

# 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  
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Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care..... 975-9816

**DEACONS:** Bob Wingenbach, Brian Lardy, Michael Fix,  
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### PARISH SUPPORT STAFF

Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600  
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## January 11, 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](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

Did you know that Spring is universally understood to be the season of new beginnings? So why did we just celebrate a new beginning in the depths of Winter? January isn't really a good time to do anything, particularly party. Its dark, cold and lends better to the time of year that we just need to stay alive, eat hot soup, get a blanket, sleep, and survive. Ancient calendars, and the first Roman calendar, began on the Vernal Equinox - the Spring Equinox - approximately March 21. The first few months were named after Roman gods (Martius, Aprilis, Maius, Iunius) and the next six were named after numbers (Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November, December). This ten-month calendar was 304 days. The other 61 days of winter were not marked and had no name because the world was dead. The Roman king Numa Pompilius (715-673 BC) added two more months Januarius (named after the two-headed Roman god Janus, the god of new beginnings) and Februarius, bringing the calendar to 355 days, with January now its start. But nobody cared and continued to celebrate the new year around March 21 for over 600 years. Enter taxes...yes! The beginning and expansion of the Roman Empire required the collection of taxes on a consistent annual basis. Now enter Julius Caesar who wanted to fix it. He consulted an astronomer named Sosigenes, who advised him to re-sync the calendar to be named the Julian calendar after him. The first attempt didn't really work and is known as the 'long year' of 46 BC, which lasted 455 days. The next effort fixed that error (long story short) and the next year, 45 BC, began at January 01 with 365 days, 6 hours. (Impressively, Earth's actual solar year is 365 days, 5 hours, and 49 minutes.) Julius Caesar was then assassinated, but the Julian calendar, with a tweak of leap year, is what we have today. At the time, everyone still continued to celebrate the new year on the Vernal Equinox, approximately March 21, when new life and hope began. That is why the Feast of the Annunciation was appointed on March 25 (another long story). Anyway, after all of this, I hope you still had a happy new year. If, like me, you go to bed by nine on New Year's Eve and really don't get into New Year's celebrations, history proves you don't need to. (Cf. Substack)

~Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick Schumacher



On behalf of the Clergy and Parish Staff of Corpus Christi, a *heartfelt thank you* for your thoughtfulness this Christmas Season. Perhaps you sent a card, gave a gift, dropped off treats, made a donation, offered prayers, volunteered, worshipped with us, assisted at a Liturgy, supported the Christmas Outreach program, or attended one of our many Advent/Christmas events - we appreciate every kind gesture!

*We look forward to all we will do together in 2026!*

### 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 17-18	January 17, 2026		January 18, 2026		January 18, 2026		January 18, 2026	
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		5:30 PM	
Hospitality	1	Bob Deutsch	1		1		1	Karen Gaydos
	2		2		2		2	
	3		3		3		3	
Ushers	1	Larry Thelen	1	Tim Kuntz	1	Dennis Kelly	1	Mark Gaydos
	2	Rick Kramlich	2	Linda Feist	2	Joel Meyer	2	Joel Streitz
	3	Judith Kopp	3	Charles Jaszkwiaak	3	Maggie Meyer	3	
	4	William Kopp	4	Catherine Williams	4	Brianna Feist	4	
	5		5	Francis Williams	5	Sofia Meyer	5	
Lectors	1	Steve Huebschwerlen	1	Andrew Kraft	1		1	Bart Brackin
	2	Sandy Wald Clooten	2	Irene Goetz	2		2	Mary Soucie
Servers	1		1	Ellie Givan	1	Elyse Brossart	1	Kate Masset
	2		2	Makayla Klym	2	Brady Wheeler	2	
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	R-1	Helen Berger	R-1	Laurie Vanderpan	R-1	Cec Reetz	R-1	Jackie Buckley
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	Jane Wolf	3	Bill Knudson	3	Rose Kruckenberg	3	Margie Schiff
	4	Clare Auble	4	Teddie Herner	4	Brenda Weisz	4	
	5		5	Kermit Herner	5	Reyne Richter	5	
	6		6	Brenda Bergan	6	Bob Kudrna	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8		8	Judane Ohlhauser	8		8	
	9		11	Mike Hilbert	9		11	
	10		12		10		12	
	11				11			
At 4:00	D12				12			
	LG		LG		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 & Holidays as Scheduled

### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Mon., Jan. 12** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Cecile & ✠Felimaco Tapiculin

**Tues., Jan. 13** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Angie Geiger

**Wed., Jan. 14** (12:10 p.m.) - *Collective Intention*

✠Bob Holzer

✠Jerry Steier

✠Sharon Bullinger

**Thurs., Jan. 15** (12:10) - Gerard Hartz

**Fri., Jan. 16** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠George Volk

**Sat., Jan 17** (4:00 p.m.) - ✠Lucretia Silbernagel

**Sun., Jan 18** (8:30 a.m.) - ✠Corinne Brekhus

(10:45 a.m.) - *Pro Populo*

(5:30 p.m.) - ✠Bob Harvey

### This week's Food Pantry Needs:

- 16 oz Peanut Butter (regular size jar)
- Hamburger Helper

Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry!



Join our **Media and Technology Ministry Team**, which assists with livestreaming and/or helps with the advancement of wall slides during weekend Masses or special liturgies (funerals, weddings, etc.). This is an easy - *but essential* - way to assist in worship. Easy to operate. Training provided. Flexible Schedule. Contact Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager, at 975-9803 for more information or to volunteer.



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.*



### 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 975-9816.*

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,470 households)	
Adult Envelopes (227 Envelopes) . . . . .	\$14,427.83
Youth Envelopes . . . . .	\$305.35
Total Received (Jan. 4) . . . . .	\$14,733.18
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Jan. 4 . . . . .	\$14,733.18
Online Giving Week (Dec. 29-Jan. 4) . . . . .	\$12,165.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Jan. 11 . . . . .	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Jan. 5-11) . . . . .	\$0.00
Electronic Contributions (Jan. 5) . . . . .	\$0.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Jan. 18 . . . . .	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Jan. 12-18) . . . . .	\$0.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Jan. 25 . . . . .	\$0.00
Online Giving Week (Jan. 19-25) . . . . .	\$0.00
Electronic Contributions (Jan. 20) . . . . .	\$0.00



Thank You!

Thank you for supporting the  
**Church of Corpus Christi** ~  
your generosity and stewardship  
gifts are appreciated!

### Stewardship Thoughts:

- Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that ". . . there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."
- Christian stewardship trains us to become aware that God is the ultimate giver of the gifts we have. Our gift to God should be "from the top" – not what may be left over.
- Many families have willed their homes, vacation homes or other real estate to their parish. Some with the provision of living in those homes until death. Consult an attorney if this gift option would benefit you and your estate. Don't have a will? Make 2026 your year to finalize a will (see below).

### Time for an important New Year's Resolution

*Do you have a will written?*

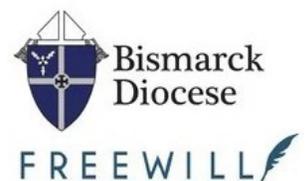
*If not, here is an easy and FREE way to get one written.*

The Bismarck Diocese has secured **FreeWill**, an online service that makes it simple and free to create your own will.

[www.freewill.com/bismarckdiocese](http://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
  - Bryan Winterberg: 701-415-0399  
bwinterberg@bismarckdiocese.com.





*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 p.m.
- 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.

**Men's Group Breakfast  
Wednesday, January 21**

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

Breakfast followed by discussion.  
All Corpus Christi men are invited!

Corpus Christi Men's Group



**Corpus Christi Women's Group**

**Wednesday, January 28**

**9:30-11:00 a.m., Parish Hall**

*"Forgiveness: Seeing with the Eyes of God"*

We invite women of all ages and walks of life to join us for a brunch and wonderful morning of friendship with the Corpus Christi Women's Group. No registration required. For more information, contact Cindy Anderst, 255-4600.



**Prayer Basket:** Your special intentions can be placed in the basket located to the east of the Baptismal font. All of the intentions are prayed for during our Masses. Write the name of a person and/or special intention on the provided slip and place it in the basket.

**Prayer Blankets** are distributed to individuals who are in need of extra prayers, as well as to the newly baptized. If you like to knit and would like to participate in this ministry, contact the Parish Office. If you know someone you'd like to bring a Prayer Blanket to, stop by the Office to pick one up to reassure the person of our prayers.

The Catholic Church must be exemplary: clergy, employees (diocesan, parish, Catholic school) and volunteers are held accountable for their behavior. To enable the highest level of accountability, there must be a clear and unambiguous definition of appropriate behavior. To this end, this **Code of Conduct** ([bismarckdiocese.com/safe-environment-program](http://bismarckdiocese.com/safe-environment-program)) is defined for the Bismarck Diocese and it provides a foundation for implementing effective and enforceable standards for all clergy, educators, employees, and volunteers in contact with children and youth. A copy of the Code of Conduct is located in the Lower Gathering Space Literature Rack.

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

- 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
- Mon. 1/12** 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  
Ultreya Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Room
- Tues. 1/13** Caring Hearts Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room  
Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-7:00 p.m., Church  
KC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Room
- Wed. 1/14** 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 Youth Ministry (**Summit**), 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sun. 1/18** Faith Formation **Group D**, 9:30-10:45 a.m.  
SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140

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

Sunday, January 4: 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Topic: ???

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

Wednesday, January 14: 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Topic: Summit



**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

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

Lessons are geared for preK - 2nd Grade.

No registration required.



**Explore your Spiritual Gifts today!**

Corpus Christi has developed a Spiritual Gifts Inventory to recognize your God-given gifts and ways to use them in our parish and community. Scan the QR Code and explore your spiritual gifts today!



Join the **Bismarck/Mandan Right to Life** Chapter on Sunday January 18 at 2:00 p.m. for our annual **March for Life**. Meet at the capitol steps. We will host a reception at Zion Lutheran Church (413 E. Ave. D) following the March, use the south door. For more information, call Virginia at 471-0725.

**Begin the New Year rooted in faith**

Let your New Year soundtrack be Real Presence Radio, connecting you to Christ and your Catholic community. Tune in to 91.7 FM in Bismarck, ND!



### KC Council Meeting

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

### KC 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.



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Each year, the University of Mary hosts a **Mid-Winter Powwow** in partnership with United Tribes Technical College celebrating the richness of Native American culture in North Dakota. The University invites the Bismarck-Mandan community to join them for this great event on Sunday, January 18. We will have Powwow 101 at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Living Room of the Lumen Vitae University Center, which will be followed by the Powwow and a buffalo feed in the Crow's Nest. Grand Entrances for the Powwow will be at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the McDowell Activity Center. We will end the day with our Black Elk Mass at 8:00 p.m. in Our Lady of the Annunciation Chapel. *For more information, visit [www.umary.edu/powwow](http://www.umary.edu/powwow).*

### Patriotic Rosary

First & Third Thursday of the month  
7:00 p.m. - Spirit of Life, Mandan. All are invited!



**Bella Health + Wellness Open House:** Bella Health Bismarck is opening January 2026! As a thank you to the community for making this possible, they will be hosting an open house on Friday, January 16, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Come join us for a tour of the new Bella Bismarck Clinic. Stay for refreshments, snacks, and fellowship. 500 E Front Ave, Bismarck, ND.



### 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](mailto: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@lightofchristschools.org](mailto:jherold@lightofchristschools.org).*

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

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

- **Volunteer!** [lightofchristschools.org/carnival](http://lightofchristschools.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.

### Did you know your God's Share donation supports:

Funded by your contributions to the Annual God's Share Appeal, the Office of Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia provides assistance to Bishop Kagan in the total governance of the diocese and represents Bishop Kagan when he is unable to be present.

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## Sunday, Jan 11, 2026

### Make the connection

In his birth (Christmas), his adoration by the Magi (Epiphany), and the coming of the Spirit upon him (Baptism of the Lord) Jesus is revealed to be the Son of God. These significant events in Jesus' life are so closely tied that the Eastern Orthodox Church observes the coming of the Magi and the Lord's Baptism on the same day. In the same way, our own births and Baptism signal that we are children of God and followers of Christ. As a new year begins, find ways to reconnect with your family of faith and make daily choices that reveal your divine heritage.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17 (21). *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

## Monday, Jan 12, 2026

### Listen up

The tech industry would have us believe that the most important connections we make are virtual. While it's true that tech devices are useful in today's world, there remains the crucial connection with that still, small voice within our own hearts that no computer or phone can reach. That voice, which is God's, can only be heard in stillness: in the bare branches of trees against a winter sky, the quiet of new-fallen snow, the starry brilliance in a winter night sky, our breathing in and breathing out. What is God calling you to do now? Spend some time today just listening.

1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 (305). *"Jesus said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"*

## Tuesday, Jan 13, 2026

### "I was a stranger"

Of all the lessons Jesus tried to teach us, the one that is perhaps hardest to believe—and therefore easiest to forget—is that we are all one. Jesus reminded us of this truth a number of times, most notably when he declared, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:40). Take a few minutes today to reflect on what life would be like if you knew, with as much certainty as you know your own name, that there are no strangers among us; we are all one, united through Christ. What would be different? How would you act toward yourself? Toward others?

1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306). *"What is this? A new teaching with authority."*

## Wednesday, Jan 14, 2026

### Now appearing

You don't have to look very hard into Catholic tradition to find stories of supernatural appearances of Jesus, the saints, and especially Mary to believers through the centuries. These kinds of occurrences really go back to biblical times. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit "appeared" in the form of a dove at Jesus' Baptism, Jesus himself appeared to his disciples after his Resurrection, and the risen Christ made a decisive personal intervention in the life of Saint Paul, to name a few examples. Most of us will never have such an experience, but we can indeed learn to make ourselves aware of the presence and guidance of God.

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307). *"Speak, for your servant is listening."*

## Thursday, Jan 15, 2026

### Wanted: Good leaders

The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were the trusted priests of the ancient temple in Shiloh. But they were stealing from the temple and committing immoral acts. As a result, the army of Israel was cursed and got hammered by the Philistines. Hophni and Phinehas were slain and the Philistines took the ark of God captive. It is a cautionary tale about the faithful's need for good leaders. Pray for vocations, and very specifically for men and women to serve the Lord in truth and integrity.

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). *"The ark of God was captured, and Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were among the dead."*

## Friday, Jan 16, 2026

### Move on

There's a lot in life that can get us down. Sometimes they are things of our own making, and sometimes, well, it's life. It's not always easy to know what to do. We can stand still and try to figure it out, or we can backtrack to see what happened. At some point, however, it is time to move forward—to step out of what happened and to imagine something new. "Begin now," says Saint Jerome, "to be what you will be hereafter."

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309). *"Rise, pick up your mat and walk."*

## Saturday, Jan 17, 2026

### Alone with the truth

Few of us would take aloneness to the extent of Saint Anthony of the Desert, who spent much of his 105 years in solitude. Stories of Anthony say he was besieged by all kinds of temptations in the desert night. At some level we know that silence forces us to confront the reality of who we are before God. But, as Saint Anthony explains, it is a worthy pursuit: "One who knows oneself, knows God . . . Therefore, my beloveds in the Lord, know yourselves." Opening up at such depth is indeed terrifying, but Jesus "gets" the weakness of being human. He calls each of us not for condemnation but friendship.

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17 (310). *"Jesus said to him, 'Follow me.'"*

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



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*Joy to the World,  
the Lord has Come!*

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2025 Christmas Flower Collection**

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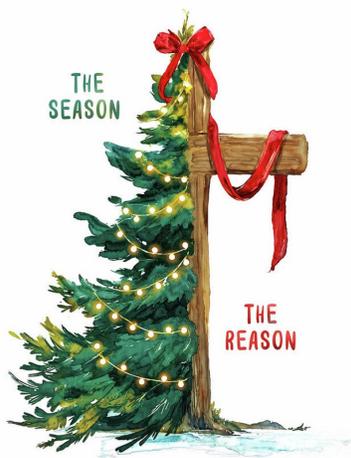
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Jan. 30, 31 & Feb. 1



75th Anniversary

# CARNIVAL

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

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

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER AT THE 2026 CARNIVAL!**

[lightofchristschools.org/carnival-volunteers](http://lightofchristschools.org/carnival-volunteers)



## BUY A RAFFLE TICKET!

GRAND PRIZE:

**2026 GMC Terrain AWD Elevation**

**Plus \$8,500 in Cash Prizes!**

Raffle Drawing - Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2pm



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

**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.

## MIDWAY

**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

**BINGO** (Friday & Saturday)

Sponsored by: Essentia Health

- 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

Sponsored by: ORTHODONTICS

**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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