m.) - †Daniel Baumgartner
(10:45 a.m.) - †Jerry Fischer
(5:30 p.m.) - Pro Populo



Altar Server Training

Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 pm
 For students in 4th-12th Grade
 Please register by scanning the QR Code

We welcome you to Corpus Christi!

To become a registered member, stop by the parish office, or scan this QR Code.



Are you a registered parishioner and recently changed your contact information? Registered members are asked to call the parish office with updates so we can maintain our records. Thank you!



Food Pantry Needs:

The Food Pantry
 is in need of
Spaghetti Sauce



Thank You!

*Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
 and grow in relationship with Him!*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays 1:00-7:00 p.m.

*If you would be interested in being a regular, committed adorer,
 please call the Parish Office to sign up.*

During Adoration, the monstrance is not to be left unattended and at least two committed adorers are needed at all times. If you are unable to come to your committed time, please contact Tracy Kraft at the parish office, 701-975-9803.

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,463 households)	
Adult Envelopes (219 Envelopes)	\$12,730.29
Youth Envelopes	\$273.81
TOTAL RECEIVED (Oct. 29)	\$13,004.10
1 st Sunday	\$15,188.50
Online Giving Week 1 (Sept. 25-Oct. 1)	\$6,864.15
Electronic Contributions	\$13,533.68
2 nd Sunday	\$18,462.73
Online Giving Week 2 (Oct. 2-8)	\$5,658.00
3 rd Sunday	\$18,328.80
Online Giving Week 3 (Oct. 9-15)	\$5,658.00
Electronic Contributions	\$10,390.68
4 th Sunday	\$36,884.62
Online Giving Week 4 (Oct. 16-22)	\$3,535.00
5 th Sunday	\$13,004.10
Online Giving Week 4 (Oct. 23-29)	\$3,927.15

*We are grateful for your generosity, which is part of
 being a faithful steward of Corpus Christi.*

Vocation Views: Are you a person of integrity? Do your words match your deeds? Remember, those who are great are those who serve. How do you serve others? (Mt 23:1-12)

Stewardship Thought: "The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others! Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all the divine blessings we have received by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us.

Light of Christ Catholic Schools is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Director of Mission Advancement** (Manages the fundraising function and staff. Includes competitive pay and benefits)
- **Lead Food Service Worker** (Saint Anne School)
- **Mission Advancement Officer** (Full-time)

To apply, go to lightofchristschools.org/employment. For more information, contact Randy George at rgeorge@lightofchristschools.org or 701-425-0793.



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 12
 9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
 Parish Hall

Bismarck Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, November 7 at the Cathedral. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Rosary begins at 7:00 p.m. Member Krystyna Gorzelska will speak about her life in Poland. For more information, see bismarckcda.org or call Marella at 701-226-4076.



Corpus Christi Women's Group

Thursday, November 9
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Community Room

The topic for the evening will be "Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well." During the month of November, the Catholic Church draws us to reflect on death with the feast days of All Saints Day and All Souls Day and the scriptures draw us to the end of time. At the November Women's Group, we will discuss our culture struggle with death and how we as faithful Catholics can better plan for our own death and the death of our loved ones.

2023 Corpus Christi Candle Lighting Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m.



The Mass of Remembrance is an additional weekend Mass and will fulfill the Sunday Obligation. Everyone is welcome to attend

The client care team is expanding at the **Women's Care Center - the pro-life pregnancy center in Bismarck** - and qualified candidates for a Nurse/Sonographer position are needed. If you have a passion to help pregnant women choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, and enhance their parenting skills, please send your resume and cover letter to Rebecca Obrigewitch at rebecca@supportwcc.org.

The Diocese of Bismarck celebrates its fourth year of **Safe Haven Sunday** on November 11-12, 2023. This year's theme is *Equipping the Family: Healing Marriages and Fatherhood*. Starting one's journey to freedom from pornography can seem overwhelming. For resources and help, visit <https://www.covenanteyes.com/safe-haven-sunday/> or contact the Office of Family Ministry at the Diocese of Bismarck.

Real Presence Radio invites you to attend the annual fundraising banquet in Bismarck, ND on Tuesday, December 5 at the Bismarck Event Center. This year's keynote speaker is Cy Kellett. Cy Kellett is the host of "Catholic Answers Live". Sponsorship packages are available at the \$300, \$1,000, \$3,000, \$5,000 or higher levels. For more information about the event, or to become a table host, event sponsor, or register as a guest, visit our website, or call Karen Selensky (*Corpus Christi parishioner*) at 701-318-5467 or email karen.selensky@realpresenceradio.com.

What's Going on Here This Week

- Sun. 11/5 Faith Formation **Group D**, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Candle Lighting Mass of Remembrance, 3:00 p.m.
***Yes, this Mass fulfills the Sunday Obligation*
SNAC, 6:30 p.m., Room 140
- Mon. 11/6 RCIA, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Room 140
- Tues. 11/7 Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room
Eucharistic Adoration 12:45-7:00 p.m., Church
Food for the Soul, 5:30 p.m., Community Room
Sacrament Track, **Tuesday A Group**, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 11/8 Eucharist: Source of Our Healing and Hope,
1:00-2:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Choir Room
Faith Formation **Group C**, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
6th Grade Faith Formation, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Middle School (**7th & 8th**) Youth Ministry,
7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 11/9 Corpus Christi Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.,
Community Room
- Sun. 11/12 KC Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Parish Hall
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:45 a.m. Mass
When the Holidays are Different, 2:00 p.m.,
Community Room
Altar Server Training, 2:00 p.m., Church
KC Rosary for Respect Life, 4:45 p.m., Church
SNAC, 6:30 p.m., Room 140

Corpus Christi Youth Ministry:

High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)

SNAC: Sunday Nights After Church

Sunday, November 5: 6:30 p.m.

Topic - Making Plans



Middle School Youth Ministry

Wednesday, November 8: 7:00 p.m. (7th & 8th Grade)

Topic - The Kerygma: God Loves Us

In this second year of the *National Eucharistic Revival*, the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck joyfully invites the gathering of diocesan faithful for a **40 Hours Devotion** event on November 17, 18, and 19 and includes around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration, Masses, confessions, and a healing service. Msgr. Tom Richter, pastor of Queen of Peace in Dickinson, will lead a parish mission with a series of homilies. All are welcome to attend as much of the 40 Hours as their schedule permits. Adoration during this event is open to everyone. For a full schedule and adoration sign up, go to cathedralparish.com/40-hours-devotion. For questions, call the Cathedral parish office at 223-1033.



**Eucharistic
Revival**

Experience Eucharistic Revival - Encounter Christ's True Presence

The Eucharist: Source of our Healing and Hope, a video produced by the Knights of Columbus that features a variety of Catholic presenters, including: Bishop Cozzens, Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Tim Gray, Scott Hahn and Mother Teresa.
November 8: 1:00-2:00 p.m., Parish Hall



Children's Liturgy of the Word: November 12 at the 10:45 a.m. Mass. For children in Preschool - 2nd Grade. *Lessons are geared for this age group.*

Your stepping stones back into life...



SOS (*Sounds of Silence*) is a suicide support group which provides compassionate support and grief education with the hope that family members and friends will find guidance on the path of healing. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7: *Dealing with anger and frustration.*



Sea Glass is a grief support group to help children and teens learn their own ways of smoothing out their grief. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7. *Please RSVP via call or text to Mardee at (701) 880-0422 or Brenda at (701) 426-2021.*

Did you know your God's Share donation supports:

Funded by your contributions to the Annual God's Share Appeal, the Office of Vocations offers personal and material resources to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The Office of Vocations also provides:

- screening and evaluation services for those applying for seminary formation;
- human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation to the seminarians for the Diocese of Bismarck.



National Vocation Awareness Week November 5-11, 2023

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

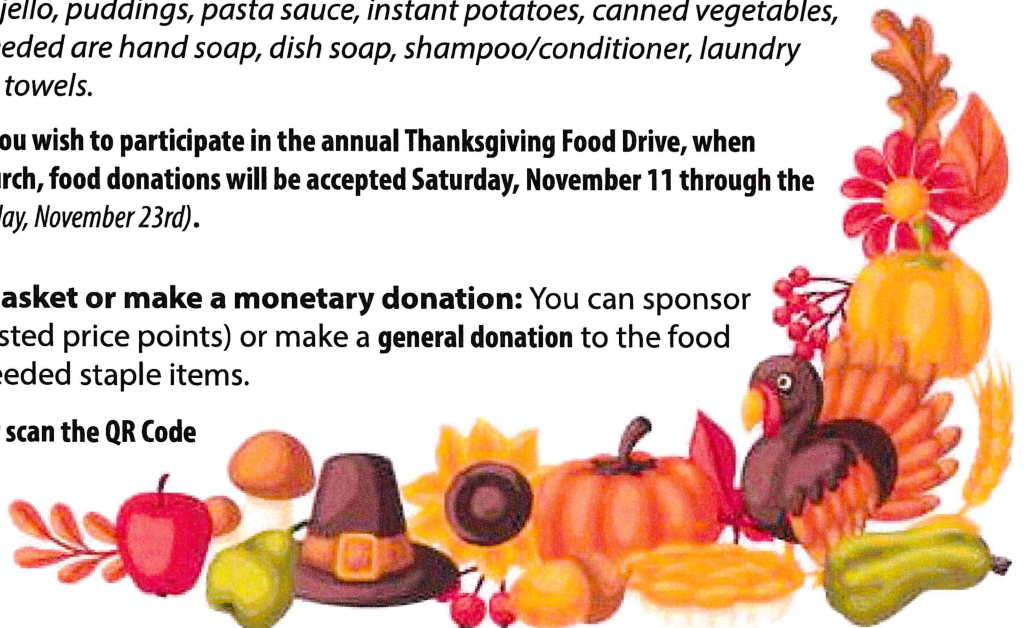
"The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor..." Isaiah 61:1
Help us provide food to families in need this Thanksgiving.

Donate Items: The following items are especially needed this year: soups, canned fruit, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jello, puddings, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, spaghetti noodles and rice. Also needed are hand soap, dish soap, shampoo/conditioner, laundry soap, toilet paper, tissue and paper towels.

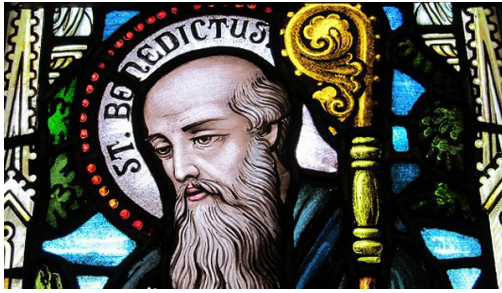
Items can be donated at any time or, if you wish to participate in the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, when items are placed in the center of the Church, food donations will be accepted Saturday, November 11 through the Thanksgiving Day Mass (9:00 am on Thursday, November 23rd).

Sponsor a Thanksgiving Food Basket or make a monetary donation: You can sponsor a **Thanksgiving Food Basket** (at suggested price points) or make a **general donation** to the food pantry to help us purchase the needed staple items.

Visit www.corpuschristibismarck.com or scan the QR Code



From the Desk of Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor



Please pray for our recently deceased. As I write this, we are in the middle of eight funeral Masses: +*Emil Wingenbach*, +*Anna Feist*, +*Kathy Pankratz*, +*Shirley Kemnitz*, +*George & Cindy Auen*, +*Jeffrey Feist*, and +*Berni Haman*. Additionally, we have our annual Candle Lighting Mass of Remembrance this weekend, Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. where we will remember 62 people who died between October 2022-September 2023. My uncle, +Richard Schmidt, passed away on October 22nd. He was my mother's brother and now she only has one living sibling, my aunt Evelyn from Billings, Montana. In nearly every funeral homily I give, I mention how attending a funeral Mass is not only an honor but it can

reorientate our day. St. Benedict told his monks to, "*Keep death daily before your eyes.*" By understanding death, it challenges us to seek God while living. In this weekend's bulletin you'll find a special insert that includes the names of the individuals that will be honored at the annual Candle Lighting Mass of Remembrance, as well as some activities coming up that relate to death, dying, and grief ministry. Corpus Christi is blessed to have both Sr. Ivo Schoch and Tammy Schafer working with the priests and deacons here at the parish to assist families with funeral and grief ministry - I thank them for their work, dedication, and commitment to this important ministry.

Looking at this week: the rectory mural is set to arrive on Monday; the Liturgy Committee will meet on Wednesday; Bishop Kagan's birthday is Thursday. Lastly, next Sunday there will be Altar Server Training for youth in grades 4-12. I encourage the young people of the parish to consider being an Altar Server because the active participation engages them in the Mass and the ministry makes them feel like a part of the parish.

~Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher

Funeral Pre-Planning: Thinking about pre-planning a funeral can leave people feeling a little uneasy. However, pre-planning can give you peace of mind as you will know you have helped your family at a difficult time. It also allows an opportunity to express your preferences for your funeral. This removes the burden of family members having to guess about your wishes. Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care Associate, is available with information and to answer any questions that you might have. You can call her at the parish office at 255-4600. *Pre-planning a funeral can be one of the last and greatest gifts you can give to your family.*



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Please review the schedule and contact the office to let us know if you are willing to serve as a minister next weekend. If you are not scheduled and would be willing to help, call Tracy at 701-975-9803.

Date: Nov 11-12	November 11, 2023	November 12, 2023	November 12, 2023	November 12, 2023
	4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:45 AM	5:30 PM
Hospitality	1 Mary Ann Grossman 2 Evelyn Spangler 3 4 5 6	1 Jason Krebsbach 2 Abbie Krebsbach 3 Kort Krebsbach 4 5 6	1 Rita Mastel 2 3 4 5 6	1 Mary Nelson 2 3 4 5
Ushers	1 Helen Berger* 2 Ron Hopfauf 3 Sam Theurer 4 Derek Theurer 5 6	1 George Simek 2 Pius Ternes 3 John Saiki 4 5 6	1 Chuck Holzer* 2 Bernie Holzer 3 Don Williams 4 Dennis Mastel 5 6	1 Tim Rivinius 2 Bernie Rivinius 3 4 5
Lectors	1 Heather Lundeen 2 Nikki Ferderer	1 Amy McKay 2	1 Christine Elzenga 2 Claudia Dietrich	1 Christopher Knudson 2 Bob Willenbring
Servers	1 Chloe Lundeen 2 Conner Lundeen	1 Anna Brash 2 Warren Miller	1 Jake Miller 2 Ben Miller	1 Joelle Knudson 2 Kyan Knudson
Eucharistic Min	BODY OF CHRIST R-1 Carol Thompson 2 Father 3 Bob Clooten 4 Sandy Wald-Clooten 5 Connie Kalanek 6 Heather Lundeen 7 Deacon 8 Clare Auble 9 10 11	BODY OF CHRIST R-1 Bilk Knudson 2 Father 3 Danell Becker 4 Amy McKay 5 Gerard Mathern 6 Jerome Werlinger 7 Deacon 8 Pam Mathern 9 Helen Werlinger 10 11	BODY OF CHRIST R-1 Gary Feist 2 Father 3 LaVerne Kaufman 4 Steven Mittelsteadt 5 Kathryn Feist 6 Cec Reetz 7 Deacon 8 Karen Stahl 9 10 11	BODY OF CHRIST R-1 Father 2 Margie Schiff 3 Mary Nelson 4 5 6 7 Deacon 8 9 10 11
Mask Room at 4	D12 LG	LG	LG	LG



In Remembrance of our loved ones from the
CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI
Remembrance Mass November 5, 2023 at 3:00



<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
+Gregory "Greg" Brady	October 5, 2022	+Alois "Al" Wangler	March 25, 2023
+Tom & +Jean Welder	October 6, 2022	+Dolores Schoch	March 26, 2023
+Jerry Bittner	October 9, 2022	+Fred Roberts	March 27, 2023
+Ray Schafer	October 9, 2022	+Bobbie Ann Schauer	April 18, 2023
+George Leingang	November 4, 2022	+Walter "Wally" Zachmeier	April 21, 2023
+Herman Haas	November 6, 2022	+Robert "Bob" Edinger	April 23, 2023
+James "Jim" Schmidt	November 9, 2022	+Lillian Hunke	April 23, 2023
+Marlene Kolling	November 10, 2022	+Heidi Stroh	April 24, 2023
+Agnes Eckroth	November 17, 2022	+Irene Doerr	April 25, 2023
+Jerry Fischer	November 20, 2022	+Blaine Schock	April 26, 2023
+Kathleen "Kathie" Arso	November 21, 2022	+Cynthia "Cindy" Becker	May 13, 2023
+Douglas "Doug" Fritz	November 25, 2022	+James "Jim" Cornell	May 22, 2023
+Jeanne Bergendahl	November 26, 2022	+Mathilda "Tillie" Emineth	May 29, 2023
+Patricia "Patty" Erhardt	November 28, 2022	+Orvin Engelhard	May 31, 2023
+Joseph "Joe" Ciavarella	November 30, 2022	+Lucretia "Lu" Silbernagel	May 31, 2023
+Roger Barth	December 8, 2022	+Tamara "Tammy" Garner	June 1, 2023
+Robert "Rob" King	December 10, 2022	+Leo Schneider	June 26, 2023
+James "Jim" Fleig	December 15, 2022	+Evelyn Hansen	July 1, 2023
+Joan Klucker	December 29, 2022	+Bonnie Kisch	July 6, 2023
+Katherine Combs	January 9, 2023	+Ethel Martin	July 19, 2023
+Lillian Kraft	January 10, 2023	+John Weis	July 23, 2023
+Veronica "Verne" Goeppinger	January 13, 2023	+Deacon Joseph "Joe" Mathern	July 24, 2023
+Donna Howe	January 20, 2023	+Albert "Al" Wolf	July 24, 2023
+Andrew "Andy" Feist	January 30, 2023	+Gregory "Greg" McIntyre	July 30, 2023
+Eleanor Wetsch	January 31, 2023	+Eugene "Gene" Volk	July 30, 2023
+James "Jim" Kostelecky	February 5, 2023	+Allen Baumgartner	August 24, 2023
+Adeline "Heidi" Murray	February 5, 2023	+Joseph "Joe" Becker	September 21, 2023
+James "Jim" Jeske	February 8, 2023	+Ruby Schaff	September 23, 2023
+Julia Mattern	February 19, 2023	+Kristen Scanlon	September 24, 2023
+Peter "Pete" Mihulka	February 26, 2023		
+Desiree "Desi" Ternes	February 27, 2023		
+Royann Bement	March 16, 2023		



*May the souls of all the
faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in Peace.*



Food for the Soul

is a once-a-month gathering/meal
for those who have lost a spouse.

Tuesday, November 7th at 5:30 PM

Community Room, Church of Corpus Christi

*November is not a potluck –
join us for a special meal prepared for you!*

For more information, please contact Tammy at 255-4600

Corpus Christi Women's Group

November 9th 7:00 - 8:30pm

Community Room

"Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well"



- Women of all ages are invited to join us.
See bulletin for more info.
 - For questions contact Cindy Anderst in the
parish office at 255-4600.
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When the Holidays are Different

*Getting through the holidays after
the loss of a loved one*

With Carleen Hennenfent

Sunday, November 12th

2:00 p.m.

Community Room



Sunday, Nov 05, 2023

Vocation 101

It's National Vocation Awareness Week! What's your parish or Catholic organization doing to promote the call to ordained and religious life in your community? Consider the threefold tasks of "prayer, invitation, and education": to *pray* for vocations, *invite* likely candidates to consider them, and *educate* others about the joy of service to Christ and his church. Also check out the website of the National Religious Vocation Conference. They offer Conversation Cards to keep handy: business-style cards that say "You would make a great priest/ sister/ brother/ nun" on the front. The back reads: "Imagine the possibilities."

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12 (151). *"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."*

Monday, Nov 06, 2023

All paths designed to lead to holiness

Some people hear their call early in life, and it's loud and clear. Others grapple longer and harder with figuring out their vocation. Regardless of where you fall on that spectrum of discernment, and no matter what state of life God intends for you, keep in mind during this National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11) that we are all called in essence to the same thing. Let the words of Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to her friend upon her marriage reassure you: "The road we are following is different, however, the goal is the same purpose: to become holy in the way God has traced out for us."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 (485). *"You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023

Honor wise council

On this day in 680, the Third Council of Constantinople convened. Ecumenical councils summon a representative constituency of church leadership to settle important questions and fine-tune church teaching. Earliest councils, beginning in 325, solidified basics of Christian faith, often tackling heresies about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Later councils wrestled with institutional growing pains. Let us be grateful that our ancestors cared about the deposit of faith enough to gather and debate at length in order to hand down to future generations such as ours the best the tradition has to offer.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24 (486). *"We, though many, are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one another."*

Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023

Act decisively for justice

Today, we remember our forebear Joseph Rummel, the longtime archbishop of New Orleans during the era of Jim Crow segregation in the Deep South. As head of the diocese with one of the largest black populations in the nation, Rummel set out to desegregate local Catholic parishes and schools, including the archdiocesan seminary, beginning in 1948. After a letter from local segregationist Catholics to the pope was rebuffed by the holy father, Rummel declared all parochial schools desegregated in 1962. Famously, he later excommunicated several vocal holdouts

who protested his move. Where is such decisive action against racism among bishops today? We are all responsible for opposing injustice. How will you act for the common good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."*

Thursday, Nov 09, 2023

Let the good times roll

Catholics have lots of words with their own twists, and one of them is "feast." While we don't all sit down to a giant meal for every "feast," in some corner of the world, Catholics may well be doing just that. In church language, "feast" means something special is celebrated on a particular day. Feasts range from the death days of saints, to events in Jesus' life, to the foundation of a church with a special history (such as today's feast of the Lateran Basilica). Many feasts have special followings in particular cultures. Let feast days remind you that sometimes devotion also calls for a good party!

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). *"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

Friday, Nov 10, 2023

You are simply divine

Known for his accessible preaching style, Pope Leo I helped his fifth-century flock and Christians down through the ages understand more fully the true nature of Christ and his saving gifts. By becoming human, explains Leo, "Jesus assumed the form of a servant without the stain of sin—enhancing what was human, not detracting from what was divine." As children of the light, we share in God's own nature. Therefore, our heads and hearts should reflect this holy inheritance. Or put simply by Leo: "Christian, remember your dignity."

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). *"I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."*

Saturday, Nov 11, 2023

A veteran worthy of his day

Because Saint Martin of Tours (c. 320-397) was the son of a Roman army officer, he was required by law to serve in the Roman military. Two years after his conversion to Christianity he announced, "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight." He was arrested and charged with cowardice. So he volunteered to go into battle unarmed. Before he could make good on his offer, he was discharged from the military. This Veterans Day, we can remember those, like Saint Martin and Venerable Emil Kapaun, Army chaplain, who, for the sake of Christ, go into battle armed only with the love of Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *"No servant can serve two masters."*

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



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One Minute Meditations

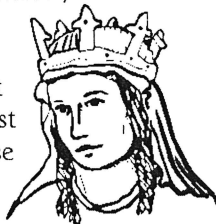
St. Margaret of Scotland

A Hungarian princess, St. Margaret grew up in luxury and privilege, but she never lost sight of those in need and her duty to serve them. After the Battle of Hastings, her family fled to Scotland where King Malcom III sheltered them and eventually married Margaret. Although a queen, her private life was austere, dedicated to prayer and serving the poor—even washing beggars' feet. She is remembered for her life of piety, kindness, and generosity.

Christ the King

What does it mean to say Christ is King? Do we give Him our Sundays only, or the whole week? Set aside ten minutes for God. Offer Him the events of your day and say, "Your will be done."

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [the world]" (Luke 16:13).



Thanksgiving can inspire gratitude in action

St. Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." At Thanksgiving, we bask in the glow of our blessings but it's also a chance to share them with others. This is "gratitude in action."

Be generous with your time. God can't be outdone in generosity. He gives life in His image and likeness. He gave the gift of Himself in Christ's offering on the Cross. In that spirit, how can you give of yourself? Prayerfully consider where and to whom you can give your time and attention.

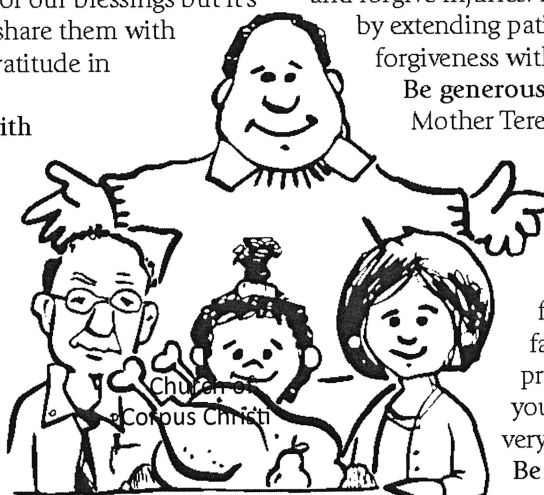
Be generous with your patience. Ours is the God of second chances,

generous with His mercy. Decide to generously give others the benefit of the doubt, allow room for good intentions, and forgive injuries. Love as God loves by extending patience and forgiveness without limit.

Be generous with your family.

Mother Teresa said, "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Make your family your top priority and give your loved ones the very best of yourself. **Be generous with your joy.** Holidays can

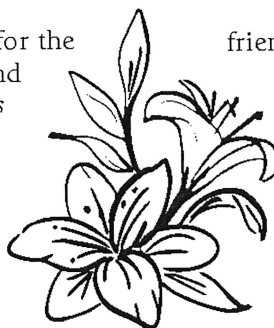
be difficult for people without connections. Look for someone at church, at work, or in the neighborhood who might need a place to celebrate the holiday. Share holiday love and joy.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

The practice of praying for the dead is an Act of Mercy and has Scriptural roots: "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Someone who dies in God's



friendship with sin on his soul must be purified before entering heaven. We can literally help souls get to heaven. Rest assured: if the person we've prayed for reaches heaven, the graces of those prayers are used to help other souls.

Dealing with loss and those left behind

Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

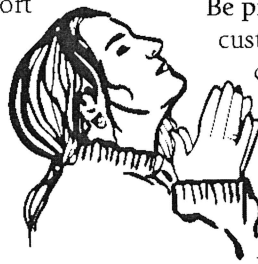
Pray. Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to

keep their intentions alive.

Be present. Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the living.

Offer material support. Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

Contribute. Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.



from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46, Showing mercy to the "least"

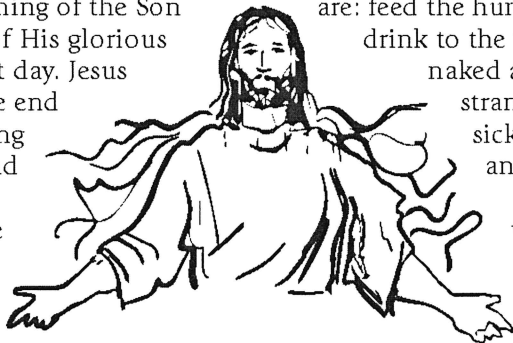
In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, of His glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the nations and the Judge of history. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we treated "the least" who are suffering among us.

The specific criterion for judgment is the basis for the

Corporal Works of Mercy, which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.

In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the

"blessed," respond with compassion and mercy, or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs accordingly.



Q & A How does the Church decide who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and determines whether someone has become a saint.

In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."



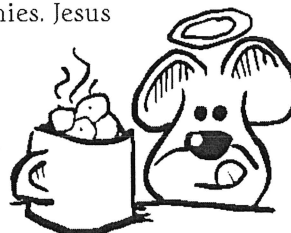
Feasts & Celebrations

November 1 – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation). In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate each of the martyrs. Because there were more martyrs than days of the year, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. Celebrate the Saints by attending Mass.

November 10 – Pope St. Leo the Great (461). A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and promoted ecclesiastical unity.

November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1852). Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to America as a missionary. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

November 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised His people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.



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