

New Programming



Parish Date Night:

A night for couples, young and old, to gather as a community of faith. Parish Date Night features a delicious meal, fellowship, and an opportunity to learn and discuss faith based topics. The goal is to offer 2-3 Parish Date Nights throughout the year.

Parish Date Night and the Corpus Christi Youth Ministry Program teamed up for an exciting and new fundraiser — a fine dining experience at the rectory with a Mardi Gras theme.

Emmaus Young Adults is for anyone ages 21-39 and empowers young adults to encounter Jesus together. The group meets once a month for praise and adoration with a social after.



Soul Core combines core strengthening, stretching, and functional exercises with the prayers of the Rosary. It is a sensory experience that combines candlelight, music, scripture, reflections and movement to nourish the body, mind and soul and to encourage deeper meditation on the virtues and mysteries of the Rosary.

Step by Faith brings seniors together to enhance their lives physically and spiritually by encouraging movement while prayerfully stretching their souls.



Youth Group "On the Move"

The Youth Ministry program offers our youth many opportunities to grow in faith and serve others. Among the highlights last year was Net Ministries in Minneapolis, the Steubenville Conference in Denver, and a Mission Trip to Kentucky that began with Mass in the Rectory Chapel prior to departure (photo). These teens have traveled great distances — physically and spiritually — to experience and serve our Lord!

Special Projects

There is always a project or two in the works to maintain the Church building (built in 2002). In 2024-2025, a few highlighted projects included:

- ✓ Youth Ministry Room and Office renovation
- ✓ Sidewalk improvement
- ✓ Church Roof repair
- ✓ Food Pantry expansion
- ✓ Camera operating system update



Changes at Corpus Christi

June 2025 — Sr. Ivo retired after 40+ years of active ministry.

July 2025 — Fr. Dosch moved to Rome for Canon Law studies.

August 2025 — Nicole Berger began assisting with bookkeeping.

September 2025 — Fr. Rebera began Canon Law studies (online).



Positive Impressions

The annual Vacation Bible School program welcomes over 300 children and volunteers every summer.

Corpus Christi is one of the only local Catholic parishes which offers a VBS program that is organized and staffed by the parish itself (rather than bringing in an outside group to facilitate the activities). VBS is always a fun and exciting experience for children and adults alike! After VBS, themed decorations are made available to any parish that might be interested; the 2025 True North VBS decor was used by Stanley — they were very appreciative!

Archbishop Bernard Hebda (Minneapolis/St. Paul) concelebrated the Funeral Mass for +Loretta Vetter, Corpus Christi parishioner and mother to Bishop Austin Vetter and grandmother to Fathers Steven and Nicholas Vetter. (He joined three bishops and about 60 priests to concelebrate.) After the funeral liturgy, impressed with the quality of the music, Bishop Hebda inquired with Msgr. Schumacher about the musicians (Sebastian Haboczki and Colleen Reinhardt) and asked if they were parish musicians or hired professionals. He commended them and said they were among the best he's ever heard!



Corpus Christi sent a missionary Team to the Bismarck Diocese African Mission for the month of June 2025 to serve and experience the mission.

Fr. David Morman, the Priest Administrator of the African Mission, was very complimentary of the Corpus Christi Team!

Spirit of Hospitality

With the support of Bishop Kagan, the *Encounter School of Ministry* opened a campus in Bismarck and will use Corpus Christi as their learning space. Their opening Mass was September 11, 2025.



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MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through Word, Sacrament, and Service.

Corpus Christi

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Clergy

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, S.T.L. *Pastor*
Fr. John Paul Gardner, *Parochial Vicar*
Fr. Dinoy Rebera, *Parochial Vicar*
Deacon Michael Fix
Deacon Lonnie Grabowska
Deacon Brian Lardy
Deacon Rex McDowall, *Retired*
Deacon Bob Wingenbach

Parish Office Staff

Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager
Cindy Anderst, Adult Faith Formation
Sarah Bengtson, Pastoral Care
Sebastian Haboczki, Music Ministry
Niel Heinze, Maintenance
Cole Jones, Youth Ministry
Melanie Konieczka, Faith Formation
Colleen Reinhardt, Pastoral Care
Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care



CHURCH of CORPUS CHRISTI

Serving the People of God since 1964!

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Please be a Responsible Member

of the Body of Christ at Corpus Christi Parish:

- ✓ Go to Mass & participate in the Liturgy
- ✓ Evangelize by bringing someone to Jesus Christ, present in Corpus Christi
- ✓ Contribute to our Mission

State of the Parish Report

Church of Corpus Christi | Bismarck, North Dakota

Fiscal Year July 01, 2024 — June 30, 2025



"Corpus Christi is a great place to live our love for Jesus Christ!"
~ Msgr. Patrick Schumacher



My Dear People of God,

In this diocesan-required State of the Parish report, there is a great deal to be grateful for; Yes, I am pleased to say we have a strong and stable parish! And, as we witness to Christ's mission and strive to fully engage the faithful, we have much to pray for. This annual report also gives our parish the opportunity to review how we are *"trustworthy in small matters,"* as the Gospel and my homily addressed on September 21 & 22, 2025.



any number of religious organizations or stewardship guides and you quickly learn the rule of thirds: expect that 1/3 of the parish will actively give and participate, embracing the stewardship tenants of time, talent and treasure to meet the needs of the parish; expect that 1/3 of the parish will give and participate, occasionally; and, expect that 1/3 of the parish will not actively participate in the life of the Church. The good news is, the 49% represents people who took time to register; they were open to the Holy Spirit and drawn to the Parish of Corpus Christi for one reason or another. There is potential to reach these parishioners to encourage them to engage in the life of the Parish. And, honestly, a portion is likely doing so already. We know there are people within this demographic that are giving and participating in various *undocumented* ways, which are vital to the parish. If you look at our loose collection

statistic, we receive *anonymous* cash donations and likely a portion of this is coming from parishioners who do not want recognition for one reason or another. I understand that; simply look at Matthew 6:3-4.

The 1/3 rule doesn't only apply in financial situations. This report celebrates the amazing number of people who participate in the ministries of the Church, but there is always room for growth. For instance, as I celebrate weekend Masses, I see the same Ushers working each time, and I know many ministries need additional help.

When I was thinking about the 49% blue section, I began to think about another image. The earth is made up of 30% green (land), where people live and life's daily activities take place, and 70% blue (water), which is void of important, life sustaining properties that the land provides. In relation to "human living" the blue is not desirable. But it is the reality of the earth and how God created it. In fact, the earth needs the ocean for the land to remain habitable.

In Luke 5:4-6, we hear a memorable and poignant story: *"After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.' Simon said in reply, 'Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.' When he had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing."*

This is your pastor, lowering the net into the blue...will you continue to engage in the life of the Church? Corpus Christi is a great place to live our love for Jesus Christ, and this report shows how we are *"trustworthy in very small matters so that we may be trustworthy in great ones."* (Luke 16:10) ~ Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor

Corpus Christi: We are the Body of Christ

Our Parish Family

- 2,470 Registered Households
- 85 New Families
- 6,988 Individual Parishioners (Children included)
- 47 Active ministries with over 700 volunteers

Our Sacramental Ministry

- 67 Baptisms
- 70 First Reconciliations
- 70 First Communions
- 84 Confirmations
- 15 Adults welcomed through OCIA
- 11 Weddings
- 56 Funerals

Our Prayer

- 52 committed Adorers for Eucharistic Adoration
- 300+ hours of Eucharistic Adoration offered
- 300+ rosaries were offered prior to Mass
- 35 Prayer Tree Ministers prayed for our intentions
- 52 weeks our Parish prayed for the Prayer Basket intentions
- 282 Prayer Blankets and Clinging Crosses were distributed
- 6 Lenten Stations of the Cross were offered — 3 Traditional, 1 Stations for Children, 1 Shadow Stations, 1 Living Stations
- 74 Women participated in SoulCore

Our Worship

- 537 Masses were offered
- 32 adults, teens, and children were in the choir
- 18 camera operators assisted with Masses
- 358 parishioners served as Liturgical Ministers
- 4 Eucharistic Processions for our Feast Day
- 4 Nights of Young Adult Praise & Adoration

Our Formation

- 546 youth (PreK-8th Grade) participated in Faith Formation
- 30 catechists, 18 middle school/Confirmation mentors, 35 aides and 11 hall monitors volunteered in Faith Formation programs
- 237 adults participated in bible studies
- 24 adults participated in Step by Faith
- 50-60 women participated in the monthly Women's Group
- 25-35 men participated in the monthly Men's Group
- 2,500+ books and prayer aids were distributed.

Our Service

- 26 volunteers offered the Rosary and Communion Services to nursing home residents
- 439 holiday favors were delivered to 70 nursing home residents
- 2,036 food boxes (77,823 pounds) were distributed
- 28 volunteers assisted with the Food Pantry
- 37 members participated in Food for the Soul
- 19 youth and adults traveled to Kentucky for mission work
- 4 people traveled to the Bismarck Diocese African Mission



Our Youth

- 125 middle schoolers, 85 high schoolers, and 20 volunteers were active in Youth Ministry
- 8 youth attended Cor Christi (U of Mary)
- 2 Dinner Theater events were offered
- 207 children, 68 crew leaders, and 35 adults participated in Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- 29 youth and adults participated in Steubenville

Our Generosity

- 1,954 parishioners received envelopes
- 237 parishioners used envelopes on a regular basis
- 915 parishioners participated in online giving
- 239 parishioners donated electronically through their bank account
- \$92,014 was donated to the Corpus Christi Food Pantry
- 551 gifts were distributed in the Christmas Outreach Program
- Children generously supported the Children's collection all 52 weeks

More Good News

- ♥ The choir joyfully hosted a Christmas carol sing-along.
- ♥ We continued to be blessed by groups like the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, the Caring Hearts Quilters, the Garden Club, etc.
- ♥ Parishioners generously supported a variety of special collections, Diocesan Seminarian events, Light of Christ Catholic Schools, Colombian Qualities, Holy Land articles, etc.
- ♥ The Parish welcomed various groups like the home schoolers, Ultreya, spiritual directors, and the Encounter School of Ministry.
- ♥ We supported the Bismarck Mandan Symphony Orchestra and maestro Beverly Everett, Corpus Christi Organist in Residence.



Annual Financial Statement

July 01, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Why does the Corpus Christi Financial Statement look like this?

The Diocese of Bismarck mandated this reporting format, effective January 1, 2023.

Each parish entity includes an operating account and a trust account, which must be reported independently.

Corpus Christi Parish

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 914,273.52
Savings	\$ 74,503.88
Total Current Assets	\$ 988,777.40
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 988,777.40

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,725.06
401K and Roth 401K Payable	\$ 7,596.87
Health Insurance	\$ 165.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 11,487.49

NET ASSETS	
Dedicated Accounts	
Unrestricted	\$ 374,522.53
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 357,852.35
TOTAL DEDICATED ACCOUNTS	\$ 732,374.88
CURRENT PERIOD CHANGES TO NET ASSETS	\$ 68,037.15
Total Net Assets	\$ 977,289.91

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 988,777.40
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INCOME	
Adult Collections (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 1,662,936.74
Children and Loose Collection	\$ 163,944.92
Facility Fees, Interest, Dividends, Book Rack, Misc.	\$ 37,140.66
Bismarck Area Catholic Education Foundation	\$ 29,770.00
Building Fund	\$ 44,067.00
Faith Formation, Youth Ministry Income	\$ 35,301.72
Dedicated Income	\$ 208,112.10
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,181,273.14

EXPENSES	
Operation, Supplies and Equipment	\$ 204,080.70
Salaries and Benefits for Staff and Priests	\$ 827,314.10
Priest and Rectory Expenses	\$ 122,302.86
Sacristy, Liturgy, Ministry, Outreach Expenses	\$ 87,906.54
Light of Christ (Catholic Schools Expenses)	\$ 526,298.52
Building, Utilities and Grounds Maintenance	\$ 103,445.05
Faith Formation, Youth Ministry Expenses	\$ 54,621.38
Dedicated Expenses	\$ 187,267.47
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,113,235.99

Corpus Christi Trust

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,192.34
Savings	\$ 40,504.35
Long Term Savings	\$ 161,409.18
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 204,105.87

NET ASSETS	
Dedicated Accounts	
Unrestricted	\$ 33,827.79
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEDICATED ACCOUNTS	\$ 33,827.79
CURRENT PERIOD CHANGES TO NET ASSETS	\$ 15,483.38
NET ASSETS	\$ 204,105.87

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 204,105.87
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INCOME	
Investment Earnings	\$ 6,325.40
Interest Income	\$ 676.56
Agency Fund Interest	\$ 15,788.02
Miscellaneous	\$ 6.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 22,795.98

EXPENSES	
Distribution Expenses	\$ 6,470.45
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 230.00
Foundation Agency Fees	\$ 612.15
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,312.60

Give Online: Scan this QR Code, use the Parish App, or visit corpuschristibismarck.com

Give in the Pew

Give through the Mail: 1919 N. 2nd Street, Bismarck, ND 58501-1735

Thank you for supporting Corpus Christi!

"I have called you by name..." Is 43:1

"Each must do as already determined... God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

Current Stewardship Needs



You can make a difference!

✓ **Ushers** — Ushers are vital to the hospitality ministry at Corpus Christi and ensure Mass runs smoothly. The main duties of an usher include: greeting and assisting parishioners and guests, facilitating the collection, and assisting the congregation in the Communion process. Ushering is a great way to assist your parish and build fellowship!

✓ **Camera Operators** — Camera Operators run the camera system during Mass, which allows the faithful to participate in Mass from one of the overflow areas in the Church (Chapel, Upper Gathering Space, Community Room, Parish Hall, etc.) and via livestream. Our livestream ministry is a highly requested and vital ministry to connect the faithful to the parish for weekend Masses, funerals, weddings, and special events. The updated camera operating system is easy to navigate and training is provided!

✓ **5:30 p.m. Mass** — Have you noticed the same faces helping at Mass? Many guests and visitors join Corpus Christi parishioners for this Mass, often known for its convenient Mass time, but we do need regular staffing. Volunteers are needed for all Liturgical Ministries.



Please prayerfully consider how you can share your stewardship gifts of time & talent!

Explore your Spiritual Gifts by scanning the QR Code!



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve as good stewards of God's varied grace..." 1 Pt 4:10

A few thoughts on Gifts of Treasure

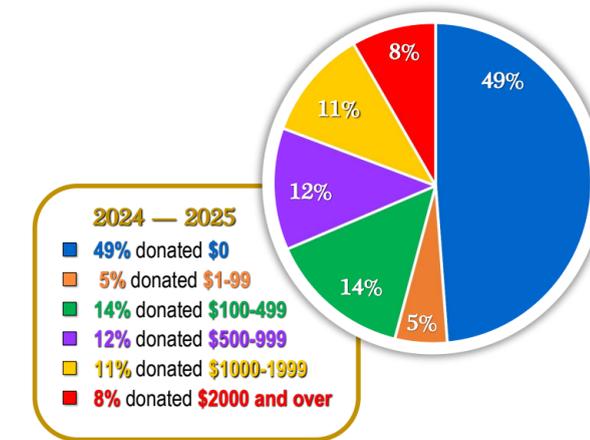
✓ When was the last time you reconsidered your stewardship commitments? Conscious giving — sacrificial giving — is encouraged. Traditional "tithing" is 10%. Ask yourself, what is right for me/my family? Give to God from your "first fruits," not from what is "left".

✓ If your means of giving is undocumented/anonymous, would you consider changing that?

✓ Would you consider automatic giving? (Easy, safe, convenient!)

✓ *Did you know?* The number of a parish's registered households — not the number of contributing households — is used to determine a parish's responsibility to God's Share, Priest Benefit Association, Priest Long Term Care, etc. Every registered household is encouraged to financially support the work of the Church.

✓ Please help us keep our parish registration records current — Have you changed parishes or no longer wish to be a registered member at Corpus Christi? Have you had a change to your contact information (mailing address, landline, cell phone, email, "snowbird" address)?



Please prayerfully share your stewardship gift of treasure!