

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
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)



February 1, 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

I'll be in Hawaii this week for my Christmas break. After my return, I'm looking forward to hosting the Corpus Christi Youth Ministry's *MARDI GRAS* event in the rectory on Friday, February 13. As I did last year, I'll smoke Butcher Block's prepared (trimmed and Cajun seasoned) beef tenderloin on my lump charcoal grills, oven finish, and serve at the meals. I'm happy to host this fundraiser for our youth group again this year and hope you'll attend! I'll also post video (on Facebook) of some of our night as we all have a good time. Get your tickets now! There is limited seating and registration closes on February 10. Also, remember to register for Cindy Anderst's Lenten Book Study. She is using a book by Fr. John Riccardo; a priest with whom I studied in Rome and whom I've hosted more than once for the Office of Continuing Education. It is a good book that ties into our Lenten theme, "*Living Lent.*" Yes, Lent is right around the corner; register for this class by February 2.

By the way, I've finally watched a movie I've heard about for nearly 30 years. You see, I lived in Rome from 1989 - 1994, and I call these years '*my dark years*' because there was really no communication back then. Our phone conversations were by transatlantic cable, and we wrote letters to mail as there was no email. Music, sporting events, pop culture, TV shows, movies, etc., I have a gap of memory from those five years. So, after hearing people repeat the various lines and even try to talk like him, I've finally watched *Forrest Gump* from 1994. A good movie and now I get the jokes. I'm not a movie buff (I go to a theatre once every few years) but a movie I've seen several times is *Money Ball* from 2011. It's so good. If I see it play on cable, I try to watch it again, even willingly sitting through commercials. It is a true story; baseball, innovation, great acting and - quite honestly - I can't wait to watch it again. *Money Ball!* Almost as good as *The Godfather Part II*.

~ **Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher**

P.S. Don't forget the St. Mary's Carnival this weekend!

Christ desires your presence & friendship.

Additional Committed Adorers are needed!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday: 12:45 - 7:00 p.m.

To commit to a time of Adoration, contact Tracy Kraft at 975-9803.



Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek.

St. John Paul II

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: Feb 7-8	February 7, 2026		February 8, 2026		February 8, 2026		February 8, 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 Kambeitz	4	
Lectors	1	Heather Lundeen	1	David Klym	1	Rose Kruckenberg	1	Christopher Knudson
	2	Nikki Ferderer	2	Timothy Click	2		2	Bob Willenbring
Servers	1	Chloe Lundeen	1	Elsa Brash	1	Ben Miller	1	Joelle 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	LaVerne Kaufman	R-1	Tim Bohan
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	Bob Clooten	3	Pam Mathern	3	Gary Feist	3	
	4	Sandy Wald-Clooten	4	Jerome Werlinger	4	Steven Mittelsteadt	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., Feb. 2 (12:10 p.m.) - † Tillie Becker

Tues., Feb. 3 (12:10 p.m.) - † Chuck Welle

Wed., Feb. 4 (12:10 p.m.) - **Collective Intention**

† Doug Gueldner

† Jerry Feist

† Travis Frank

Thurs., Feb. 5 (12:10) - † Winnie Savageau

Fri., Feb. 6 (12:10 p.m.) - † Frank Saetz, Jr.

Sat., Feb. 7 (4:00 p.m.) - † Gert Schaff

Sun., Feb. 8 (8:30 a.m.) - Pro Populo

(10:45 a.m.) - † Jim Kostelecky

(5:30 p.m.) - † Ed Selensky



*Mass in Celebration of Marriage
with a special blessing of married couples*

Monday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

After Mass, all are invited to a reception, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



Knights of Columbus Upcoming Events

Monday, Feb. 9 **Mass in Celebration of Marriage**

See announcement above

Tuesday, Feb. 10 **Council Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 15 **KC Breakfast**, 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Knight of the Month:

December: Jim Kuznia & January: Mike Motschenbacher

Feast of St. Blase

Blessing of the Throats

During the 12:10 p.m. Mass - Tuesday, Feb. 3

(after the homily)



Bismarck CDA will meet on Tuesday, February 3 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 6:30 p.m. Bring red treats to share - goodies, fruits and veggies. Call Karen, 527-4203, for more information.

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,470 households)	
Adult Envelopes (212 Envelopes)	\$12,811.91
Youth Envelopes	\$268.75
Total Received (Jan. 25)	\$13,080.66
1 st Sunday Jan. 4	\$14,733.18
Online Giving Week (Dec. 29-Jan. 4)	\$12,165.00
2 nd Sunday Jan. 11	\$18,019.10
Online Giving Week (Jan. 5-11)	\$6,766.00
Electronic Contributions (Jan. 5)	\$12,983.68
3 rd Sunday Jan. 18	\$13,854.42
Online Giving Week (Jan. 12-18)	\$6,050.00
4 th Sunday Jan. 25	\$13,080.66
Online Giving Week (Jan. 19-25)	\$4,430.00
Electronic Contributions (Jan. 20)	\$10,110.68



Thank You!

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

Stewardship Thoughts:

- Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded.
- Develop your talents to the fullest so that you can use them to benefit your church and community. Your abilities will grow with use; unused, they may wither away.



This week's Food Pantry Needs:

- Chicken Noodle Soup • Vegetable Beef Soup
- Thank you for your support of the Food Pantry!

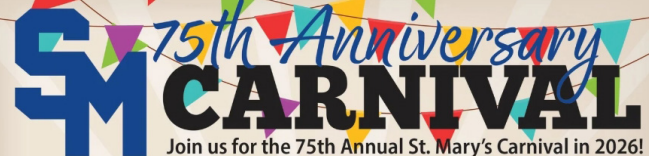
Ash Wednesday - February 18

Mass Schedule:

7:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

"Living Lent"

2026 Corpus Christi Lenten Theme



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

Don't Miss it - This weekend!

2026 St. Mary's Carnival

January 30 & 31 – February 1

Fun for the whole family!

See the Bulletin Insert for all the details!

Adult Faith Formation Lenten Book study
Are you looking for a way to grow in your relationship with Jesus this Lent?



In this book, Fr. John Riccardo helps us dive into the scriptures so that we can apply them to our daily lives. In his inspiring and incisive way, Fr. Riccardo addresses the obstacles we all face. How do we learn to forgive? How do we combat fear and understand suffering? How do we worship the Lord, love others as Christ loves us, and fully surrender our lives to God?

Heaven Starts Now — Becoming a Saint Day by Day

Monday Evenings	Thursday Afternoons
February 9 – March 23	February 12 – March 26
7:00 – 8:30 pm	1:00 – 2:30 pm
Parish Hall	Community Room

Cost: \$15 (for the book)



Registration deadline: February 2

1. Scan the QR Code
2. Visit corpuschristibismarck.com
3. Stop by the Parish Office

If you are unable to attend the class or you prefer to read the book on your own, there will be a limited supply of books for purchase in the office. *For more information contact Cindy Anderst in the Parish Office at 255-4600.*



Food for the Soul

Tuesday, February 3
5:30 p.m.
Community Room

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.

No Men's Group in February - Ash Wednesday falls on the Third Wednesday. See you March 18! 

Praise & Worship Night: Join the *Encounter School of Ministry Bismarck Campus* in praising God for an evening of praise and worship at Co-Studio, downtown Bismarck on February 15 at 6:00 p.m. This is an evening set apart to encounter the living God through worship, prayer, and the power of the Holy Spirit. This night is open to all who are hungry to draw closer to Jesus and experience His transforming love. The venue is located on the 3rd floor and requires walking stairs. *For more information, go to www.encounterschool.org/bismarck.*



KC Breakfast - Sunday, February 15

9:00 a.m. - 12:15. p.m., Parish Hall
 Free-will donation
Pancakes, sausage, eggs & more!

What's Going on at Corpus Christi this Week

- Sun. 2/1** Faith Formation **Group D**, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140
- Mon. 2/2** OCIA, 7:00-9:00 p.m., South Hospitality Room
- Tues. 2/3** 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. 2/4** 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.
- Sat. 2/7** Sacrament Track **Saturday Group**, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Parish Hall
- Sun. 2/8** 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)

Sun., Feb. 1: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Topic - *Dating & Relationships*

Middle School (Grades 6-7-8)

Wed., Feb 4: No Youth Ministry (*Faith Formation Night*)
 Next meeting - *February 11*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

February 8 & 22 - 10:45 a.m. Mass
 Lessons are geared for preK - 2nd Grade.
 No registration required.



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) 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.

It's not too early to start planning for Fish Fridays!



Lenten Fish Fries
Every Friday during Lent
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
 Adults: \$14, Children: \$8,
 Family: \$50



Credit Cards accepted! Enjoy live music!

Baked & fried fish, fried shrimp, french fries, green beans, noodles, applesauce, coleslaw, beverages and homemade desserts.

Helpers are needed: *fish cutters, servers, table setters, table cleaners, dishwashers, and desserts - scan the QR Code or contact Melanie, 701- 975-9809.*

Saint Ann (Hebron) **Knoephla Soup and Sausage Dinner**, Sunday, February 1. Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CT at the church, 204 Park St. S, Hebron. The menu includes homemade Knoephla Soup, German sausage, and Assumption Abbey Breads. Cost: \$10/adults & youth; children age 6 and younger eat free.

Lent is more than a countdown to Easter. Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season with intention. *Tune in on 91.7 FM in Bismarck or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com.*

Oblate **Lenten Retreat** at Annunciation Monastery - "The Mathematics of a Benedictine Lent—additions and subtractions" directed by Oblate Colleen Ressler on Sunday, March 8 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Liturgy at 11:00 a.m., lunch provided (in silence) No cost. All are welcome. For more information, contact Sister Rosemary at 701-255-1520.

Church of St. Anne (Bismarck) Men's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, February 28 ~ 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Retreat will include 8:00 a.m. Mass, a light breakfast and lunch, speakers, and an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and Confession.

\$25 pre-registration fee

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001540?tab=home>

Cursillo Weekends Scheduled:

Men's: March 5-8

Women's: March 19-22

These weekends are a time of faith, renewal, and Christian community. For more information and to register, visit bismarckcursillo.com, or you can contact Paul Kenney at 701-471-9560 or Melody Haider at 701-400-9941.

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 ~ 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.

Gospel PraiSing Fiesta - Nourish your soul & body!

Christian music presented by Colleen Reinhardt, Julie Ternes, and guest musicians.

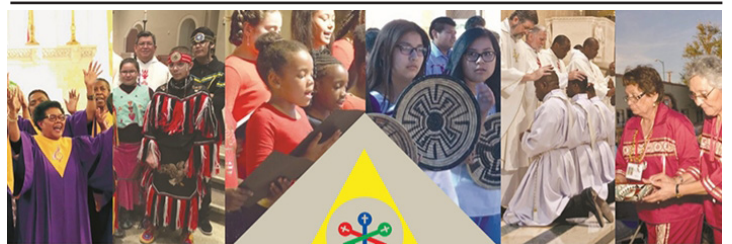
Mayas Mexican Restaurant ~ 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

February 8 & 22 + March 8 & 22 + April 12

Mayas is located at 1601 W. Century Ave, Bismarck.

Lunch is available for purchase off the menu and free-will donations accepted for local charities. Presented by Gospel PraiSing (GPS)

Ministries. For information, call Julie Ternes, 701-226-0356.



USCCB Collection - Black & Indian Missions

February 7 & 8 - Envelopes are at the Church entrances.

Mardi Gras
Fundraiser



Feb. 13th

**4:30
or
6:30**

Corpus Christi Rectory

**\$50/
plate**

**4
Course
Meal**

**RSVP
by
Feb. 10**



Please RSVP by February 10th, 2026 using the QR code!

All proceeds will benefit students attending the Steubenville Conference and Mission Trip this summer!

Please contact Cole Jones at 975-9804 or Melanie Konieczka at 975-9809 in the parish office.

Sunday, Feb 01, 2026

Who wants to inherit the Earth?

The simplest way to think of humility may be “knowing one’s limitations.” Don’t be more—or less—than you are. For Christians, though, humility means something deeper than practicing a virtue; it’s a matter of putting others first, and “others” include God, people, and all of creation. The monk Thomas Merton wrote, “. . . The right of another . . . is the expression of God’s love and God’s will.” Why follow this crazy-sounding advice? “Because Christ emptied himself. . . . he humbled himself” (Philippians 2:7). As he did, and does, so we are to do: give of ourselves for the good of others. The stories of the saints reveal such humility. Their first thought was of God and the needs of those around them, not themselves. It’s a tall order, but humble attitudes and actions can connect you to God in your everyday life.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a (70). *“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.”*

Monday, Feb 02, 2026

Open the gifts children bring

Like most parents, Mary and Joseph wanted the best for their child. They were faithful Jews and desired their son to be raised in the faith that had sustained them. They took Jesus to the Temple to be consecrated and presented to God, where they met Simeon and Anna, elders of the community. The elders immediately recognized Jesus as the Messiah, the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, a light to the whole world. What can you do this day to call forth the gifts of a child and encourage them to use those gifts to give light to the world?

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 (524). *“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.”*

Tuesday, Feb 03, 2026

God has a hand in healing

Many stories of healing in scripture are of the miraculous variety; they’re “supernatural”—“above” nature—and on God’s power over everything, including natural things like illness. While such miracles seem rarer today, one of the keys to healing remains trust: in God, whether the outcome is an actual cure or the acceptance of one’s situation. Either way, suffering eases. “Grace does not destroy nature but perfects it,” says Saint Thomas Aquinas. Let the grace of faith bring some healing to your life.

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43 (324). *“Your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.”*

Wednesday, Feb 04, 2026

When familiarity breeds contempt

“Well, who do they think they *are*?” neighbors wonder as they gossip about the behavior of other neighbors and make decisions like “they’ve grown too big for their britches.” In traditional societies—today and in the time of Jesus—such criticism tells people that the priorities of the community to fit in and get along are valued over priorities of the individual. But judging the personal lives of others can create conflict and cause jealousy. Indeed, “Envy is the mother of murder,” says Saint John

Chrysostom. Do you indulge in character assassination? If so, why? Take time to think about your motivations.

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6 (325). *“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin.”*

Thursday, Feb 05, 2026

In solidarity with saints

When facing challenges, we can turn to the saints for help. The church raises up women and men who are in solidarity with us, including saints who have experienced some of the same horrors that people today have. As we fight for human dignity and the protection of life, we can look to saints like Saint Agatha, who knew personally the terror of sexual assault and torture, or to Saint Josephine Bakhita, who was sold into slavery at the age of 7 and eventually won her freedom and became a Canossian sister, or to the saints among us, including many contemporary Catholic sisters, who are at the forefront of the struggle against human trafficking. Play your part in protecting the dignity and freedom of all people.

MEMORIAL OF AGATHA, MARTYR

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13 (326). *“They anointed with oil many who were sick.”*

Friday, Feb 06, 2026

A fruitful rain continues to nourish

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, is the best known among the 26 martyrs who died in Japan in 1597. As he died on a hill in Nagasaki he said, “After Christ’s example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.” Indeed, it did. Centuries later, missionaries returned to Japan to find thousands of Christians who had quietly preserved the faith underground until it was legalized. Let your life’s work also be a fruitful rain, nourishing all with whom you come into contact.

MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29 (327). *“I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist.”*

Saturday, Feb 07, 2026

Give it a rest

Is the weekend a time to relax for you? Saturday will find some of us on the job, for sure—someone’s got to keep those stores, restaurants, and theatres open. But even those of us who don’t go into work will still keep plenty busy over the weekend, driving the kids around, catching up on laundry, getting groceries, and doing everything else put on hold from Monday to Friday. Jesus invites his friends to step aside and “come away” from all that once in a while to rest our bodies and our spirits. Reserve a bit of Saturday for leisure.

1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34 (328). *“He said to them, ‘Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.’”*

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



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CARNIVAL WEEKEND - Jan. 30, 31 & Feb. 1



75th Anniversary CARNIVAL

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



PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

lightofchristschools.org/carnival-volunteers



SATURDAY NIGHT EVENTS:

SOCIAL AT 6PM



Try the SAINTS BLUEberry Ale

Scan here for a FULL LIST of the Live Auction items:

LIVE AUCTION AT 7:30PM



HIGH-STAKES BINGO AFTER AUCTION

Silent Auction bidding ends at 1pm on Sunday.

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

\$15/adult
\$10/child
To-go meals also available

Friday - Classic Carnival Dinner

Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw, Corn

4:30pm - 7pm

Sponsored by: WILL GARDNER CENTURY 21



Saturday - Hamburger Bar

Hamburger Bar, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Chips, Cookie

4:30pm - 7pm

Sponsored by: ALLIANCE CENTER FOR HEARING kitchen refresh

Sunday - Brunch

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage

9am - 1pm

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SOCIAL AT 6PM

Live music by Tumbleweed Nectar

LIVE AUCTION AT 7:30PM

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NEW event this year!

\$20 to play 5 games - with a \$500 prize per game!

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One Minute Meditations

St. Onesimus

Born in Phrygia, St. Onesimus was enslaved to Philemon of Colossae in present-day Turkey. He encountered St. Paul during the apostle's imprisonment in Rome, where Onesimus had fled after stealing from his master. Moved by Paul's witness, he repented, was baptized, and later gained his freedom. Onesimus became a trusted companion and co-worker of St. Paul and was eventually martyred for the faith during the persecutions under Emperor Domitian.

God's Valentine to us

If God sent a Valentine, it might sound something like this: *"My darling child"* (Jeremiah 31:20), *"You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you"* (Isaiah 43:4). *"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love"* (John 15:9). *"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends..."* (John 15:13-14). *"Do you love me?"* (John 21:16) That makes the Bible the world's longest love letter.

"God is not the enemy of our freedom but its ground. That is something we ought to relearn in these days. Only love that is almighty can ground a joy that is free from anxiety." Pope Benedict XVI

"What do you seek?" (John 1:38)

Have you ever felt restless or quietly dissatisfied, sensing that something in your life needs changing? Lent offers that opportunity. It is a spiritual reset, inviting us to reorient our hearts toward Christ, the true source of peace, joy, purpose, and meaning. Here are practical ways to deepen your encounter with God and His love this Lent.

Faith is relational, not informational. The first disciples were not content with simply hearing about Jesus. They wanted to be with Him and to know Him personally. Christ extends that same invitation to us today. We respond by making room for Him through prayer and meditation, regular participation in Mass, and time with Scripture, not as duties to complete, but as ways of choosing a living relationship with the One who loves us most.

Choose trust over control. "Let Him lead and guide you," Pope Leo has urged. God's invitation to deeper friendship is renewed each day, and Lent is a privileged time to respond with intention. Begin each morning by

offering your day to God, placing your work, relationships, and uncertainties in His hands. This simple act of trust opens the door to genuine freedom.

Share what you have received. A true encounter with God naturally leads to what Pope Leo called "missionary

"If you sense the Lord calling you, do not be afraid...He alone knows the deepest, perhaps hidden, longings of your heart — the path that will lead you to true fulfillment." (Pope Leo XIV)

zeal," the desire to share with others what we have received. After meeting Christ, St. Andrew simply brought his brother, Simon Peter, to Him. Likewise, sharing your faith is often as simple as an honest conversation with a friend about the source of your hope. You are not persuading or performing; you are inviting someone you care about to meet the Friend who has changed your life.

This Lent, let renewal take root. Choose presence, trust, and generosity, and allow God to do the rest.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics give up meat on Fridays in Lent?

Abstaining from meat on Fridays in Lent is not merely a rule, but a reverent sacrifice rooted in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday. By giving up something we enjoy but do not need, we unite a small, bodily sacrifice to His offering on the Cross.

This "prayer of the body" strengthens the prayer of the soul, training our hearts in discipline and gratitude. It keeps our focus on Christ and serves as a quiet, outward sign of faith. For the same reasons, the Church encourages Friday penance throughout the year.

When things go wrong, choose charity

When difficulties arise, our instinct is often to complain, assign blame, or turn inward with harsh self-criticism. These reactions rarely solve the problem. More often, they weaken charity, cloud judgment, and strain relationships. A more constructive response is to choose kindness deliberately, in thought, speech, and action.

Practice kindness in thought: When self-pity, resentment, comparison, or harsh self-judgment appear, treat them as temptations rather than truths. Pause and redirect your thinking. Replace them with a steady reminder such as, "This is difficult, but I can respond well." Offer yourself the same patience you would give a friend.

Practice kindness in speech: Before speaking, ask whether

your words will help or simply vent frustration. If you would not say something to or about someone you love, refrain. When emotions run high, bring your complaints to prayer first. Naming them before God can bring clarity and restraint.

Practice kindness in action: Focus on what you can do rather than what you cannot control. Choose one concrete act of goodwill: express gratitude, offer help, listen attentively, or perform a small, unnoticed kindness. These simple actions restore perspective and soften difficult moments.

Responding with kindness does not ignore problems. It creates the conditions for peace, clearer judgment, and constructive action to take root.

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Matthew 4:1-11, He chose us

In this passage, Jesus is tempted by the Devil. First, Satan tempted Jesus to satisfy His hunger with a miracle – to put physical needs above spiritual needs. Jesus showed us that spiritual needs come first, and to entrust both to God’s care. Next, Satan commanded Jesus to jump from the temple roof, forcing God’s hand. Again, Jesus refused: serving God means doing things God’s way.

Finally, Satan offered to surrender all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would worship him. While horrible, it

promised a “painless” way to save the world. Jesus rejected it, choosing the Cross because it was the only way to save us. He chose us. When tempted to do what’s “easy” versus what’s morally right, ask for the strength to choose what’s right.

The season of Lent is a powerful opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth in love. We can take comfort knowing Jesus faced the same temptations we do and conquered them. If we stay close to Jesus, He will lead us to victory.

Q & A What to do with dryness in prayer

A God never leaves us, yet our experience of prayer can ebb and flow. There are times of joy and peace, and others marked by dryness and difficulty. While dry seasons can be discouraging, that is often when our faith can grow the most. Don’t avoid them, but live them well.

Ask why. Dryness in prayer can point to areas that need attention. Chronic stress, lack of rest, constant busyness, excessive screen time, or unresolved sin can weaken our attentiveness to God. Examine your habits and ask what may be interfering with prayer.

Remember the good times. When times are tough, memory sustains love. Follow Mary’s example, who *“kept all these things, pondering them in her heart”* (Luke 2:19). Recall the ways God has acted in your life. Remembering His faithfulness restores confidence.

Renew your “yes” daily. Mary’s consent to God’s will was a daily surrender, even amid suffering. Resist the temptation to abandon prayer. Each day, echo her words: *“Let it be done unto me according to your word”* (Luke 1:38).

Feasts & Celebrations

February 5 – St. Agatha (c.251). Born to a noble Sicilian family, St. Agatha dedicated herself to God at the age of fifteen. The governor Quintianus was determined to marry her and threatened her if she refused him. She kept her vow despite torture, and imprisonment. God sent her a vision of St. Peter to comfort her, heal her, and fill her dungeon with heavenly light.

February 18 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. The ashes of old palms are placed on the forehead in the shape of a Cross, as a sign of penance. It’s

also a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two small meals that together don’t equal a full meal.

February 22 – St. Margaret of Cortona (1297). St. Margaret’s conversion came after the sudden death of the man she was having an affair with. Shaken, she repented and became a Franciscan tertiary. She founded a hospital and an order of Tertiary sisters — *le Poverelle* — to operate it.

February 22 – The Chair of St. Peter. Today marks St. Peter’s establishment of the Holy See, the “seat” of authority, in Rome. We thank God for His Church and pray for its holy preservation.

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