

MISSION STATEMENT | *As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through Word, Sacrament, and Service.*

Adoration

of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT**

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you." Matthew 7:7

TUESDAYS | Beginning December 1
 Following the 12:10 pm Mass until 7 pm | In the Church

You are invited! Please prayerfully consider making a commitment to Eucharistic Adoration.
30 minutes or a full Holy Hour available, 1:00-7:00 pm.
Also needed: substitute adorers for a substitute list.

During Adoration, the exposed Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance is not to be left unattended — at least two committed adorers are needed for every hour of Adoration. Non-committed Adorers are welcome at any time.

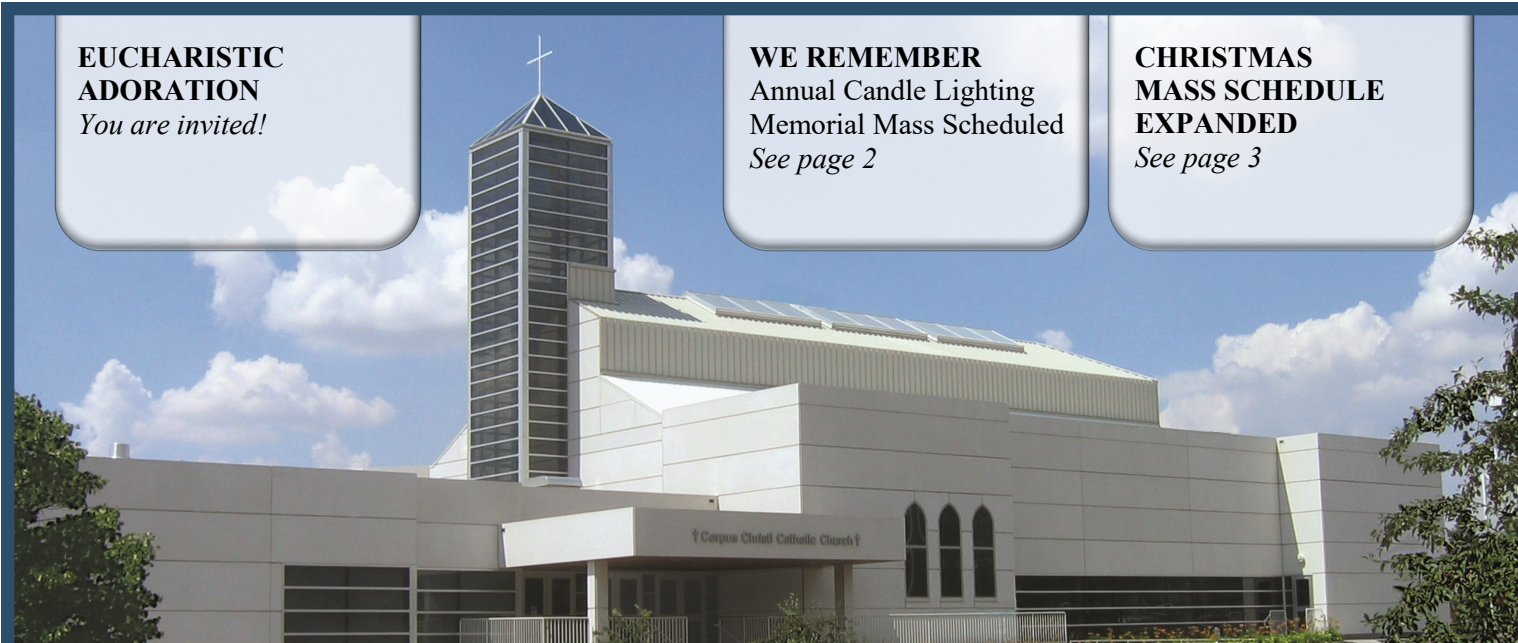
We plan to begin Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the new Liturgical Year, the first week of Advent. Commit to an hour now to help us fill the schedule—call the Parish Office at 255-4600 or visit www.corpuschristibismarck.com/adoration-1.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
You are invited!

WE REMEMBER
 Annual Candle Lighting
 Memorial Mass Scheduled
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE EXPANDED
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We need Silence...

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will bring about an everlasting peace on earth.

We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within—words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness."

St. Theresa of Calcutta

FROM THE PASTOR

Fall greetings to each of you! We have designed a new newsletter style publication that we will be mailing approximately 3-4 times a year to highlight the ministries, programs and events at our parish. Specifically during this time of the COVID pandemic, I thought it was a great time to add a publication, different than the weekly bulletin, that arrives right in your home to offer another way to connect with each other. For this edition, I would like to focus on Eucharistic Adoration, which we are excited to announce will begin soon; I hope you will join us!

How do we grow in relationship with others? Through the sharing of time, presence and conversation. The God who inspired the prophet Jeremiah to proclaim, *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"* (Jeremiah 1:5) desires a relationship with us. In turn, our souls desire to know the creator. As St. Augustine said, *"Our heart is restless until it rests in you."* As we consciously desire to spend time with our loved ones to grow in relationship, our souls desire to spend time in the presence of our Lord. The foundation of our Catholic faith is our belief in Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. In the consecrated Host, Christ is truly present and we have the unique opportunity to visit and encounter Him through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We are formulating plans within COVID guidelines to offer Eucharistic Adoration beginning in Advent and we need at least two committed adorers for each time slot. As we prepare to offer this beautiful devotion, I invite each of you to prayerfully consider making a commitment to our Lord and if at this time you are unable, I invite you to stop by Adoration at any time, even if briefly. St. Alphonsus Liguori said, *"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day."* ~Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
Committing to an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is a opportunity to grow in faith and prayer—to grow closer to Christ.

“Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord and I say to him, ‘Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do’ and then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply.” St. Catherine Laboure

A good way to spend an hour with the Lord is to divide your time into segments, each devoted to meditation and prayers of adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and supplication (Prayers of Intention).

Some fruitful prayers and devotions to consider for your holy hour are:

- ✦ The Rosary
- ✦ Stations of the Cross
- ✦ Lectio Divina —The Latin phrase “lectio divina” may be translated as “divine reading.” Lectio divina is a method for praying with the Scriptures and follows four steps: reading, meditation, contemplation, and prayer. Lectio Divina brings the events of daily living into focus, one can come to live more deeply and find the presence of God more readily in the events of each day.
- ✦ Divine Office—The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office, is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer.
- ✦ The Divine Praises
- ✦ The Te Deum

Sitting before Christ in Adoration is less about doing than about being.

It is a time to be present to God and to be open to his friendship and grace. A commitment to a Holy Hour is a commitment to the Lord.

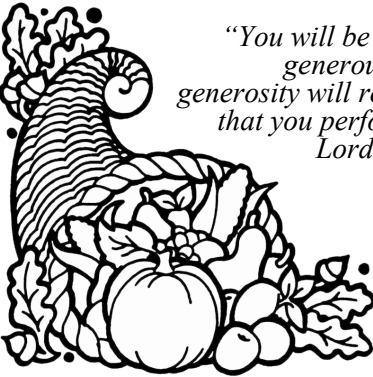
“Could you not keep watch with me one hour?” Matthew 26:40

Tantum Ergo (Often used during Benediction)

Down in Adoration Falling	Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Lo! The sacred host we hail;	Veneremur cernui;
Lo! O’er ancient forms departing,	Et Antiquum documentum
Newer rites of grace prevail;	Novo cedat ritui;
Faith for all defects supplying,	Praestet fides supplementum
Where the feeble senses fail.	Sensuum defectui

THANKS for GIVING this THANKSGIVING!

FOOD DRIVE
November 14-26



“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.”
2 Corinthians 9:11-12

Join us!
THANKSGIVING DAY
MASS
November 26—9:00 am

WE REMEMBER

Annual Candle Lighting Memorial Mass
to be held Sunday, November 1 at 5:30 pm
This year’s Memorial Mass will remember and honor those who died October 2019—September 2020.



- Patricia Hardy—October 2
- Jeanne Karhoff—October 5
- Quirin Friese—October 19
- Donald Prouty—October 22
- Julie Colling—November 16
- Marie Emineth—November 20
- Florence Kiefer—December 1
- Richard Maier—December 8
- Roy Barth—December 19
- Wendelin Scherr—January 3
- Arthur “Art” Mildenerberger—January 4
- Beverly Sundahl—January 14
- Cecilia “Cil” Brown—January 16
- Charles “Chuck” Welle—February 3
- Helen Joyner—February 7
- Marlene Fetting—February 8
- Irene Kraft—February 27
- Alice Messer—February 28
- Eldon Beaström—March 2
- Yolanda McKinney—March 10
- Douglas Knudson—March 11
- Alvina Helfrich—March 20
- Leona Hammes—March 31
- William Gereszek—April 5
- Julie Moszer—April 7
- Edwin Boger—April 16
- Wilmar Urban—April 16
- JoAnn Goldade—April 23
- Margaret Halloran Kelly—May 1
- Ronald Eugene Martin Dressler—May 12
- Richard Gebhart—May 15
- Leonard Klein—May 19
- Charles Kapsner—May 31
- Robert Marquart—June 9
- Luella Holzer—June 15
- Darlene Schuller—July 13
- John Tharaldsen—July 14
- Magdalen “Maggie” Rausch—July 17
- Rick Kaufman—July 22
- Clara Lacher—July 24
- Mary Gross—July 25
- Donna Zimmerman—August 1
- Viola “Vi” Steiner—August 5
- Frances Schlosser—August 18
- Robert Friesz—August 25
- Antoinette “Toni” Staudinger—August 26
- Lillian Sturn—August 31
- Clarence Schmidt—September 10
- George Ressler—September 11
- Cody Carik—September 14
- Emerita Loeb—September 19
- Viola Bosch—September 23
- Myron Schell—September 30

ANNUAL BLESSING of the PETS

Sunday, October 04
Thank you, Lord, for the gift of your creation! St. Francis of Assisi, pray for our pets.



CONGRATULATIONS

Sacraments Celebrated
Typically, we celebrate First Communion and Confirmation in the Spring. Delayed due to the coronavirus, the Sacrament of First Eucharist was celebrated this summer at a Mass of the family’s choosing and the Sacrament of Confirmation is re-scheduled with Bishop Kagan for October 24.

We commend these young Catholics and their families for their patience and understanding amid their excitement! Congratulations to each of you; may your faith always burn brightly within you! And, thank you to the Faith Formation team!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Encountering Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration

November 10, 2020
1:00-2:00 p.m.
Parish Hall

Eucharistic Adoration is one of the most important devotions of our time. Spending one-hour adoring Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament transforms us into the image of Jesus. It truly is life changing as you cultivate a deeper relationship with Our Lord.

Come and learn!

- ▶ Gain a deeper appreciation for the importance of Eucharistic Adoration.
- ▶ Learn about resources to use to help you pray during this Holy Hour.
- ▶ Hear from others how Eucharistic Adoration has deepened their relationship with Jesus.
- ▶ Have an opportunity to sign up or commit to a personal Holy Hour.

God’s Perfect Gift to Us: Love and Mercy

November 30 & December 7, 2020
1:00-2:00 p.m.
Parish Hall

Christmas is a time our hearts turn toward gift giving! Jesus would like to welcome you to receive His special gift of love and mercy this Advent. Please join us for two evenings as we view and discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation through the video series “Forgiven” from FORMED.

November 30

“Where are you?” this Advent Season

December 7

“An Encounter with Mercy”
“Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained”

If you are unable to join us, you can view the “Forgiven” series at [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

THE NATIVITY of the LORD

Mass Schedule expanded to welcome & accommodate the faithful

We understand your desire to attend Mass (especially on Christmas!) and we have added two Masses to the 2020 Christmas Mass Schedule to welcome and accommodate the faithful. The 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass typically has the highest attendance. Kindly remember the guidelines we must follow and plan ahead to celebrate with us—we look forward to worshipping the birth of our Savior with you! Just as we currently do, please take note of our safety procedures:

- ▶ We encourage all guests to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer.
- ▶ We follow all recommended guidelines for social distancing. Overflow seating will be available. Hospitality ministers will assist in seating.
- ▶ If and when the Church and overflow areas are full, arriving guests will be asked to attend another Mass.
- ▶ The dispensation for the Obligation for Weekend Masses and Holy Days is still in effect and we do not anticipate Bishop Kagan will change this at this time in the worldwide pandemic.
- ▶ For those who prefer to join us via livestream, we will have options available both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Stay tuned to the weekly bulletins for the finalized Livestream schedule.

Corpus Christi

2020 Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24
4:00 pm
6:00 pm
8:00 pm
10:00 pm

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25
7:00 am
9:00 am
11:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Thursday, December 31—5:30 pm
Friday, January 1—12:10 pm

