

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



January 14, 2024

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 device.
Text the word *App* to 55321.
Or scan the QR Code.

We welcome you to Corpus Christi!

To become a registered member, stop by the parish office, or scan this 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., Jan. 15 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Karen & ✠Kevin Weiler

Tues., Jan. 16 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Steve Millner

Wed., Jan. 17 (12:10 p.m.) - **Collective Mass Intention:**

✠Ruth & ✠Herman Bornhoeft

Thurs., Jan. 18 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Anthony Vetter

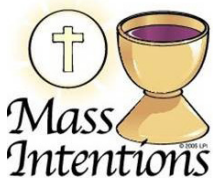
Fri., Jan. 19 (12:10 p.m.) - ✠George Volk

Sat., Jan. 20 (4:00 p.m.) - ✠Eleanor Wetsch

Sun., Jan. 21 (8:30 a.m.) - ✠Julia & ✠Leo Mattern

(10:45 a.m.) - ✠Bill Badinger

(5:30 p.m.) - *Pro Populo*



One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful and perfect prayer we have is the Mass.

Mass intentions are available for the Church or the Rectory Chapel. The

Mass intention calendar for the Church is limited but there are a few options available for 2024. Regarding Chapel intentions:

- Masses are offered privately (public cannot attend).
- Specific dates are not available to choose.
- Only a few intentions are scheduled at a time, therefore Masses are typically offered within 2-4 weeks.
- After the Mass is celebrated, you are notified of the date and the priest who offered it.

Bismarck-Mandan Right to Life Chapter will hold their annual March for Life on the ND capitol building steps on Sunday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. Following the march, join the group for a warm reception at Zion Lutheran Church at 413 East Ave. D. Use the southwest door. For more information, call Virginia at 701-258-5379.

Fr. Paul Becker is available on Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m., for meetings in 15 minute increments. Meetings are pre-scheduled (no walk-ins). To schedule a time to meet with Fr. Becker, call the Parish Office, 255-4600.

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,443 households)	
Adult Envelopes (224 Envelopes)	\$14,130.85
Youth Envelopes	\$228.31
TOTAL RECEIVED (Jan. 7).	\$14,359.16
1 st Sunday	\$14,359.16
Online Giving Week 1 (Jan. 1-7)	\$13,683.68
Electronic Contributions	\$7,813.00
2 nd Sunday	\$0.00
Online Giving Week 2 (Jan. 8-14).	\$0.00
3 rd Sunday	\$0.00
Online Giving Week 3 (Jan. 15-21)	\$0.00
Electronic Contributions	\$0.00
4 th Sunday	\$0.00
Online Giving Week 4 (Jan. 22-28)	\$0.00

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

Stewardship Thought: In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will." Develop your talents to the fullest so that you can use them to benefit your church and community. Your abilities will grow with use; unused, they may wither away. **Did you know?** Over 70% of all adults neglect to make out a Will; many do not keep it up to date. Think about getting yours done or reviewed, and consider helping Corpus Christi through a bequest.



Embark on a transformative spiritual journey! The Bismarck Diocese and the University of Mary warmly invite you to join us on a seven-day pilgrimage (July 16-22, 2024) to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Take part in a historic gathering of missionary disciples and experience what promises to be a "new Pentecost" for the American Catholic Church. Register today at www.umary.edu/NEC.

Prayer for Eucharistic Revival

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our heart burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His Presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Written by Most Reverend Jose Gomez

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

January 14 & 28 at the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

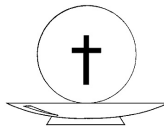
For children in Preschool - 2nd Grade.

Lessons are geared for this age group.



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.*

Low Gluten hosts are available. These hosts have a very low gluten content (.01%). Talk to an usher or a hospitality minister to learn how to receive low gluten Communion.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast



Sunday, January 14
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.,
Parish Hall

Free will donation to support the
Corpus Christi Faith Formation
Family Table Program.

Corpus Christi Men's Group



Men's Group Breakfast

Wednesday, January 17

6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Breakfast followed by discussion.

All men are invited!

St. Lawrence Catholic Parish, Flasher, Presents MARDI GRAS (German Style), Sunday, February 4, 2024, at the Branded Bar & Grill. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. with the meal served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The menu includes: Cream Chicken, German Sausage, Kase Nip (cheese buttons), Kraut Nip, German Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Kuchen, and Blachinda. There will be children's games, Bingo, Raffle drawings, and a silent auction. Ticket prices are: 5 & under—Free; 6-12—\$10; Adults—\$15. Everyone is welcome.

Food Pantry Needs:

Vegetable Soup

Chicken Noodle Soup

Thank you for your support!



What's Going on Here This Week

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| Sun. 1/14 | KC Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Parish Hall
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:45 a.m. Mass
SNAC, 6:30 p.m., Room 140 |
| Mon. 1/15 | RCIA, 7:00-9:00 p.m. |
| Tues. 1/16 | Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room
Eucharistic Adoration 12:45-7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. 1/17 | Men's Group, 6:30-7:45 a.m., Parish Hall
Faith Formation 7th Grade , 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Middle School Youth Ministry (6th & 8th Grade),
7:00-8:30 p.m. |
| Sun. 1/21 | Faith Formation Group D , 9:30-10:45 a.m.
SNAC, 6:30 p.m., Room 140 |

Corpus Christi Youth Ministry:

High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)

SNAC: Sunday Nights After Church

Sunday, January 14: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Topic: Believing without Seeing



Middle School Youth Ministry

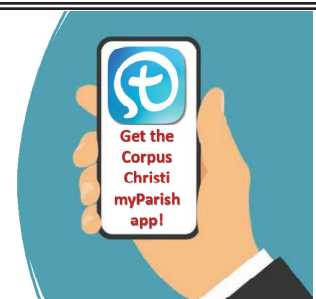
Wednesday, January 17: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For Grades 6 & 8

Job Opportunity: The Bismarck Diocese is seeking a full-time administrative assistant in the Office of Mission Advancement. Primary duties include opening and recording financial donations for the Catholic Indian Mission, data entry, preparing thank you letters and reports. Required skills include above average experience in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Desired skills include experience using Raiser's Edge software or other donor record-keeping software. The salary is commensurate with experience and the Diocese offers a full benefits package. The position is open until filled. Please submit a cover letter, resume and three references to: Denise Jordan, Personnel Secretary, PO Box 1575, Bismarck, ND 58502 or djordan@bismarckdiocese.com. If you have any questions, please call Denise at (701) 204-7212.

• For all job opportunities throughout our Diocese, visit <https://bismarckdiocese.com/bulletin-announcements>

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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, January 16. *Topic: Remembering Your Loved One - Bring their favorite favorite food, snack or beverage.*

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, January 16. *Please RSVP via call or text to Mardee at (701) 880-0422 or Brenda at (701) 426-2021.*

WOMEN'S SIMPLE LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, February 17 - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Corpus Christi Church in Bismarck

The **Diocesan Women's Simple Lenten Retreat** is back in 2024. There will be two talks. One reflection will be "Holiness Reflected Through Saints and Heroes" by Mother Mary Joseph of St. Mary Sisters based in Bismarck. The other presentation is "Inspirations for Lent" by Msgr. Patrick Schumacher. The day also includes Mass at 8:00 a.m., Eucharistic Adoration, confession, breakfast, lunch and vendors. Registration is \$40. Registration closes on Friday, February 9 to obtain an accurate count for meals. Register at <https://bismarckdiocese.com/lenten-retreat-for-women>.

PRAYER TREE MINISTRY:

The Prayer Tree Ministers are a group of parishioners who pray for special intentions. The names of the requests are not made public, but they do receive purposeful, intentional prayers by committed members of our parish. Prayer Tree volunteers receive notifications about prayer requests through a simple email notification or phone call. If you would like more information about becoming a Prayer Tree Minister for our parish, go to corpuschristibismarck.com and click on the Prayer Tree Ministry link.



Save the Date! The Knights of Columbus will be having a Free Throw Challenge on Saturday, January 27 at St. Mary's Grade School gym. Boys and girls ages 9-14 are welcome to participate. More details will be in next weekend's bulletin!



2024 CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 2-3-4

Don't Miss the Fun!

We need many **volunteers** to make the 2024 Carnival another great community event to support our schools. Learn more and sign up for Carnival volunteer shifts at: lightofchristsschools.org/carnival-volunteers.

Please buy and sell the **Carnival raffle tickets** that were mailed to your home or you can purchase them at the parish office or St. Mary's Academy. **GRAND PRIZE: 2024 Buick Envista Avenir - plus \$8,500 in other cash prizes!**

There's a variety of **other ways to help** with the Carnival, including:

- **NEW!** We are adding a new room this year, the **Saints Hair & Jewelry Boutique**. If you have any new or used jewelry or purses to donate for this new Carnival room, please drop them off now at St. Mary's Academy (Door #4) or the Ascension parish office (1911 S. 3rd Street). We are already accepting donations for this new Carnival room - thanks in advance for your help to make this new room a success! If you have any questions, please contact Rita Ritter at 226-2882.

- **Silent Auction Items** - NEW silent and live auction items can be donated. Contact John Herold at 226-1236 for details.

- **Baked Goods** - Breads, pies, muffins, bars, cookies, fudge, caramels, divinity and snack mixes. Baked goods can be dropped off throughout the weekend in SMCHS Room 201. Someone will be available at the NE door of the Academy (off Boulevard - door #4) beginning at noon on Friday, February 2 and throughout the weekend.

- **Cake Walk** - Cakes and cupcakes can be dropped off in the Cake Walk Room (Room 202) starting at noon on Friday, February 2 and throughout the weekend. 8x8 inch square disposable cake pans will be available in each of the school offices, beginning Monday, January 29.

- **Used Books** - Beginning Sunday, January 28, there will be a trailer in the St. Mary's Academy parking lot for the drop-off of books throughout the week.

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

I have received more than a few questions about *Fiducia Supplicans*, a declaration on the pastoral meaning of blessings and the blessing of individuals in irregular or same-sex relationships. The USCCB explained, *"The Declaration issued by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) articulated a distinction between liturgical (sacramental) blessings, and pastoral blessings, which may be given to persons who desire God's loving grace in their lives. The Church's teaching on marriage has not changed, and this declaration affirms that, while also making an effort to accompany people through the imparting of pastoral blessings because each of us needs God's healing love and mercy in our lives."* While the document has sparked much commentary and controversy, in a letter to his priests, Bishop Kagan encouraged the careful examination of the text of the document, stating, *"It is nothing like what I have seen reported in the secular media...It should not be controversial. It is clear and it is correct in what it states about blessings for persons in irregular and unapproved and unsanctioned situations."* The Vatican Doctrinal Office summarized, *"A Catholic priest can bless a gay or other unmarried couple as long as it is not a formal liturgical blessing and does not give the impression that the Catholic Church is blessing the union as if it were a marriage."* In his public statement, Bishop Robert Barron reiterated that the document does not change the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and is *"very much congruent with the pastoral instincts of Pope Francis, who always wants to remind those who are living the Christian life in a less than perfect way, that they are, nevertheless, loved and cherished by God. The Church should never fail to be a source of welcome, compassion, and blessing."* To close, I will add that pastoral blessings are not sacraments, they are sacramentals, which dispose us to cooperate with God's grace. When an individual asks for a blessing, I recognize they are acknowledging and seeking God's presence in their life. It is through God's grace that the effects of the blessing is achieved.

To close, I would like to encourage you to start thinking about the annual St. Mary's Carnival. There are many ways to help, including volunteering and returning your raffle tickets. See this weekend's bulletin for information on how you can help.

~Have a great week & stay warm! Msgr. Patrick Schumacher



Have you tried Online Giving? It is easy, convenient, and secure. You have the option to give weekly, monthly or even annually. Changes can be made at any time. Visit www.corpuschristibismarck.com and click on the "Online Giving Button" on the home page.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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 Kraft at 701-975-9803.

Date: Jan 20-21	January 20, 2024	January 21, 2024	January 21, 2024	January 21, 2024
	4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:45 AM	5:30 PM
Hospitality	1 Bob Deutsch 2 Beverly Larson 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 Karen Gaydos 2 3 4
Ushers	1 William Kopp 2 Judith Kopp 3 Larry Thelen 4 Rick Kramlich 5 6	1 Tim Kuntz 2 Linda Feist 3 Charles Jaszowskiak 4 Catherine Williams 5 6	1 Melissa Kelly 2 Dennis Kelly 3 Joel Meyer 4 Maggie Meyer 5 Brianna Feist 6	1 Mark Gaydos 2 3 4 5 6
Lectors	1 Sandy Wald Clooten 2	1 Irene Goetz 2	1 Rose Kruckenberg 2 Joyal Meyer	1 Mary Soucie 2 Bart Brackin
Servers	1 2	1 Annabelle Scholand 2 Gabby Schell	1 Triston Brossart 2 Elyse Brossart	1 Braden Roehri 2 Kate Messet
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	R-1 Helen Berger 2 Father 3 Clare Auble 4 Jane Wolf 5 Joseph Wolf 6 7 Deacon 8 9 10 11 At 4:00 D12 LG	R-1 Bill Knudson 2 Father 3 Brenda Bergan 4 Teddie Herner 5 Kermit Herner 6 Judane Othhauser 7 Deacon 8 Anriana Thein 9 Mike Hilbert 10 Laurie Vanderpan 11 12 LG	R-1 Joyal Meyer 2 Father 3 Bill Marion 4 Cec Reetz 5 Reyne Richter 6 Brenda Weisz 7 Deacon 8 9 10 11 12 LG	R-1 Jackie Buckley 2 Father 3 Margie Schiff 4 5 6 7 Deacon 8 9 10 11 12 LG



Invest time each week to
expand your vocabulary and
deepen your faith.

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Justice \ˈjə-stəs \

The moral fiber of a religious people that mirrors the God of Justice. More than an expression of fairness or the execution of legal judgment, biblical justice demands that we be straight, true, and righteous in our relationships with God and others.

Pronunciation: <http://tinyurl.com/Take5-justice>

CONTEXT

Justice and revenge are not the same thing. As my father said, **justice** at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.

—Bernice King

Without **justice** and love, peace will always be a great illusion.

—Dom Hélder Câmara

It is impossible to struggle for civil rights, equal rights for blacks, without including whites. Because equal rights, fair play, **justice**, are like the air: we all have it, or none of us has it.

—Maya Angelou

WHY IT MATTERS

The theme of **justice** is central to scripture. Divine law defines it and the prophets clamor for it. Matthew describes Jesus' mission with Isaiah's proclamation: "I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the [nations]." It is impossible to be the People of God and reject the way of God. To be unconcerned with the work of **justice** is to be indifferent to the divine will and the coming Kingdom.

From *Brothers and Sisters to Us* (USCCB Pastoral Letter on Racism, 1979): Racism and economic oppression are distinct but interrelated forces which dehumanize our society. Movement toward authentic **justice** demands a simultaneous attack on both evils.

RELATED WORDS

Racism | Eco-justice | Just War Theory

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is meant by "just war"?

Just war theory is the body of moral reasoning developed to discern when the primary bias *against* war may shift toward an obligation to protect and defend. . . . In the Early Church, pacifism preceded just war tradition. The alliance of church with state under Constantine ensured that church policy leaned toward supporting the interests of the empire. Fourth-century theologians Ambrose and Augustine developed arguments that could, under limited conditions, make war not only permissible but obligatory in the service of a victimized neighbor.

Just war theory offers eight criteria for engagement. Seven determine whether a conflict is justified, including: just cause, competent authority, last resort, comparative justice, proportionality, right intention, and probability of success. The eighth consideration is reserved for an inevitable engagement and involves right conduct in wartime. In his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis argued that "it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a 'just war.' Never again war!" Clearly, it's never enough simply to declare a cause righteous in one's own mind and issue a call to arms.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <https://tinyurl.com/QCA-just-war>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY (JANUARY 15)

A matter of head and heart

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong," the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book *Strength to Love* in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation and lifelong education of our consciences. You have to be sure that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions!

READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011524.cfm>). "No one pours new wine into old wineskins. . . . Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."

FAITH IN ACTION

To be tethered to true north, reflect on scripture daily