

# Lent Edition

**2023 LENTEN THEME:**  
*Living on the RIM:  
God's Amazing Grace*



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### Israel: The 5th Gospel



#### Photos, from top:

- The Old City of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives
- Sunset on the Sea of Galilee
- The Church of the Beatitudes

### FROM MSGR. SCHUMACHER, *Pastor*

Lent is a time the Church gives us to reflect on our lives and our faith journey and to be transformed. Common questions that stir within the soul are, “Why was I created? What is life all about?” It is in our brokenness, our sinfulness, that we struggle to answer these questions. By laying these at the foot of the cross, we reach out to Jesus and let the grace of God touch us, surrendering ourselves to the God who created us, and to live the life he intended for us. This is **God's Amazing Grace!** This Lent, we invite you to join us as we discover God's overarching plan for our lives. As we learn to live in **(R)elationship** with Christ, we discover our **(I)dentity** as a child of God and we learn to listen to Him in our prayer as we live in relationship with Him. We discover that God created us uniquely, with our own personal gifts and talents. Our **(M)ission** is to live our lives through Him, with Him, and in Him using those unique gifts. As St. Augustine said, “*Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.*” Join us for Lent 2023, as we challenge everyone to **Live on the RIM** (an acronym for **R**elationship — **I**dentity — **M**ission) and experience **God's Amazing Grace** in our lives. We again will have many great opportunities this Lent and all are listed in this Newsletter. Be sure to join us on Thursday, March 30, for a special Lenten Evening of Reflection which will explore the concept of RIM and God's Amazing Grace!

As we journey through Lent and draw near to Holy Week, our hearts follow Jesus through his ministry, his passion, death and resurrection. Israel, the Holy Land, is often referred to as the “5th Gospel” because the land, the people, the history, teach us about Jesus, just as Matthew, Mark, Luke and John do in the Holy Gospels. I invite you to consider joining me for a Pilgrimage to Israel in September 2024. The itinerary is being finalized and I have already received a great deal of interest. I have a feeling this pilgrimage opportunity will fill quickly, once registration commences. Now is the time to prayerfully contemplate traveling to the land at the center of Jesus' salvific history, so you are ready to register when the time comes. To be placed on a list to receive promotional materials and complete information, please email staff member, Sarah Bengtson at [sarah.bengtson@corpuschristibismarck.com](mailto:sarah.bengtson@corpuschristibismarck.com). I look forward to sharing information with you soon!

~ With every kind regard,  
*Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, Pastor*



LENT 2023 at Corpus Christi

# Living on the RIM: *God's Amazing Grace*



## WEEK 1 — FEBRUARY 26: *Relationship*

*Through God's amazing grace, we are called into RELATIONSHIP with Him.*

**Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11**

## WEEK 2 — MARCH 5: *Relationship*

*God wants to transfigure us and we are called to live a holy life in RELATIONSHIP with Him.*

**2 Timothy 1:8b—10 | Matthew 17:1-9**

## WEEK 3 — MARCH 12: *Identity*

*We receive our IDENTITY in Christ when we become His child through Baptism.  
Christ knows us — who we really are, even in our sinfulness — and loves us anyway.*

**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 | John 4:5-42**

## WEEK 4 — MARCH 19: *Identity*

*Our IDENTITY is not of this world but as children of the light. God calls us to live in this new identity, just as he sees us.*

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13 | Ephesians 5:8-14 | John 9:1-14**

## WEEK 5 — MARCH 26: *Mission*

*God calls us to new life in Him and our MISSION is to live for Him by being who he created us to be and by using the gifts He has given us. When we live like this, God's Spirit is alive in us and we experience new life.*

**Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45**

## THURSDAY, MARCH 30: *Lenten Evening of Reflection*

*Join Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, Fr. Logan Obrigewitch, and special guest, Dr. James Link,  
as we further explore RIM (Relationship—Identity—Mission) and our Spiritual Gifts.*

**5:30—6:45 Sacrament of Confession**

**7:00—8:00 pm Presentation**

**8:00—9:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Confession**

## WEEK 6 — APRIL 2: *Mission*

*You are invited to take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory to determine how you can best use your gifts on your MISSION for the Lord.*





*East side / Backyard Patio*



*Monsignor touring the progress with family*



*The last window (above the door) finally arrived*



*The southwest corner is the Rectory Chapel*

### **Ways to support Corpus Christi — for any project or fund.**



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*Permanent LED Christmas lighting debuted on Christmas Eve*

I will start this Rectory Update as I did in the last Newsletter, *"The rectory project that I have been tasked with by Bishop Kagan is moving forward and ahead of schedule and, as you can see, is beginning to look as it was presented in the October 2021 rendering."* I share this again because the featured photo above does a great job of showing this.

The most recent work at the rectory includes the installation of bathroom tile and fixtures, flooring throughout, lighting, and countertops. Appliances will be installed soon. We have been notified that the refrigerator, which we ordered nearly 14 months ago, will not arrive by move-in date, but we have been reassured of a temporary option until it arrives. We are looking at a mid-March move-in date. The chapel work will continue after that, as we had expected.

I have been impressed with the selections the Rectory Design Committee has made. While I knew what the exterior would look like, all other design choices have been made by a 6-woman committee. I know they have done their due-diligence in making selections that are intended for longevity and neutrality, while accommodating the budget. The committee did not want items selected that would have to be replaced in a few years because of quality or style issues. The committee's work is not quite done as linens (Bath, Bed, Kitchen), tableware, kitchen items, patio furniture, etc., all need to be purchased as these items were not in the campaign budget. However, the committee has been working on some of the items already, purchasing as sale opportunities come up. Any donations towards this project to complete the rectory are appreciated. These are the small things that will transform this beautiful rectory into a "home." A place where priests and seminarians will connect with the parish through gatherings, meetings, and events in the years to come.

To close, I would again like to share my gratitude to all of our donors for their support to date. As I've said before, it is only through the gifts of many that we will reach our goal. Although we still need gifts to complete the Rectory Campaign, I know the many outstanding pledges and continued gifts will move us to exceed our goal.

*~In Gratitude and Anticipation, Msgr. Patrick Schumacher*



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS & UPDATES:

- ▶ No Faith Formation classes on Ash Wednesday, February 22.
  - ▶ The proceeds of the **Friday Lenten Fish Fries** (February 24—March 31) benefit youth ministry events. Volunteers and desserts are needed.
  - ▶ **Children's Liturgy of the Word** is held the 2nd Sunday of the month during the 10:45 am Mass. During Lent, additional dates have been added. Children Pre-K thru 2nd Grade are welcome February 26, March 12 & 26.
  - ▶ **Do you have a 7th grade Faith Formation student?** There will be a parent-candidate meeting regarding Confirmation on March 22, 2023, at 8:00 pm in the Church.
  - ▶ **First Communion** is scheduled for April 29 & 30 and May 6 & 7. Pray for the 75 children excited to receive the Eucharist for the first time!
  - ▶ The Faith Formation **End of Year Celebration** will be held May 10. A meal will be served at the Sertoma Park Community Center, 5:00—7:00 pm. Amusement Park wristbands will be provided for registered Faith Formation children, 5:30-7:30 pm. Tickets and wristbands will be available for the public's purchase.
  - ▶ **Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for May 31—June 1—June 2. Mark your calendar and watch for registration around April 1st. Volunteers are needed; can you help?
  - ▶ **Cor Christi** will be held July 10—14 and July 17—21. All rising 9th thru 12 graders are invited. Contact Melanie Konieczka for more information about this exciting program.
  - ▶ Registrations are currently being accepted for **Steubenville** (Rochester), July 13—16. Contact Melanie Konieczka for more information.
  - ▶ The **Sacrament of Confirmation** is scheduled for October 8, 2023. Pray for the 77 candidates!
- 2022-2023 Faith Formation Statistics**  
**575** children in grades Pre-K through Confirmation;  
**98** catechists, aids and hall monitors;  
**75** First Communicants;  
**77** Confirmation Candidates;  
**10** children in RCIC (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Children*) classes;  
**94** youth participated in the Hard as Nails Night on February 1, 2023.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Following the halt created by COVID pandemic precautions, we are excited for upcoming New Member Meals and Volunteer Appreciation Meals.

### NEW MEMBERS

All New Members who registered in 2020—2022 are invited for a time of fellowship and a meal. While the dates below are suggested; it is more important that you come! Personal invites are forthcoming; please watch your mailbox for complete information and how to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you soon!

2020 New Member Meals: April 20 & 22

2021 New Member Meals: April 23 & 27

2022 New Member Meals: May 1 & 4

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

If you volunteer in any capacity for the various Corpus Christi ministries, please plan to join us as we celebrate and recognize you!

Volunteer Appreciation events will be held on May 8 and 16. Watch the bulletin for complete information and to RSVP. We look forward to sharing our appreciation with you!



## THE HEART OF A STEWARD:

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace.* 1 Peter 4:10

To feed the hungry is a corporal work of mercy *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25: 35—40)

We have seen an increasing need recently, but Corpus Christi continues to meet the growing need through your food donations and the work of our dedicated volunteers. The Food Pantry, available on Mondays and Thursdays, assists a growing number of community members as they struggle with food insecurity. Through your generosity, we distribute over 50 boxes of food each week, impacting over 200 different families in a month. We know the cost of food — the cost of living — has increased for each of us. But, we also know your generosity is greater; just take Christmas Outreach 2022 as an example! Our parishioners rose to the challenge and assisted area families in celebrating Christmas with 136 food boxes and 500 gifts.



Your continued support is needed and appreciated! See below for some specific needs.

## LENTEN ALMSGIVING:

*Participate in almsgiving this Lent by donating food to help fill the shelves of the Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the upper and lower gathering spaces. Scan to QR Code to assist with the Easter Outreach Food Baskets.*

### Essential Items Needed Are:

Week 1: Cereal &

Peanut Butter

Week 2: Spaghetti Sauce

& Spaghetti Noodles

Week 3: Soups (*Chicken Noodle/Beef Noodle*)

& Instant Potatoes

Week 4: Pancake Mix

& Syrup

Week 5: Cream Soups

& Rice

Week 6: Peanut Butter &

Hamburger Helper

### Additional items that are always needed:

Canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meats, and pasta.

Household items like toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towels,

hygiene products (baby, youth, adult) are also commonly

requested. Monetary donations are always welcome to assist in

the purchase of staples like milk, eggs, bread, and meat.







## *Lenten Opportunities at Corpus Christi*

**LENTEN RESOURCES:** Beginning the weekend of February 18 & 19, Lenten Resources for children and adults will be available on a first come, first serve basis. The resources will be located at the entrances of the Church.

**LENTEN LUNCHEONS:** A simple meal after the 12:10 pm Daily Mass, Monday-Friday, February 22—April 5. On Ash Wednesday there will be a simple meal after the 12:10 pm Mass *and* the 5:30 pm Mass.

**FISH FRY FRIDAYS:** Every Friday during Lent, February 24—March 31, Parish Hall. Baked and fried fish, fried shrimp, french fries, green beans, noodles, applesauce, coleslaw, beverages and homemade desserts. Adults: \$12, Children: \$8, Family: \$45. Proceeds benefit youth ministry programs. All are welcome! Volunteers are needed. Contact Melanie Konieczka at the parish office, 255-4600 or visit <https://corpuschristibismarck.com> and click on the Fish Fry rolling slide on the top of the page. New this year: ❶ Credit Cards will be accepted ❷ Musical entertainment available on most evenings.

**STATIONS of the CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent, February 24—March 31, 5:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to carry the cross, assist with lights, and do speaking parts. To help, contact Tracy Kraft at the parish office, 255-4600.

**LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL:** Reflect on the Stations of the Cross through music and guided meditation, presented by *Duo Inpertio* (Tonya Mertz, Oboe, and Beverly Everett, Organ) and Msgr. Patrick Schumacher. Sunday, February 26, 2:00—3:00 pm, in the Church.

**LENTEN EVENING of REFLECTION:** Thursday, March 30th, 7:00—8:00 pm, in the Church. Join us as Msgr. Schumacher, Fr. Orligewitch, and Dr. Link present on “*Living on the RIM: God’s Amazing Grace*”. The Sacrament of Confession will be available prior, from 5:30—6:45 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Confession will be available following the presentation, 8:00—9:00 pm.

**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Every Tuesday, immediately following the 12:10 pm Daily Mass until 7:00 pm.

**RECONCILIATION:** As normally scheduled, Monday through Friday from 11:30 am—Noon and on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 pm. Additional Reconciliation times have been added near Holy Week; see the Lent & Holy Week schedule on the back side for the complete list.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY of the WORD:** Additional times have been added for Lent! Children ages Preschool—2nd Grade are welcome on February 26, March 12 and March 26, during the 10:45 am Mass.



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

# Lent & Holy Week 2023

*All are welcome at Corpus Christi!*



## ASH WEDNESDAY

**February 22** 7:00 am, 12:10 pm\*, 5:30 pm\*, 7:00 pm

*\*A simple meal will be offered in the Parish Hall after the 12:10 pm & 5:30 pm Masses.*

## LENTEN LUNCHEONS

**February 22 — April 5**

Monday through Friday after the 12:10 pm Daily Mass

## FISH FRY FRIDAYS

**February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

Fridays during Lent, 5:00—7:00 pm

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

Fridays during Lent, 5:30 pm

## REGULAR WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am — Noon

Saturday: 3:00 — 3:45 pm

## ADDED LENTEN CONFESSIONS

**Thursday, March 30:** 5:30 — 6:45 pm and  
8:00 — 9:00 pm

**Monday, April 3:** 11:00 am — Noon and  
5:00 — 8:00 pm

**Tuesday, April 4:** 11:00 am — Noon

**Wednesday, April 5:** 11:00 am — Noon

\*\*\*No Confessions April 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10

## HOLY TRIDUUM

**HOLY THURSDAY April 6** — 5:30 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY April 7** — 12:10 pm

3:00 pm

5:30 pm

**HOLY SATURDAY April 8** — 8:00 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY April 9** — 7:00 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

No 5:30 pm Mass

