

CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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*For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours,
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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
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Rev. Dinoy Rebera, Parochial Vicar 975-9818
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Cindy Anderst, Adult Formation 975-9810
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Sebastian Haboczki, Music Ministry..... 975-9806
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DEACONS: Bob Wingenbach, Brian Lardy, Michael Fix,
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PARISH SUPPORT STAFF

Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600
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Colleen Reinhardt, Food Pantry, Music Assoc.... 975-9807
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November 2, 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 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.

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

The origins of offering prayers for the dead is rooted further back in history than Catholicism. In Maccabees 2 (written about 100 years before Christ) you find one of the earliest statements that prayers (12:42) and sacrifices (12:43) for the dead are efficacious. From the beginning of the Church, the faithful gathered in the catacombs to offer Mass for the martyrs, and as early as the 3rd and 4th century, feast days were held in various places on different dates. As the number of martyrs became greater than the opportunities to give each one an anniversary, the need for a common feast day was acknowledged but wasn't officially recognized as "All Saints Day" until the 9th century when Pope Gregory IV assigned November 1 as the date of the feast throughout the Latin Church and proclaimed it a holy day of obligation. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls), evolved much later and is attributed to St. Odilo, the abbot at a Benedictine monastery in Cluny, France. Following the Rule of Benedict to "keep death daily before your eyes," Odilo encouraged the monks to pray for the souls of those who had died and were awaiting the joys of heaven.

In the Catholic Church, November is known as the month of the Holy Souls, and as your Pastor, I am celebrating the Masses this weekend to encourage everyone to pray for our deceased. In my homilies, I shared a personal story and reflected that even a dream can remind us to pray for our deceased. As I say in every funeral homily, our prayers are the way we continue to love our deceased. I also briefly shared a quote by +Pope Benedict XVI, which I'll share here: "I would go as far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God? And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong,' that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being."

Our Remembrance Mass is held on the Sunday closest to All Souls Day - which happens to land on All Souls this year. At this Mass, we remember the faithful departed from our parish over the last year (October-September) and it is a special way that we pray for our dead; it is a time of remembrance and a time of healing. For some, the Remembrance Mass comes a year after a loved one's passing and for others, only weeks. Some families were closeknit and this Mass is comforting and for others, they might have had a strained relationship, and the Remembrance Mass offers a time to heal. No matter the circumstance, something happens when we publicly say our loved one's names out loud. It is another reminder of the importance and gift of every life. I thank Tammy Schafer, and all those who assisted her in preparing for this beautiful liturgy; please join us if you are able - this Sunday, November 2, at 3:00 p.m.

Lastly, November is a good time to visit with your family and make your wishes known about what you want to happen at your funeral liturgy. Making a will and pre-planning is a process everyone should do but so is talking with your children and grandchildren about your wishes. If these conversations and plans don't take place, when you do pass, decisions are made and may not include your wishes.

~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 8-9	November 8, 2025		November 9, 2025		November 9, 2025			
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM			
					5:30 PM			
Hospitality	1	Mary Ann Grossman	1	Jason Krebsbach	1	Rita Mastel	1	Mary Nelson
	2	Evelyn Spangler	2	Abbie Krebsbach	2	Beverly Larson	2	
	3		3	Kort Krebsbach	3		3	
	4		4		4		4	
Ushers	1	Helen Berger	1	John Saiki	1	Nancy Haunz	1	Tim Rivinius
	2	Sam Theurer	2	George Simek	2	Dennis Mastel	2	Bernie Rivinius
	3	Derek Theurer	3	Pius Ternes	3	Chuck Holzer	3	
	4		4		4	Bernie Holzer	4	
			5					
Lectors	1	Nikki Ferderer	1	Francis Ziegler	1	Christine Elzenga	1	Christopher Knudson
	2	Heather Lundeen	2	David Klym	2	Rose Krukenberg	2	Bob Willenbring
Servers	1	Conner Lundeen	1	Carsten Schmidt	1		1	Everyn Knudson
	2	Chloe Lundeen	2	Warren Miller	2		2	Joelle Knudson
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	R-1	Carol Thompson	R-1	Gerard Mathern	R-1	LaVerne Kaufman	R-1	Tim Bohan
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	Bob Clooten	3	Dale Kasowski	3	Steven Mittelsteadt	3	Mary Nelson
	4	Sandy Wald Clooten	4	Pam Mathern	4	Rose Krukenberg	4	Margie Schiff
	5	Clare Auble	5	Jerome Werlinger	5	Cec Reetz	5	
	6	Heather Lundeen	6	Danell Becker	6	Kathy Feist	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8	Connie Kalanek	8	Virginia Torkelson	8	Gary Feist	8	
	9		9	Ron Torkelson	9	Karen Stahl	11	
	10		10		10		12	
	11				11			
At 4:00*	D12				12			
	LG		LG	Mary Kasowski	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., Nov. 3 (12:10 p.m.) - †Dale & †Dean Schmaltz

Tues., Nov. 4 (12:10 p.m.) - †Julius Vetter

Wed., Nov. 5 - Collective Intention

(12:10 p.m.) - †Veronica Jahner

†Karen Preskey Glover

†Jane Greer

Thurs., Nov. 6 (12:10 p.m.) - †Joe Zahradka

Fri., Nov. 7 (12:10 p.m.) - †Bobbie Schauer

Sat., Nov. 8 (4:00 p.m.) - †Leo & †Eva Roehrich

Sun., Nov. 9 (8:30 a.m.) - †Orvin & †Bernadette Engelhard

(10:45 a.m.) - †Leo & †Julia Mattern

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



Food for the Soul

Tuesday, November 4

5:30 p.m. in the Community Room

... November's meal ("Thanksgiving") will be provided and is not a potluck.

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.

"Serving those who Serve"

Special Collection ~ November 8 & 9

National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS), USA

- Envelopes are available at the church entrances
- Scan the QR Code (click the gold "give" box under the search icon)



This collection is approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and is taken up every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,470 households)	
Adult Envelopes (266 Envelopes)	\$19,459.61
Youth Envelopes	\$388.95
Total Received (Oct 26)	\$19,848.56
1 st Sunday Oct 5	\$18,678.16
Online Giving Week (Sept 29 - Oct 5)	\$8,720.00
Electronic Contributions (Oct 5)	\$12,943.68
2 nd Sunday Oct 12	\$18,322.88
Online Giving Week (Oct 6-12)	\$5,185.00
3 rd Sunday Oct 19	\$15,970.60
Online Giving Week (Oct 13-21)	\$7,000.00
Electronic Contributions (Oct 20)	\$12,943.68
4 th Sunday Oct 26	\$19,848.56
Online Giving Week (Oct 22-28)	\$3,756.00

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

Stewardship Thoughts: • Sharing of our talents arises from the fact that God has given each of us the ability and gifts to do certain things well, and we are to develop those talents for the good of others. • Don't give away your hard-earned estate dollars through taxes and other administrative costs by not having a valid up-to-date will. Your will simply and legally provides a plan for distributing your hard-earned estate. • The Bismarck Diocese has secured FreeWill, an online service that makes it simple and free to create your own will. Visit www.freewill.com/bismarckdiocese and from the convenience of your home you create a will and you print it out and have your signature witnessed by a notary public. If you have any questions, contact the Bismarck Diocese: Ron Schatz, 701-204-7202 or Bryan Winterberg, 701-415-0399.



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

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.

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH 2025

*"The Lord has anointed **ME** to bring good news to the poor..." Isaiah 61:1*



Thanksgiving Food Basket Sponsorship

Sponsor a local family in need:

\$15 / Family of 1		\$75 / Family of 5
\$30 / Family of 2		\$90 / Family of 6
\$45 / Family of 3		\$120 / Family of 8
\$60 / Family of 4		\$150 / Family of 10

Scan the QR Code or visit www.corpuschristibismarck.com

Monetary donations, in any amount, are welcome now - or at any time.

Did you know? Last year we distributed 190 Thanksgiving Baskets and there is greater need in 2025. Please help as you are able.

Every donation helps!



Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 22 - 30

The annual Thanksgiving Food Drive (when items are placed in the center of the Church) is scheduled for November 22-30.

The following items are especially needed:

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

Non-Food items are appreciated also:

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

THANK YOU for supporting the Food Pantry!



This week's Food Pantry Needs:

- 1 lb bag of rice
- Cold Cereal
- Instant Potatoes

What's Going on at Corpus Christi this Week

- Sun. 11/2** Faith Formation **Group A**, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Remembrance Mass, 3:00 p.m.
** This Mass fulfills the Sunday Obligation **
SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140
- Mon. 11/3** Family Table, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Faith Formation **Group B**, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
OCIA, 7:00-9:00 p.m., South Hospitality Room
- Tues. 11/4** Caring Hearts 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 **Group A**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- Wed. 11/5** KC Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life, 11:30 a.m., Church
Family Table, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Faith Formation **Group E**, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Middle School Faith Formation (**6-7-8**), 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Sun. 11/9** 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

High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, Nov. 2: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Topic: Game Night / Life Size Clue

Middle School (Grades 6-7-8)

Wednesday, Nov 5: No Youth Ministry -
Middle School Faith Formation Night

Summer Trip Registration is NOW OPEN for all high schoolers (entering freshmen through exiting seniors). We will be going to Restore Mission Camp, offered by Life Teen in St. Louis, MO, and attending the Steubenville Conference in Rochester, MN. We have limited spots to attend, so register soon! Registration links can be found on the wall slides, website, or on cards in the youth room. Fundraising opportunities will be posted soon! Please contact Cole Jones with questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

November 9 & 23 - 10:45 a.m. Mass

Lessons are geared for preK - 2nd Grade.

No registration required.



thank you sew much!

On behalf of *The Caring Hearts Quilters*, thank you for your support of the annual Quilt Sale! • Proceeds of the sale are used throughout the year to purchase supplies (example: batting) and the group makes

monetary donations to area charitable organizations (like the Corpus Christi Food Pantry!) They also donate quilts, pillowcases and pillowforms throughout the community. • If you like to quilt, you are welcome to join. • They meet on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. • The quilters accept donations of quilting materials. • For questions, contact Cec Reetz, 391-6520.

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.

The University of Mary invites you to its annual **Prayer Day** on Wednesday, November 12, beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Keynote Concert at 10:00 a.m. Both in Our Lady of the Annunciation Chapel. We are thrilled to welcome Floriani, a men's sacred music group, to campus this year. Floriani will offer a concert at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady of the Annunciation Chapel where a free will offering will be accepted, and at 9:00 p.m., Floriani will host "Grog and Song" at Chesterton's Pub at the University of Mary for a night of singing songs and enjoying free beer and soft drinks. All ages are welcome to "Grog and Song," but please bring state-issued IDs for age verification. More information and registration can be found at www.umary.edu/prayerday with a complimentary lunch for pre-registered guests. Please join the University of Mary community for this event!

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.

Knights of Columbus News & Events:

Congratulations, October Knight of the Month: Mark Gaydos

Wed., November 5: Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life, 11:30 a.m.

Tues., November 11: Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Light of Christ Catholic Schools

• 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.

Turkey Bingo: The Saint Anne's Knights of Columbus is hosting their annual Turkey Bingo on November 16, 2:00-4:30 p.m. in the Saint Anne School gym (*use the south gym door*). At least 30 games will be played. Proceeds will benefit the local soup kitchen and Ministry on the Margins. There will also be a bake sale on after all weekend Masses, Novmeber 15 & 16.

The public is invited to attend the annual

Mass for Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons

celebrated by Bishop Kagan on Monday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck.

This Mass honors members of the clergy who have passed away.

Bismarck Catholic Daughters will host Home on the Range at the next meeting on Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. **[Please note the date change].** Guests are invited, come hear what is new at HOTR! For more information, contact Karen: 527-4203.



November 9th is BACEF Sunday!

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.

BACEF:

Supporting parish Faith Formation Programs!



Sunday, Nov 02, 2025

An endless supply of grace

When we pray the Hail Mary, we ask for the help of Mary our Mother at two crucial moments of our lives: “now, and at the hour of our death.” Now is an important occasion because it is the time of decision. The hour of our death is critical because it’s the last moment over which we exercise our will. When we pray for the dead, today and every day, we come to the spiritual assistance of those who can no longer help themselves. We can rest assured that one day the church will be supplying us with the same grace.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS’ DAY)

Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40 (668). *“The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.”*

Monday, Nov 03, 2025

An all-access party

In the neighborhood lives an elderly man who’s had a record five strokes. Each has taken a little piece of his ability and freedom away. He gets along with a small army of friends and assistants who come in a few hours at a time to care for him. But the one thing he really wants is to for someone to take him out to lunch. No one wants that responsibility. The inconvenience of lifting a disabled fellow in and out of a car seems too great. When Jesus throws a banquet, however, folks like that elderly neighbor are at the top of the list. That is why great spiritual masters, such as Saint Benedict, place special emphasis on attending to the infirm. Saint Benedict writes in his *Rule*: “Care of the sick must rank above and before all else.” Why? Because Jesus said, “What you did for one of these least, you did for me.”

Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 (485). *“When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.”*

Tuesday, Nov 04, 2025

Spirited actions

As the Council of Trent tried to reform questionable practices in the church, Borromeo believed that if laypeople were being asked to uphold a higher moral standard, clergy needed to set the example and renew their apostolic spirit. He gave generously from church wealth to charity, and during the plague and famine that struck Milan in 1576, while civil authorities fled and to the detriment of his own health, Borromeo stayed and ministered to the sick and dying, borrowing large sums of money that required years to repay. Every generation is called to renew that same apostolic spirit. What does your service to the gospel look like?

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP

Romans 12:5-16ab; Luke 14:15-24 (486). *“We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them.”*

Wednesday, Nov 05, 2025

Negatives outweighed

When Jesus talks about being his disciple, he warns us that the road will be difficult and rocky. Instead of looking at Christ’s words in a negative way, consider what is driving you toward discipleship in the first place. As Saint John Paul II explains: “It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.” Call to mind the

positive effects of your discipleship—true happiness, joy, and peace—during the hard roads you will travel on your spiritual journey.

Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). *“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”*

Thursday, Nov 06, 2025

Join the search party

Scripture speaks of the rejoicing that goes on in heaven when a lost soul is found. Apparently, God does not like to lose. As Pope Francis put it: “God is not a good loser.” God will search for us. “God has a certain loving weakness for those who are furthest away, who are lost,” says Francis, who goes on to say in a 2013 sermon that when God brings the lost sheep back to the fold, we shouldn’t say, “you are lost,” but rather that “you are one of us,” because this returns “dignity to the lost sheep.” The world is filled with lost souls; what is needed is a larger supply of those willing to join the search party. Start with a prayer for the sake of one person, which may end up saving a multitude of others.

Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10 (488). *“Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.”*

Friday, Nov 07, 2025

Fill in the gaps

We humans are hard-wired to focus our attention on the object in front of us: the oncoming car, the apples we are slicing for pie, the words on a page. Yet also worthy of our notice is the space between those things, which is captured in the German term *Zwischenraum*. *Zwischenraum* refers to the interval between objects or concepts: the gaps between the pickets of a fence, the bare branches of a winter tree, the pauses in music or conversation. These spaces often go unnoticed, yet they are essential. They give form to what surrounds them and shape our perception by offering contrast. Learning to notice the *Zwischenraum* can help us remember that we often only focus on part of the truth of our lives. If we pay close attention, we may begin to glimpse the profound reality that holds all things together and creates meaning: the presence of God.

Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). *“Those who have never been told of him shall see.”*

Saturday, Nov 08, 2025

Who or what is at your service?

The Gospel of Luke often treats money with suspicion, likely because of how easily it can be accumulated and used to exploit others. But not entirely. As Saint John Chrysostom instructs: “Wealth and poverty are neither good nor evil in themselves. They become either good or evil from the will of those who use them.” Every Christian must ask themselves how they value money. Is it your master? Or is God your master? “If you use your wealth for the purposes of philanthropy,” says Saint John, “the thing becomes the foundation of good. But if you use it for robbery, greed and insolence, you turn the use of it to the direct opposite.” Take time today to consider how you make and spend money and whether your actions ultimately serve God’s purposes.

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *“You cannot serve God and mammon.”*

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



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Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

November 2025

Church of Corpus Christi

One Minute Meditations

St. Albert the Great

Possibly one of the Church's greatest intellectuals, St. Albert was the eldest son of a powerful German military official. Despite opposition from his family, he joined the Dominican Order. Being well educated, St. Albert desired to make all the learning of the East available to the Latin-speaking West. He earned his doctorate at the University of Paris in 1245 and taught at Paris and Cologne. He is best known as the master of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Praying for the dead

Catholics see Purgatory as an expression of God's mercy — a place where souls who die in His grace, but need further purification, are prepared for Heaven. This month, we pray for our departed loved ones, asking God to bring them quickly into His presence.

One tradition is to request a Mass on the anniversary of a loved one's death. If that soul is already in Heaven, the graces benefit others still in need. In God's mercy, nothing is ever wasted.

"Forgiveness comes...through the soul's desire to be united to me [i.e., to God], the infinite Good, according to the measure of love attained by the recipient's desire and prayer. A person receives as much of my goodness as he gives to me." St. Catherine of Siena, *The Dialogue*

Christ as King of our hearts

When we proclaim, "Christ is King," we're not making a poetic or symbolic statement. We're declaring a truth that shapes every part of our lives. To live under Christ's rule is to give Him authority over what we believe, how we worship, how we act, and how we spend our time.

What we believe: At the center of our faith is a relationship. Knowing Jesus personally — through the Gospels, through prayer, through the lives of the saints — transforms abstract belief into living faith. When someone asks, "Why are you Catholic?" our answer should come from experience, not just theology.

How we worship: Imagine a king hosting a free, lavish banquet every week for all his subjects. Every Sunday, we're invited to a banquet — not of food, but of grace. To say, "Christ is King" is to obey His words: "*Do this in remembrance of me*" (Luke 22:19). The

Mass is not just a weekly routine; it's a divine encounter.

How we act: Our actions, especially the small ones, speak volumes. Reverence, patience, honesty, integrity,

"You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth."
John 18:37

and generosity are everyday ways of making Christ visible through us. These aren't just virtues — they're signs of loyalty to our true King.

How we spend our time: Daily prayer proclaims that Christ reigns not only over Sunday, but over our entire lives. Whether prayer feels powerful or dry, it anchors us in Him. No time given to Christ is ever wasted.

To say "Christ is King" is to surrender everything to Him. It's a declaration that He reigns not just in Heaven, but here, now, in us.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). This "temporal punishment" refers to the purification the soul undergoes before entering Heaven.

The power of indulgences flows from Christ's sacrifice and is applied through

Why does the Church offer indulgences?

the merits of the saints and prayers of the Church. Indulgences are not shortcuts to Heaven or "free passes"; they require repentance and conversion of heart.

To obtain an indulgence, conditions must be met: sacramental Confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, and performance of the indulgenced act.

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21)

There’s a common lesson in driver’s education: “Your vehicle goes where your eyes go.” Spiritually, the same is true — our lives follow what we focus on. What we treasure most lays claim to our hearts. The challenge is to set our hearts on what truly lasts.

“You cannot serve two masters” (Matthew 6:24). What treasure do you set your heart on? A desire for holiness requires us to examine how we live day to day. Are we cultivating trust in God, or grasping for control? Realignment often begins with small, intentional acts: spending time in prayer instead of mindless scrolling; reading the Gospel before the news; choosing simplicity over indulgence and

giving generously to those in need. These are daily decisions that reflect where our heart truly lies.

Trust instead of worrying. Jesus does not condemn wealth, hard work, or responsible planning. Instead, He calls us to live as sons and daughters of God. That means trusting His love, accepting His timing, and offering our lives in service to His Kingdom. Ask yourself: Do I invite God into my decisions, or do I act alone? Am I content to wait on His timing, or do I insist on my own?

When we prioritize the things of God, we invest in a treasure that does not fade — one that shapes who we are now, and endures into eternity.

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Matthew 24:37-44, Preparing hearts for Christ’s coming

In this Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us that we do not know the day or the hour when He will come for us. “*At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*” His message is clear: live each day prepared to meet Him.

Next month, we celebrate His first coming at Christmas. But Christ will come again — at our death, and at the end of time. Advent invites us to ask: “What must I do to be ready?”

Begin by striving to remain in a state of grace. If you are aware of having committed mortal sin, seek God’s mercy without delay through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you are not conscious of serious sin,

aim to go to Confession regularly — every four to six weeks, if possible. Examine your conscience honestly, and choose one or two areas of sin to actively work on.

Attend Sunday Mass faithfully, make more time for prayer, and look for opportunities to serve others with love and humility. These practices not only prepare us to welcome Christ when we finally meet Him face-to-face, but they also draw us closer to Him now.

When Christmas arrives, may you greet the Lord not with fear, but with joy — knowing your heart is open, your hands are ready, and your soul is at peace.

Feasts & Celebrations

November 2 – All Souls Day. On this day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo (1584). Born into a wealthy family in 1538 in Lombardy, Italy, St. Charles was chosen for the priesthood to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Giovanni Angelo de Medici, the future Pope Pius IV. After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, Charles was named cardinal and bishop of Milan. He worked to reform his diocese of

corruption and cared for the poor and sick when a plague struck Milan.

November 23 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. God promised his people a king who would be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King, who triumphed over the enemies of sin and death. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah’s birth, remembering the time when He was awaited. During Advent we also look forward to Christ’s reign and His coming on the Last Day. We light candles in an Advent wreath each night of the season to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.

Q & A Do Catholics practice tithing?

Tithing is the practice of giving ten percent of your income to the Church. In fact, the word itself comes from an Old English word meaning, “one-tenth.” It was based on Jewish tradition in the Old Testament and its first recorded practice was Abraham’s offering of a tenth of all he had as a “thank offering” to God for his victory in battle (Genesis 14:18-20). It’s still practiced by the Mormon Church.

The Catholic Church does not require tithing; there is no “fixed sum” that God requires of us. Catholics are, however, required to support the material needs of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2043). How much — or little — is between you and God and in light of the needs of your state in life.

Money isn’t the only way to support your parish, diocese, or the Church. Giving of your time to volunteer in your parish, donating some of what you don’t need to the poor, and even devoting prayers specifically for the needs of your parish priests are all praiseworthy ways to give back.

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