

# 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

*Holy Days as scheduled and may differ than below.  
See the inside of the bulletin for details.*

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.

## 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. John Paul Gardner, Parochial Vicar. .... 975-9802  
Rev. Dinoy Rebera, Parochial Vicar ..... 975-9818  
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..... 975-9804  
Melanie Konieczka, Faith Formation ..... 975-9809  
Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care..... 975-9816

**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

**PRAYER TREE:** 255-4600

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Noon on Tuesdays (typed format  
sent to [info@corpuschristibismarck.com](mailto:info@corpuschristibismarck.com))



## October 26, 2025

## 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. 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](http://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 Bismarck Diocese at 701-222-3035 or [www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp).

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



## CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member, stop by the Parish Office or scan this QR Code.



## CORPUS CHRISTI APP (MyParish APP):

Download the app for any smart device.

Text the word *App* to 55321.

Or scan the QR Code.

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

Over the centuries, Latin became the traditional "language of the Church" to promote unity across languages. If Latin is the "language of the Church," the pipe organ is the "instrument of the Church." For over a thousand years, the pipe organ has been the principal instrument of the Catholic liturgy, with its roots tracing back to the 10th century. While the pipe organ was originally invented in the 3rd century BC, it became a staple of worship in the Middle Ages. The Second Vatican Council affirmed that *"the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it adds a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up the minds of the faithful to God"* (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*). In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI said, *"The organ has always been considered, and rightly so, the king of musical instruments, because it takes up all the sound of creation and gives resonance to the fullness of human sentiments, from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation. As all music of quality does, it evokes the divine. The organ in some way reminds us of the immensity and the magnificence of God."* In over 32 years as an ordained priest, I have realized there are basically two problems when it comes to the organ. First, many parishes cannot afford a quality instrument. Secondly, those that have an organ, do not have trained musicians to utilize the instrument. For the first time in my priesthood, there is a wonderful instrument, and - not just one, but several - highly proficient musicians to play it. It is a gift to be celebrated! As the pastor, I manage and direct the music program to enhance the liturgical norms set by the Church. Complaints about the organ should not be made to the musicians - they are beautifully executing my directives. Over the centuries, the organ has lifted up the prayers of the Church; the diverse pipe and timbres, united in one sound of praise, represents the voice of the whole community. The organ is an instrument that should be heard - and felt. Just as architecture can direct the faithful to the magnificence of God, so does music. I know we all have different preferences for liturgical music, but the organ remains the instrument of the Church, and as long as we have a wonderful instrument and skilled musicians to play it, our Music Ministry will be instructed to incorporate it. All in all, we have a good mix of liturgical musical genres at Corpus Christi!

Lastly, a few notes about next weekend. • Children, stop by to Trick or Treat on Halloween. • For All Saints Day we will offer one Mass - Saturday, November 1st at 9:00 a.m. (*Because the Holy Day falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated - or "removed!"*) • Our annual Remembrance Mass with Candle lighting will be held on All Souls Day, November 2, at 3:00 p.m. This is an additional Mass to the weekend schedule and will fulfill the Sunday obligation. It is one of my favorite liturgies of the year - join me in remembering and honoring the faithful departed from our Parish (October 2024-September 2025).  
~Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher

### 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: November 1-2	November 1, 2025		November 2, 2025		November 2, 2025		November 2, 2025	
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		5:30 PM	
<b>Hospitality</b>	1		1	Brian Steffi	1	Kathy Howe	1	Kathleen Fetting
	2		2	Heather Steffi	2	Maryam Abddo	2	
	3		3	Catherine Williams	3		3	
	4		4	Francis Williams	4		4	
<b>Ushers</b>	1	Duane Urlacher	1	Mike Hilbert	1	Dan DeRouchey	1	Gene Rivinius*
	2	Pam Meier	2	Lance Bauer	2	Lonnie Zahn	2	Bev Rivinius
	3	John Meier	3	Ron Torkelson	3	Dan Sauter	3	
	4		4	Virginia Torkelson	4		4	
	5		5		5		5	
<b>Lectors</b>	1	Sean Cleary	1	John Saiki	1	Mandi Hetletved	1	Todd Van Orman
	2	Lisa Frank	2	John Kambeitz	2	Rodger Wetzel	2	
<b>Servers</b>	1	Teigyn Saylor	1	Brooklyn Barnhardt	1	Madisyn Lowe	1	Evan Hinnenkamp
	2		2	Renley Becker	2	Ella Weigel	2	Sophia Schlinger
<b>Eucharistic Min</b>		<b>BODY OF CHRIST</b>						
	R-1	MaryAnn Metcalf	R-1	Bill Knudson	R-1	Cathy Schatz	R-1	Margie Schiff
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	Janet Eikin	3	Shawn Anagnost	3	Kathy Howe	3	
	4	Carol Thompson	4	Dean Anagnost	4	Janet Spooner	4	
	5	Clare Auble	5	Kathy Knudson	5	Makayla Schatz	5	
	6	Larry Thelen	6	Craig Zander	6	Cec Reetz	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8		8	Brenda Bergan	8	Pam Vetter	8	
	9		9		9	Barbie Lowe	11	
	10		10		10		12	
	11				11			
<b>At 4:00*</b>	D12				12			
	LG		LG	Karen daSilva	LG		LG	

## Livestreaming Schedule:

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

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

Holy Days as Scheduled

### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Mon., Oct. 27** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Tony & ✠Monica Yantzer

**Tues., Oct. 28** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Elmer Schmaltz

**Wed., Oct. 29 - Collective Intention**

(12:10 p.m.) - ✠Julius Vetter

✠Marian Volk

Supha Arthurs

**Thurs., Oct. 30** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Vernon & ✠Arlyss Thelen

**Fri., Oct. 31** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Josephine Erhardt

**Sat., Nov. 1** (9:00 a.m.) - ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

(4:00 p.m.) - ✠Joseph, ✠Janet & ✠Neal Auble

**Sun., Nov. 2** (8:30 a.m.) - ✠George Herauf

(10:45 a.m.) - ✠Jim Kostelecky

(3:00 p.m.) - MASS OF REMEMBRANCE w/CANDLELIGHTING

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

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,470 households)	
Adult Envelopes (231 Envelopes) . . . . .	\$15,698.60
Youth Envelopes . . . . .	\$272.00
Total Received (Oct 19) . . . . .	\$15,970.60
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Oct 5 . . . . .	\$18,678.16
Online Giving Week (Sept 29 - Oct 5) . . . . .	\$8,720.00
Electronic Contributions (Oct 5) . . . . .	\$12,943.68
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Oct 12 . . . . .	\$18,322.88
Online Giving Week (Oct 6-12) . . . . .	\$5,185.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Oct 19 . . . . .	\$15,970.60
Online Giving Week (Oct 13-21) . . . . .	\$7,000.00
Electronic Contributions (Oct 20) . . . . .	\$12,943.68
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Oct 26 . . . . .	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Oct 22-28) . . . . .	\$0.00

**Thank you for your generosity and for being a faithful steward of Corpus Christi!**

### Stewardship Thoughts:

Both the first reading and today's Psalm clearly say that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts – **of time or money or abilities** – to be the means by which God answers their need? Stewardship is opening our hearts, schedules, and hands to others; being available and willing to listen and give our time and our love.

### Upcoming Special Masses offered by Bishop Kagan:

All Masses are open to the public and held at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

• **White Mass:** Monday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m.

The special Mass honors healthcare professionals, active and retired.

• **Mass for Deceased Bishops, Priests & Deacons:**

Monday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m.



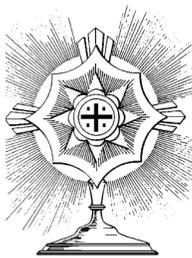
### This week's Food Pantry Needs:

- Peanut Butter
- Pancake Syrup
- 1 lb bag Rice

*Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry!*

- **Prefer not to shop?** Monetary donations are accepted to purchase pantry staples: eggs, bread, milk, meat, and other items as needed.
- **See the bulletin insert to support the Thanksgiving Outreach Program.**

**Preplanning Your Funeral:** Preplanning your funeral Mass is a meaningful way to express your faith, ease the burdens on loved ones, and ensure your wishes are honored. *If you would like to begin this thoughtful process and caring act of faith and love, call Tammy Schafer at (701) 975-9816.*



**We are in need of additional adorers.** If you would be interested, please call Tracy Kraft at the Parish Office, 975-9803, to visit about your availability and to commit to a time. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Tuesday, immediately following daily Mass until 7:00 pm.

### Remember ~

### Time Change is next weekend!

Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 2:00 a.m.  
"Fall Back" - Set your clocks back one hour.



Most of us are bad at waiting and if we admit it, we really dislike having to wait. Advent is the liturgical season of waiting, making it an ideal time to sit in the often uncomfortable part of our hearts where we wait on the Lord.

**Waiting Well: Advent** with Fr. Mike Schmitz uses a new daily prayer journal that emphasizes learning how to encounter the Lord in times of waiting, so you can see how he wants to use every moment in your life. Most of us, instead of waiting, get worried, anxious, or check out, and often get lost scrolling on our phones. During Advent 2025 commit a short period each day that will engage you in daily reflections, prayer, and journaling opportunities.

Mondays (Dec. 1, 8, 15) 7:00-8:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Thursdays (Dec. 4, 11, 18) 1:00-2:30 p.m., Community Room



Cost \$5/person.

Register by November 26 - Scan the QR

Code or visit [corpuschristibismarck.com](http://corpuschristibismarck.com)

If you prefer to do the study on your own, there will be a limited supply of books available for purchase in the Parish Office.



**Trick or Treating**  
**Corpus Christi Rectory**  
 Friday, October 31 ~ 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
 Use the main door, 1931 N. 3rd St.  
 The Parish Office will be closed on October 31.



**Solemnity of All Saints**

**Saturday, November 1 ~ 9:00 a.m. Mass**

*This year, All Saints Day falls on a Saturday and the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated (removed). There will not be a vigil Mass on October 31.*

**Can you help? Liturgical Ministers needed ~**  
*A Liturgical Ministry sign-up sheet is in the Usher Room.*

**2025 Corpus Christi Candle Lighting  
 Mass of Remembrance**

**Sunday, November 2 ~ 3:00 p.m. Mass**

*This Mass is an additional weekend Mass and it will fulfill the Sunday Obligation.  
 Join us as we remember our faithful departed.  
 All are invited to this special and meaningful Mass.*



**Food for the Soul**  
**Tuesday, November 4**  
**5:30 p.m. in the Community Room**

*Eating alone after the loss of a spouse could be called the "6th Stage of Grief." Food for the Soul is a once-a-month meal for those who have lost a spouse; for more information, contact Tammy Schafer, 701-975-9816.*

**Knights of Columbus Perpetual Rosary  
 for Respect Life**

Wednesday, November 5 at 11:30 a.m., Corpus Christi Church



<https://www.respectlife.org/>

*Please pray this daily prayer, specifically during the month of October:  
 Jesus, you came that we might have life — and have it in abundance.  
 Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen*

**What's Going on at Corpus Christi this Week**

- Sun. 10/26** Faith Formation **Group D**, 9:30-10:45 a.m.  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:45 a.m. Mass  
 SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140
- Mon. 10/27** OCIA, 7:00-9:00 p.m., South Hospitality Room
- Tues. 10/28** Caring Hearts Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room  
 Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-7:00 p.m., Church
- Wed. 10/29** Family Table, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall  
 Faith Formation **Group C**, 5:30-6:45 p.m.  
 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room  
 Middle School Youth Ministry, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- Fri. 10/31** Parish Office Closed  
 Wedding Convalidation, 11:00 a.m., Chapel  
 Trick or Treating at the Rectory, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Sat. 11/1** All Saints Day Mass, 9:00 a.m.  
 Sacrament Track, Saturday Group, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Sun. 11/2** Faith Formation **Group A**, 9:30-10:45 a.m.  
 Mass of Remembrance w/Candlighting, 3:00 p.m.  
 SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140

**High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)**

Sunday, Oct. 26: 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
 Topic: Miracles

**Middle School (Grades 6-7-8)**

Wednesday, Oct 29: 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
 Topic: Halloween Party w/Pumpkin Carving



**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**October 26 - 10:45 a.m. Mass**

Lessons are geared for preK - 2nd Grade.  
 No registration required.



**Join the Corpus Christi Music Ministry Team!**

Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome! For information about the Music Ministry program, contact Sebastian Haboczki, 945-9806.

The Catholic Church is concerned for those who are ill and near the end of life and offers prayers and support as death draws near. To request the **Anointing of the Sick**, call the parish office at 701-255-4600. For **Sacramental Emergencies** after business hours, leave a message at 701-425-1483 and your call will be returned in a timely manner.

*The Diocese of Bismarck is firmly committed to the health and protection of children, young people, and vulnerable adults.*

**25 Ways to Make Kids Safer: Tip #18**

Keep the computer and personal devices in a high-traffic area of your home. Monitor and establish rules concerning your child's online activities and cellphone use.  
 To learn more about child safety, visit [BeHereForKids.org](http://BeHereForKids.org)

Come enjoy a night of faith and fellowship at **Real Presence Radio's Fundraising Banquets** - Bismarck's banquet will be on **Tuesday, November 4. Reserve your spot today!** <https://realpresencerradio.com/banquets/> or contact Corpus Christi parishioner, Karen Selensky, at 701-318-5467.

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**Beginning Experience**, a non-denominational peer ministry, is offering "The Weekend," November 21-23 in Richardton. This weekend is a comprehensive program for those struggling with the loss of a love relationship due to divorce, separation or death. Interested people are invited to contact Elaine at 701-400-1941. Registration is due before November 7. For more information, go to [www.beginningexperiencewesternnd.com](http://www.beginningexperiencewesternnd.com).

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**Seeking more Serrans!** The Saint Serra Vocations Apostolate of Bismarck-Mandan are lay Catholic men and women of all ages. It's a worldwide apostolate that started in 1935 whose mission is to pray for, encourage and foster religious vocations while growing in personal holiness through:

- Monthly lunch meetings with a special guest speaker.
- Annual fundraising breakfast.
- Monthly Vocations Mass & fellowship.

For more details or questions, call or text Amy S: 471-6099 or Amy R: 214-8981. Check us out on Facebook, "Saint Serra Vocations Apostolate of Bismarck/Mandan" or online, [bismanserra.com](http://bismanserra.com).



The **Caring Hearts Quilters** meet every Tuesday morning in the Community Room from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Donations of fabric to continue this ministry are appreciated.

To join the quilters or to make a donation, contact Cec Reetz, 391-6520. *The Caring Hearts Quilters donate quilts to the community and raise funds through their annual Quilt Show & Sale in the Fall.*



Light of Christ Catholic Schools

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**• Job Opportunities •**

Light of Christ Catholic Schools is now accepting applications for:

- Part-time accompanist to support the middle school choir during rehearsals and concerts at St. Mary's Academy.
- Full-time custodian at Saint Anne Elementary School and St. Mary's Central High School.

For more information and to apply: <https://lightofchristschools.org/employment>.

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**• Taste of Kindergarten •**

This event is designed for students and parents considering Kindergarten for the 2026-27 school year.

- Saint Anne Elementary School - Friday, November 7
  - St. Mary's Elementary School - Friday, November 14
  - Cathedral Elementary School - Friday, November 21
- Currently enrolled PreK students at our grade schools will attend this event with their class and parents are encouraged to attend with their child. If you are not currently enrolled in one of our Pre-K classes, an RSVP and parental supervision is required. For specific details or to RSVP, please contact: Shannon Indovina, 701-354-7067, [sindovina@lightofchristschools.org](mailto:sindovina@lightofchristschools.org).

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**Bismarck Mandan Elks Mens Chorus  
Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale**

Sunday, October 26 • 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bismarck Elks Club (located on S. Washington St.)

Funds are used to support activities of the chorus (*The Church Sings, Christmas Caroling at senior care facilities, and othe community events*).



**BACEF**  
BISMARCK AREA CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**November 9th is  
BACEF Sunday!**



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**BACEF is 50!**

The **Bismarck Area Catholic Education Foundation (BACEF)** was established in 1975 by the 6 Bismarck area parishes as a permanent endowment fund. The earnings each year are returned to support Faith Formation and religious education programs at the parishes and schools. **BACEF has made annual distributions totaling \$7.75M since 1977!** *Corpus Christi Parish is receiving \$29,081 in 2025 for Faith Formation Programs!*

BACEF increases the endowment by receiving legacy gifts, collecting memorial contributions, and conducting annual Foundation Sunday Fund Drives. This year, **Foundation Sunday is November 9**. We are counting on you for support again this year and thank you for your stewardship over our 50 years of service!

Please refer to our web page at <https://cfwnd.org/bacef> or scan our QR code to learn more about BACEF and to make a donation. Donations made out to BACEF can also be received into the collection at Mass or by mail to PO Box 1544, Bismarck, ND 58502.

*Please support:*

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY  
**Thanksgiving  
Outreach**

Annually, the Food Pantry distributes **Thanksgiving Meals and Food Boxes** for families in need, including all the Thanksgiving staples: turkey, stuffing, potatoes, buns, canned vegetables and fruit, a bakery pie, whipped topping, and more. Items are purchased to ensure every meal has the same items. Food Basket Sponsorships are set at \$15/person in the household:

\$15 / Family of 1  
\$30 / Family of 2  
\$45 / Family of 3  
\$60 / Family of 4



\$75 / Family of 5  
\$90 / Family of 6  
\$120 / Family of 8  
\$150 / Family of 10

To sponsor a meal at a given price point or make a monetary donation of any size, scan the QR code above or stop by the Parish Office.

***Donate now through Thanksgiving — every donation helps!***

We will also have our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** to restock the pantry shelves. Tables will be in the center of the Church November 22-30, or donate anytime in the Gathering Space.

• **Non-perishable food items:**

Peanut Butter (Regular size jars)	Pancake Mix & Syrup
Soup (Tomato, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable)	Hamburger Helper
Cream Soup (Chicken, Mushroom)	Pasta Noodles & Pasta Sauce
Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken)	Instant Potatoes
Canned Fruit & Canned Vegetables	
Cold Cereal	

• **Non-Food Items:**

Hand Soap / Dish Liquid / Laundry Soap  
Facial Tissues / Toilet Paper / Paper Towels  
Shampoo & Conditioner / Body Wash  
Personal Hygiene Products

*Give Thanks!*

Thanksgiving Mass  
Thursday, Nov. 27  
9:00 a.m.

*The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor*

Isaiah 61:1





***In Remembrance of our loved ones from the  
CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI  
Remembrance Mass ~ November 2, 2025 at 3:00***

<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
+Brian Berube	October 10, 2024	+Robert "Bob" DesRoches	May 4, 2025
+Florence Meier	October 15, 2024	+Delores Olson	May 12, 2025
+Gerald "Jerry" Ripplinger	October 15, 2024	+George Koenig	May 15, 2025
+Susan Erickson	October 20, 2024	+Howard Bier	May 16, 2025
+Dennis Abel	October 24, 2024	+Gazala Orah	May 16, 2025
+Virginia "Ginny" Jones	October 26, 2024	+Norita Kress	May 17, 2025
+Mary Knoll	October 31, 2024	+Esther Kysar	May 20, 2025
+Judith "Judy" Davis	November 6, 2024	+Joseph "Joe" Olheiser	June 7, 2025
+David Cervellino	November 12, 2024	+Frank Turman	June 16, 2025
+Ellen Patzman	November 17, 2024	+Ignatz "Iggie" Bosch	June 25, 2025
+Richard Schneider	November 26, 2024	+Scott Volkert	June 26, 2025
+McKenna Arso	November 27, 2024	+Alvin "Al" Emineth	July 7, 2025
+Francis "Frank" Cluett	December 17, 2024	+Robert "Bob" Schauer	July 7, 2025
+Sheryle Pearson	December 30, 2024	+Justin Zimmer	July 14, 2025
+Leo Silbernagel	January 10, 2025	+Matt Kraft	July 16, 2025
+Angeline "Angie" Geiger	January 13, 2025	+Jane Greer	July 22, 2025
+Ryan Berger	January 16, 2025	+Dale Ennen	August 1, 2025
+Odilia "Tillie" Becker	January 20, 2025	+Marie Renner	August 2, 2025
+Alvin Mehring	January 28, 2025	+Joseph "Joe" Schaff	August 5, 2025
+Marie "Jean" Antil	February 8, 2025	+Jason Schmidt	August 8, 2025
+Veronica "Sis" Jahner	February 10, 2025	+Helen Klepper	August 9, 2025
+Margaret Feist	February 11, 2025	+Teresa Seefeld	August 22, 2025
+Lorraine Steckler	February 11, 2025	+Robert "Bob" Bender	August 27, 2025
+Craig Koenig	February 20, 2025	+Jeanette "Jeanne" Kudrna	September 3, 2025
+Terry Staebell	March 13, 2025	+Dalphina Jangula Mittelstedt	September 7, 2025
+John Novak	March 15, 2025	+Marilyn Ripplinger	September 13, 2025
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***Eternal Rest, grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithfully departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.***

## Sunday, Oct 26, 2025

### Be who you are

“Do you know who I am?” That’s the question maître d’s, hotel clerks, even arresting officers occasionally receive from the celebrated and powerful among us whose sense of privilege and entitlement gets the best of them. Contrast that with the question Jesus asks his disciples about the word on the street, “Who do they say I am?” When they answer, “The Messiah,” Jesus swears them to silence. In the words of the 20th-century monk Thomas Merton: “Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.” Strive each day to be who you really are: “The salt of the earth” (Matt. 13-14).

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 (150). “Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness.”

## Monday, Oct 27, 2025

### How to keep it all straight

The synagogue leaders, upon seeing Jesus raise up a woman bent in two by years of infirmity, were indignant that Jesus had done this astonishing, good thing on the Sabbath, a day when it was forbidden to work. It seems that those who choose external compliance over compassion are more bent over—bent in upon themselves—than the woman whom Jesus bids, “Stand up.” Being a stand-up person sometimes means going against convention, expectation, and even laws. Choose a loving response even if it means bending the rules.

Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479). “Ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day?”

## Tuesday, Oct 28, 2025

### Fight the good fight

The Zealots, of which the apostle Simon was a member, were the radical and militant resistance to the Roman military occupation of Palestine in the first century. Today we would call them insurgents. Though Jude likely did not belong to the Zealots, the devotion that bears his name today is one of the most zealously fervent in the church. Both Simon and Jude, then, join with us in fighting against the oppression that would take away our hope. To that end we are invited to join our resources with organizations like the National Shrine of St. Jude and the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital to help carry on the fight.

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). “He called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose.”

## Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025

### Narrow your focus

Jesus speaks of entering salvation through the “narrow door.” Other translations refer to it as the “narrow gate.” Walled portions of Jerusalem contained some gates that were so narrow it was said a person would have trouble passing through them carrying much with them. Perhaps this image can help us consider why the path to salvation involves a narrow passage—we can’t carry anything with us to the other side; it’s only us, shorn of our props and possessions, and God. “We must detach ourselves from all,” says

Saint John of God, “for the all who is Jesus Christ, and we must trust him alone.” It might be a good idea to begin detaching from those possessions now.

Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 (481). “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter.”

## Thursday, Oct 30, 2025

### Everything leads back to the divine

For those times when God seems distant or absent, when people move through their day and don’t see signs of God anywhere, it’s easy to forget that God is behind it all. Yet even a world that feels more haunted rather than filled with God’s presence is still beloved creation—the expression of God’s overflowing love. A number of spiritual masters have suggested the practice of seeing God in all things. After all, if God really did create everything, it must be possible to find a string in every moment that leads back to the divine. Saint Paul, for one, was sure nothing in the universe could separate people from God. And why not? It all comes from the one who made it.

Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35 (482). “What will separate us from the love of Christ?”

## Friday, Oct 31, 2025

### Keep the conversation going

Despite his differences with the Pharisees, Jesus never stopped interacting with them, even going so far as to dine with them. And if they were not particularly open to his message, they at least were impressed enough to share a meal with him and hear him out. In an age where public differences of opinion, played out in front of the ever-present media, seem to descend to the level of insult and demonization, consider breaking bread with someone with whom you disagree. Though you will not settle all your differences, you may strengthen the things you have in common and allow for the lines of communication to remain open.

Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483). “On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees.”

## Saturday, Nov 01, 2025

### Shiny, happy people

Saints come from everywhere—small towns and big cities, local neighborhoods and faraway lands. They are men and women, old and young, laborers and professionals, humble folk and royalty. They wear medical uniforms, bishop miters, religious habits, worker shirts, farmer overalls, and beggar rags. They are the blessed of the gospel beatitudes, a word from the old Latin that means “happy.” One of them could be reading this page right now. It all depends on how blessedly happy you choose to be.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

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



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