

CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday ~ 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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
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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

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



January 4, 2026

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

As we wrap up the Christmas Season after its twelve days with this Feast of Epiphany, *Happy New Year 2026!* The word epiphany means *manifestation*, and the visit of the three kings - the Magi - marks the first of three *manifestations*, or the 'showing' of Jesus to the world. Today, Jesus is *manifest* as priest, prophet, and king, and made known to the Gentiles - to us. The Baptism of our Lord and the Wedding Feast at Cana are the other two *manifestations* that will follow.

As the kings brought their gifts, on behalf of all of the priests in the rectory, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many gifts you have given us over the Christmas Season and throughout the year. Thank you for your kindness and love for us, as we pray for our Lord's blessing upon you all and your homes. (*Annual Epiphany Home Blessing below - cut it out and hang it above your main entryway door.*) As a reminder, and as I was asked this past week, year-end gifts were to be dated and postmarked by December 31 per the IRS. As they arrive in the mail, we will accept those checks dated and postmarked by December 31, through January 5th before closing out the calendar year.

~Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick Schumacher



Epiphany Home Blessing

20 + C + M + B + 26

It is customary for the faithful to bless their homes on the Epiphany. The digits designate the new year and the letters C M B represent Casper, Melchior and Balthazar, the traditional names of the Magi, and signify the Latin Prayer *Christus Mansionem Benedicat: May Christ Bless this Home!*

Bless, O Lord God Almighty, this home. That in this home may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May this blessing remain upon this home and all who dwell herein. Amen.

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 10-11	January 10, 2026		January 11, 2026		January 11, 2026		January 11, 2026	
	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		2	
	3		3	Kort Krebsbach	3		3	
	4		4		4		4	
Ushers	1	Helen Berger*	1	George Simek	1	Chuck Holzer*	1	Tim Rivinius
	2	Sam Theurer	2	Pius Ternes	2	Bernie Holzer	2	Bernie Rivinius
	3	Derek Theurer	3	John Saiki	3	Dennis Mastel	3	
	4		4		4	Phil Kambeltz	4	
Lectors	1	Sarah Bengtson	1	Timothy Click	1	Rose Kruckenbergl	1	Bob Willenbring
	2	Joyce Hinman	2	David Klym	2		2	Christopher Knudson
Servers	1	Olivia Lundeen	1	Carsten Schmidt	1	Ben Miller	1	Kyan Knudson
	2	Conner Lundeen	2	Warren Miller	2	Jake Miller	2	Everyn 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	Steven Mittelsteadt	R-1	Tim Bohan
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	Bob Clooten	3	Pam Mathern	3	Gary Feist	3	Margie Schiff
	4	Sandy Wald-Clooten	4	Jerome Werlinger	4	LaVerne Kaufman	4	Mary Nelson
	5	Clare Auble	5	Tammy Heick	5	Kathryn Feist	5	
	6	Heather Lundeen	6	Mike Hilbert	6	Karen Stahl	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
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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 & Holidays as Scheduled

Weekly Mass Intentions

Mon., Jan. 5 (12:10 p.m.) - *Corpus Christi Staff*

Tues., Jan. 6 (12:10 p.m.) - *†LaVerne Eckley*

Wed., Jan. 7 (12:10 p.m.) - *Collective Intention*

Don Mrachek

†Jerry Feist

†Doug Davison

Thurs., Jan. 8 (12:10 p.m.) - *†Rod Schmidt*

Fri., Jan. 9 (12:10 p.m.) - *†Kathy Knudson*

Sat., Jan 10 (4:00 p.m.) - *†Martin & †Margaret Deibert*

Sun., Jan 11 (8:30 a.m.) - *†Orvin & †Bernadette Engelhard*

(10:45 a.m.) - *†Jim Kostelecky*

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

New Year's Resolutions by Catholic Leaders:

(From a list originally published in 2024 by Our Sunday Visitor)

Cardinal Dolan: "First thing to start every day: The Sign of the Cross! The first thing to start every week: Sunday Mass!"

Immaculee Ilibagiza: "Make a friend of a saint and try to imitate their virtues."

Jen Fulwiler: "Dress to the nines when you go to Mass. The process of putting on your best clothes gets you into a different mindset."

Fr. Leo E. Patalinghug: "Make a monthly priority to go to confession and (at least monthly) adoration before the Blessed Sacrament."

Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly: "Fast from negativity. Seek a way each day to say or do something that builds unity and charity in Christ."



Thank You

Christmas Flower Collection

Thank you for your participation in this year's collection, which assisted with the purchase of poinsettias, spuce pots, tree skirting, ornaments, and other seasonal decor. Look for the list of memorials/honorariums in the January 11 bulletin.

Environment Committee

Thank you for your work in preparing the Church for Advent and Christmas! Your work is appreciated!

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,470 households)	
Adult Envelopes (224 Envelopes)	\$16,979.18
Youth Envelopes	\$306.70
Total Received (Dec. 28)	\$17,285.88
1 st Sunday Dec. 7	\$17,569.85
Online Giving Week (Dec. 1-7)	\$8,440.00
Immaculate Conception - Holy Day	\$2,889.55
Electronic Contributions (Dec. 5)	\$13,073.68
2 nd Sunday Dec. 14	\$24,843.07
Online Giving Week (Dec. 8-14)	\$5,255.00
3 rd Sunday Dec. 21	\$18,333.62
Online Giving Week (Dec. 15-21)	\$6,985.00
Electronic Contributions (Dec. 20)	\$10,110.68
Nativity of our Lord Jesus - Christmas . . .	\$24,663.52
4 th Sunday Dec. 28	\$17,285.88
Online Giving Week (Dec. 22-28)	\$3,858.15



Thank you for supporting the Church of Corpus Christi ~ your generosity and stewardship

Stewardship Thoughts:

- Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.
- Do for others with no desire of returned favors. We all should plant some trees we'll never sit under.
- Do you have a will? Make it a resolution in 2026 to do it!

Corpus Christi MyParish App:

Text the word **App** to **55321**.

Stay in touch with Corpus Christi and engaged in your faith!



This week's Food Pantry Needs:

- Hamburger Helper
- Cold Cereal
- Instant Potatoes



Christmas Outreach:

Thank you for supporting the 2025 Corpus Christi Christmas Outreach Program! 234 Christmas Food Baskets & 606 Christmas Gifts were distributed on December 22. We are very grateful for your generosity!



Jesus awaits in the Blessed Sacrament!

We are in need of additional Adorers

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Tuesday, immediately following the 12:10 p.m. Mass until Benediction at 7:00 pm.
- Sign up for a 30-minute slot. For a "Holy Hour," sign up for two consecutive slots.
- Please call Tracy Kraft at the Parish Office, 975-9803, to commit to an Adoration time.

KC Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 4
9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Parish Hall
Everyone is invited!

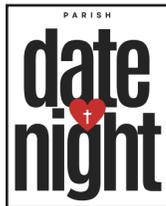


KC Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.

Did you know that you can listen to homilies from previous Masses?

- Click on the Homily Podcast button on the homepage at www.corpuschristibismarck.com.
- Click on the Homilies icon on the Corpus Christi MyParish App.



Parish Date Night

• For couples of all ages

- Dating - Engaged - Married yesterday or 50 years ago!
- 3 Parish Date Night Events (Fall - Winter - Spring) • 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Delicious food, great conversation, and quality time together.
- Registration (\$10/couple) is required for food preparation.
- Questions or want to help? Contact Melanie Konieczka, 975-9809.



Don't miss it!

Friday, January 9 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Register by January 7 - Scan the QR Code.
Kick off 2026 with a great night as a couple!

Praise & Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration with Praise & Worship Music

Friday, January 9
8:00 p.m.

All are invited!



Emmaus Young Adults

Friday, January 9

Open to anyone ages 21-39.



8:00 p.m. Praise & Adoration
8:45 p.m. Late Night

What's Going on at Corpus Christi this Week

- Sun. 1/4** KC Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
No SNAC
- Mon. 1/5** OCIA, 7:00-9:00 p.m., South Hospitality Room
- Tues. 1/6** 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
- Wed. 1/7** 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 Faith Formation (**Grades 6-7-8**), 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Fri. 1/9** Parish Date Night, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Parish Hall (**Register by 1/7**)
Praise and Adoration, 8:00 p.m., Church
Emmaus Young Adults, 8:45-10:00 p.m.
- Sun. 1/11** Faith Formation **Group A**, 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, January 4: No SNAC
Next meeting ~ Sunday, January 11

Middle School (Grades 6-7-8)

Next meeting ~ Wednesday, January 14



Children's Liturgy of the Word

January 11 & 25 - 10:45 a.m. Mass

Lessons are geared for preK - 2nd Grade.

No registration required.



Search for Christian Maturity is a weekend retreat experience which provides youth an opportunity to dive deeper into their faith. The weekends are for high school or college age persons at least 15 years old. The program is both rooted in the Catholic faith and open to young people of any denomination or creed. Search weekends are held at the Badlands Ministries Camp, south of Medora. Cost for the weekend is \$75. Partial scholarships are available. Upcoming weekends are:

2026 ~ January 16-18, March 6-8, April 17-19.

Register at bismarckdiocese.com/search1.

Corpus Christi will assist with the registration cost for *registered parish members* attending their *first* Search weekend. Contact Tracy Kraft at the Parish Office when you register.



Food for the Soul

Tuesday, January 6
5:30 p.m.

Community Room

Cooking and eating alone after the loss of a spouse can be called the "6th Stage of Grief." *Food for the Soul* is a once-a-month gathering/potluck meal for those who have lost a spouse. For more information, please contact Tammy Schafer at 701-255-4600. No RSVP is needed.

Do you like to cook? Diocesan Job Opportunity

The Bismarck Diocese has an opening for an **As-Needed Cook** (average 12/month) at Emmaus Place, a priest retirement facility in Bismarck. This position offers a competitive wage and is on an as-needed basis when there are scheduling conflicts with our full-time and part-time cooks. Job duties include grocery shopping, preparing, and serving meals for the residents, and clean-up. Must possess a valid driver's license and be able to lift and carry 20 pounds. Prior cooking knowledge and experience is desirable. All offers of employment are pending a clear background check and reference check. If interested, please contact Kim Kleinknecht, the coordinator of Priest Services for Emmaus Place: kkleinknecht@bismarckdiocese.com or 701-258-2618.

Fearless Documentary: The Encounter School of Ministry Bismarck Campus invites you to a free public showing of the documentary *Fearless*, which highlights the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of disciples, on Thursday, January 8 at the Heritage Center Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the film begins at 7:00 p.m. (*Runtime is 1 hour 13 minutes.*) All are welcome. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/Zw6xeZmpbTLofUkD6>. For more information about the Bismarck Campus, visit www.encounterschool.org/bismarck.

Have you moved?

Are you a snowbird - or plan to be "temporarily away"?

Have you dropped your land-line?

Have you changed your cell number?

Do you have a new email?

Kindly notify the Parish Office of any/all contact changes by calling staff member, Colleen Reinhardt, 975-9807.



"The one who sings, prays twice" - St. Augustine

Do you have a love for music? New members are always welcome! Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For information about the Music Ministry program, contact Sebastian Haboczki, 701-945-9806.

Bismarck Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:30pm at Cathedral. Guests are welcome. For more information, visit bismarckcda.org or call Karen at 527-4203.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CONTESTS & PROGRAMS:

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting several Christmas youth program contests to put our faith in action. The program contests include: **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**, **Culture of Life Poster Contest**, **Christmas Coloring Contest**, the **State Council Youth Essay Contest** and **State Council Scholarship**. Contest deadline is **January 12**. Each contest includes awards at the Council and State level ranging from certificates to monetary awards. Information for each contest is available on the Corpus Christi website, at the Knights of Columbus page link at <https://corpuschristibismarck.com/knights-of-columbus>. Contact Mark Gaydos, 701-214-0777 with any questions.



St. Mary's Carnival

January 30 - 31 & February 1, 2026

• **Corpus Christi Carnival Parish Representatives Needed!** Parish Representatives work with the Midway Chair and other Parish Reps on setup, volunteer direction, and smooth operation of the Carnival from

Wednesday - Sunday. We encourage multiple reps per parish! Splitting the duties significantly reduces the time needed from any single individual, making the total commitment manageable and enjoyable. Thank you for considering this opportunity to represent our parish! *For questions or more details, please contact Tammy Heick: 701.226.7069 or tammyheick@gmail.com.*

• **NEW silent and live auction items or gift cards** can now be donated. *For more details, contact John Herold, 701-751-8719, or email jherold@lightofchristsschools.org.*

• **Raffle Tickets have been mailed!** *Please support the annual raffle!*

There's a variety of ways you can help with the Carnival:

• **Volunteer!** lightofchristsschools.org/carnival

• **Saints Hair & Jewelry Boutique:** New or gently used jewelry or purses may be dropped off at St. Mary's Academy (Door 4) or Ascension Parish Office. Contact: Rita Ritter, 701-226-2882.

• **Auction Items:** Donate NEW merchandise, certificates, gift baskets. Contact: John Herold, 701-226-1236. Live auction items (concert/game tickets, getaways, etc.) are also appreciated. Contact: Kate Bleth, 701-354-1226

• **Baked Goods:** Breads, pies, muffins, bars, cookies, fudge, caramels, snack mixes can be dropped off in Room 201 beginning Friday, Jan. 30 at noon 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, Jan 30 and throughout the weekend.

• **Used Books:** Beginning Sunday, January 25, there will be a trailer in the St. Mary's Academy lower parking lot for the drop-off of books throughout the week.

Time for an important New Year's Resolution

Do you have a will written?

If not, here is an easy and FREE way to get one written.

The Bismarck Diocese has secured **FreeWill**, an online service that makes it simple and free to create your own will. All you have to do is click on this link: www.freewill.com/bismarckdiocese. From the convenience of your own home, you select your own username and then start typing in your information. In about 20 minutes, you are done. Once you are finished, you simply print out your will, then have your signature witnessed by a notary public. *If you have any questions, please contact the Bismarck Diocese: Ron Schatz, (701) 204-7202, rschatz@bismarckdiocese.com or Bryan Winterberg, (701) 415-0399, bwinterberg@bismarckdiocese.com.*

Sunday, Jan 04, 2026

Give a warm welcome

America was once renowned as the land where people could come to breathe freely. The country was less settled then—but can feel quite crowded now, depending on where you're living. The planet's resources are scarcer and the natural environment more endangered. Still, Isaiah's prophecy and the gospel both remind us of the considerable gift that migrant people bring with them. Whether king or commoner, each person offers what they have to make the dynamic community that is the United States. Let's welcome the newcomer and remember that the infant Jesus was once a migrant, too.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20).

"Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you."

Monday, Jan 05, 2026

Surrender to God's will

At St. Alphonsus Church in downtown Baltimore you can visit the parish where Saint John Neumann served before he became a bishop. You can even step into his austere bedroom where a bed, tiny desk, kneeler, and picture of the Madonna make up his belongings. Simplicity was his obsession; becoming the bishop of Philadelphia certainly didn't fit into that plan. Yet he embraced his office and took on the task of serving the burgeoning immigrant church by learning 10 languages and doing what was best for the people he served and loved. When God speaks to you, try the gentle path of surrender.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212). *"We receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him."*

Tuesday, Jan 06, 2026

Love begets love

A prayer to André Bessette, a brother of the Holy Cross order who spent a lifetime counseling and praying for people from his desk at the entrance to his community's residence in Montreal, says: "Grant us the grace to imitate his piety and charity so that, with him, we may share the reward promised to all those who care for their neighbor because of their love for you." Love comes from God, and we love others because we love God and find God's love in our love for others. Speaking of poor people, but in words that describe all Christian love, Catholic Worker cofounder Dorothy Day once said we start by loving the poor for Jesus but we soon love them for themselves and see each one to be special. Today, find God in others and others in God.

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213). *"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God."*

Wednesday, Jan 07, 2026

Soften your heart

How often have you walked down a street, looking down at the sidewalk or your phone, and not noticed a tree, or a sign, or even an entire building? When you finally notice it, you wonder how you could have missed it all this time. This phenomenon of not seeing what is right in front of us is not uncommon, nor is it limited to the physical realm. We are often blind to spiritual realities as well.

When this happens, we know our hearts are "hardened." What does it take to soften our hearts so that we can perceive the love that surrounds and permeates us every moment of every day? It begins with desire, which forms an intention, which evolves into practice, which turns into prayer, which relies on God. Consider this prayer from Sister Marianne Cope, O.S.F. for inspiration: "Let us make best use of the fleeting moments. They will not return."

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214). *"They had not understood the incident of the loaves. On the contrary, their hearts were hardened."*

Thursday, Jan 08, 2026

The ABCs of the human heart

Did Jesus know how to read? You may think that a strange question—various scripture passages say he did, and how could he not be able to do something that most schoolchildren in the United States today have learned by the age of 6 or 7? But for most of recorded history, being able to read and write was reserved to a small, elite segment of society. In the Roman Empire at the time Jesus lived, estimates say that only 3-10 percent of the population was literate. Judaism has always emphasized reading and study of the Torah, however, so it should not surprise us that Jesus likely could read—he certainly read the human heart with complete understanding. What does he find written on your heart?

1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22 (215). *"He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah."*

Friday, Jan 09, 2026

Some rules are meant to be broken

Why, when Jesus heals a leper, does he always tell the person not to say anything to anybody? Perhaps it is because the Lord broke a rule there. You see, according to the law of Moses, he wasn't supposed to touch the leper. But he did. Jesus broke a lot of rules. That's why he got into so much trouble. But Jesus was concerned with following God's laws, not humanity's, and such obedience, as Saint Philip Neri says, "is a shortcut to perfection." Jesus pointed out that the law was made for the sake of people, not the other way around. Mercy and compassion always manage to break a few rules.

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216). *"He ordered him not to tell anyone."*

Saturday, Jan 10, 2026

Do your groundwork

If you came to Earth from outer space, the sheer amount of teaching on chastity—the virtue of expressing sexuality appropriately—would convince you that it's the one non-negotiable item on your spiritual checklist. While chastity is essential, *humility* is the fundamental virtue upon which a holy life is based. Humility comes from the word *humus*, earth or ground. It reminds us that we're dust—or "not the Christ," as John the Baptist famously put it. As we decrease in centrality, God and others increase. Start from this "ground" and work your way up.

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217). *"John answered ... 'So this joy of mine has been made complete. He must increase; I must decrease.'"*

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



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75th Anniversary CARNIVAL

Join us for the 75th Annual St. Mary's Carnival in 2026!

Jan. 30, 31 & Feb. 1

Traditional Carnival Location - St. Mary's Academy - 1025 N 2nd Street

BUY A RAFFLE TICKET!

GRAND PRIZE:

2026 GMC Terrain AWD Elevation Plus \$8,500 in Cash Prizes!

Raffle Drawing - Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2pm



MIDWAY

BINGO (Friday & Saturday)
Sponsored by: Essentia Health

Friday: 5:30pm - 9pm

Kiddie Carnival Games: 5:30pm - 8pm
Shuttle Service: 4pm - 10pm

Saturday: Noon - 9pm

2-for-1 Tickets on select games*: Noon - 2:30pm
*Ages 10 & Under

Kiddie Carnival Games: Noon - 8pm
Shuttle Service: Noon - 10pm

Sunday: 9am - 2pm

Kiddie Carnival Games: 9am - 2pm
Shuttle Service: 9am - 2pm

**Pull-Tabs
Cake Walk
Silent Auction
Book Room
Concessions
Hair & Jewelry
Boutique**

Try to win a goldfish -
it is a Carnival
tradition!



MEALS

To-go meals
also available

Friday - Classic Carnival Dinner

Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw, Corn
4:30pm - 7pm

Sponsored by:

Saturday - Hamburger Bar

Hamburger Bar, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Chips, Cook
4:30pm - 7pm

Sponsored by: kitchen refresh

Sunday Brunch

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage
9am - 1pm

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**SATURDAY
NIGHT
EVENTS:**

**SOCIAL
AT 6PM**

Live music by
Tumbleweed Nectar

**LIVE AUCTION
AT 7:30PM**

Bid on amazing items and experiences!

**HIGH-STAKES BINGO
AFTER AUCTION**

NEW event this year! \$20 per card to play 5 games -
with a \$500 prize per game!

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