

Corpus Christi Parish

"Building the Body of Christ"

We strive to radiate the presence of Jesus Christ in our parish and community and invite others to join us on our journey.

September 20, 2020 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Word From The Heart
from
Fr Patrick Gonyeau

Living For Christ, Catechetical Sunday, and CSA Update #1

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ Corpus Christi Family! I pray this bulletin finds you healthy and loving the Lord and others as best as you are able.

Living for Christ

In this weekend's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, we read: "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain." (Phil 1:21) At the time Paul wrote these words he was imprisoned in Rome and nearing his martyrdom. He knew the end of his earthly life was coming but kept serving the Lord zealously all the same. What a beautiful inspiration! Through the intercession of St. Paul, may our commitment to do everything we do for Jesus be renewed!

Catechetical Sunday

Speaking of doing everything we do for Jesus, I'd love to give a big **THANK YOU** to all of our catechists as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday this weekend! Thank you for your time, energy, devotion, and all the sacrifices *(continued on page 7)*

Is Your Love For God Real?

Sunday Reflection

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the *(continued on page 3)*

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Corpus Christi Directory

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Parish Office Hours:

All parish buildings remain closed through Wed Sep 30.

Weekend Masses: Sat 4 pm, Sun 11 am

Daily/ Holy Day Masses: See page 6

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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays 1 - 3 pm; by appointment (call 313-537-5770); and during penance services.

Sick Calls: Please call 313-537-5770 to place someone on our sick list and/or to request the Sacrament of Anointing.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Weddings: Please call the Parish Office 6 months before wedding.

Bulletin Copy: Please contact Miriam Hudson by phone or email.

The Week Ahead



Monday, September 21

8:30 am MASS
12:15 pm MASS
7:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 am COMMUNION SERVICE
6:00 pm MASS
7:00 pm Parish Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

Thursday, September 24

DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR OUR NATION

8:30 am MASS
8:30 am EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (thru 5:30 pm)
10:00 am MORNING PRAYER
12:00 n ANGELUS & MIDDAY PRAYER
12:15 pm ROSARY
3:00 pm CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
3:15 pm PRAISE & WORSHIP
3:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting
5:30 pm EVENING PRAYER
6:00 pm MASS
7:30 pm Liturgy Planners Meeting

Friday, September 25

8:30 am MASS
12:15 pm MASS

Saturday, September 26

10:00 am Intercessory Prayer Team Meeting
1:00 pm CONFESSIONS
4:00 pm MASS / GEN OF FAITH INTRO

Sunday, September 27

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 pm MASS / GEN OF FAITH INTRO
1:45 pm Confirmation Preparation

Loving God, whose peace passes all our understanding; as we face this present pandemic, and experience fear and anxiety, may we hear your voice, bringing calm to the storms of our time.

Strengthen those who work to limit the spread of infection, and those who seek to care for the sick, and keep us mindful of those most vulnerable.

May we shape our living to protect one another, and may our changing habits, practices and sacrifices, be for the greater love of our community and all your people. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR
Elizabeth Moore, Michelle Talley, Dee Hunt

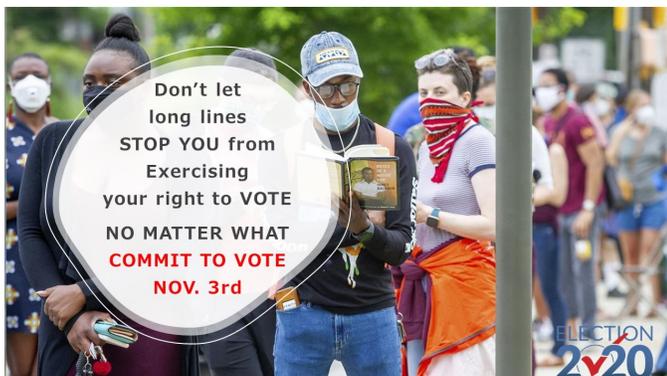
YOUR VOTE *Matters* ©LPI

Catholics vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our consciences are formed through studying Scripture and the teachings of the Church, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection. As Catholic citizens, we should remember three things:

1. Respect for the dignity of each person is the core of Catholic social and moral teaching. This is our most basic principle.
2. We focus on the common good, not our own personal interests. We ask, how can we make the world a better place? Not, how can I improve my own personal situation?
3. We have a responsibility — a true obligation — to form our consciences and participate in the civic life of this nation. — *from FaithfulCitizenship.org*

Please plan now to vote. There is still time to submit an application for the absentee ballot and there is still time to register to vote. Visit www.vote.org (make sure you are still registered to vote at this website) or <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Home/Index> for more information.

The State of Michigan allows early voting to begin 45 days before election day. Anyone who has received an “absentee ballot” may submit it September 24 thru November 3, 2020. Complete the absentee ballot and drop it into the special election boxes provided by the secretary of state’s office. If you choose to mail your ballot, do so immediately.



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privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn’t square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. ©LPI

Young Adult News

Young Catholic Professionals Speaker

Wed, Sep 30 | 7:00 pm | Online

—YCP Detroit Executive Speaker Series is a free event every month in which executives share their professional and faith journeys with young professionals in their 20’s and 30’s, challenging them to ‘Work in Witness for Christ!’ Watch for upcoming details at:

<https://www.aod.org/events/460>

Free Virtual Marriage Preparation Retreat

Sat, Oct 10 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm | Online

— Register at:

<https://boldbeginnings1010.eventbrite.com>

Ave Maria Fall Fest

Sat, Oct 10 | 3 - 6 pm | In-Person

— Enjoy fall food favorites, cider & donuts, yard games, giveaways, meet admission representatives and alumni, and learn about the generous Ave Maria college scholarships. More info at:

avemariafoundation.org or call 734-930-3441



Church of the Home

■ Take Time To Chat

Explore the Sunday Gospel as a family - choose someone to read **The Workers in the Vineyard MT 20:1-16A** (you can find it at 52sundays.com). Then share your answers to these questions:

- **Why were the workers who started early in the day angry?**
- **What effect does envy or jealousy have on a friendship?**
- **In the story, the landowner wanted to make sure that no one was standing idle. What lesson is Jesus trying to teach us about this?**

■ The Power of Grandparents

The challenges of adult children not practicing the faith, the coronavirus and the pressures of today's secular culture can seem daunting and leave grandparents feeling incapable of making a difference in the lives of our grandchildren. However, we are not dependent solely on ourselves. We are empowered by the Lord's many spiritual gifts for the important work of shepherding our grandchildren in their faith lives.

The Power of Prayer: Pray with and for your grandchildren—show them how to make the Sign of the Cross, pray before meals and bedtime and bless each of them, praying for their individual intentions. Ask them to pray for you. Even if you're far away, use the time you "see" them on video to do this.

The Power of Presence: Despite the pace of today's digital culture, there is nothing more important than simply "being there" for your grandchildren. Sit with them, listen to them, be slow to judge. Point out the beauty of creation, how you see God working in their lives and how special they are to you. Show a genuine interest in their lives and interests.

The Power of Perseverance: Stay the course. Even when you don't experience immediate results. Many adult children speak of how their grandparents were instrumental in helping them to meet Jesus and the saints by remaining steadfast models of the faith.

The Power of Simplicity: Keep it simple and share the stories and prayers of your own faith journey with your grandchildren. Tell them about your first Communion, how you learned to pray and your favorite Bible stories. Let them ask you questions.

(<https://www.unleashthegospel.org/2020/09/4-powerful-values-grandparents-bring-to-the-table/>)



Catechetical Sunday

Prayer for
Parents and Guardians

Lord, thank you for entrusting me
with the gift of my children.
As their first teacher of the faith,
I pray that I may lead them to experience a
personal encounter with your Son Jesus
so that they may grow as his joyful disciples.
Help me to always teach my children in truth,
modeling your love and mercy, so that they will be
strong witnesses of the Gospel in their daily lives,
at school, and on the playground.
Come, Holy Spirit, strengthen your gifts in me so
that I may confidently embrace my important role
in guiding *[children's names]*
in your power and grace. Amen.

■ Everyday Stewardship

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the *(continued on page 5)*



Stewardship UPDATE



Collection Report

Weekly Budget \$ 8350.00

Sunday Offerings 9-13-2020 \$ 6006.00

Shortfall for the Budget Year \$ 16900.40



Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
 Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

Everyday Stewardship *(continued from page 4)*

part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part? — Tracy Earl Welliver



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Questions of the Week

First Reading

While still in captivity in Babylon, Isaiah urged the Israelites to seek the Lord, for the Lord is near even in exile. When have you felt the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

Second Reading

In his letter to the Philippians written from prison and toward the end of his life, Paul reflects on his spiritual dilemma between life and death. How do you work through spiritual dilemmas?

Gospel Reading

Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord offers us important insights into the Kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. To whom do you think this parable is unsettling?

**Please Pray
For Our
Deceased
Loved Ones**

Mahdea Cooper (8/8), niece of Maria Anderson
Leatrice Robinson (8/9), member of the parish
Judelle Stokes (8/10), friend of Chuck and Andrea Baier
Louie Johnson (8/12), former member of the parish
Victoria Bennett (8/25), member of the parish



Please Pray For Those In The Military:

Caija Campbell (Army), Anthony Carson (Army), Thomas Dixon (Navy), Anthony Ford (Army), Nick Goodrich (Army), Anthony Hollins, Jr (Army), Jonah LaTour, Jon LaTour, John Maurer (Air Force), Robbie Mayes (Marines), Christopher Maniere (National Guard), and Lance Walker II (Army).



Mass Intentions Sep 21 - 27

Monday	8:30 am 12:15 pm	+ Jude Smith (req by Carmel Bartosik) For Our Homebound Members
Tuesday	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Communion Service + Jude Smith (req by Carmel Bartosik)
Wednesday		<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>
Thursday	8:30 am 6:00 pm	For Our Nation + Jude Smith (req by Carmel Bartosik)
Friday	8:30 am 12:15 pm	+ Victoria Bennett (req by Corpus Christi Parish) + Jude Smith (req by Carmel Bartosik)
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Sie Willis (req by Donna Graham)
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 pm	<i>No Mass</i> For the People of Corpus Christi

Please call the parish office (313-537-5770) to add or remove a name from our prayer lists.

Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

Tony Baines	Renita Fletcher	Nancy Loper	Donna Storie	Joseph Cagle Sr	Beatrice Neail
Ken Banka	Roy Ford	Lori Love	Colletta Sykes	Clairmina Danjou	Margaret Nielsen
Oprius Billion	Connie Gant	Kathy Montgomery	Brendia Thomas	Vivian Dorsey	Shirley Oldenburg
Paul Billion	Dionne Garner	Shirley Myles	Charlotte Turner	Ella Goldsmith	John Onwudinjo
Marcelle Blackmon	Gary Greening	Yve Nemeth	Harold Unsleber	Sr Rachelle Harper	Sue Padalino
Alelia Busby	Virginia Harkey	Sharon Ortman	Adele Waddell	Ruth Hill	Evangeline Pruett
Faye C-Johnson	Clint Harris	Helen Parkman	Kathy Wilson	Ronald Hills	Milford Raines
Jefferie Cook Sr	Irma Horton	Vernard Plain		Sr Stephanie Holub	Hulda Reed
Karen Cook	Gloria James	Thelma Polley	Homebound:	Mary C. Hustoles	Isiah Searls
Terrie C-Henderson	Lynn James	Sally Rimbart	Etta Bagley	Edward Hustoles	Joseph Shelton
Sheri Dargin	John Johnson	Joy Robinson	Jackie Bodenhorn	Marie Leonard	Mary Pat Shelton
Cid Davis	Roswitha Jordan	Elyse Ryder	Evelyn Brantley	Sharon Lewis	Bernice Slaughter
Kevin DeMatas	Fannie Larkins	Michael Sands	Beverly B-Johnson	Bob Lindsay	Irene Williford
David Derouselle Sr	Myrna Leonard	Pauline Simpson	Angeline Butler	Clemencia Massey	Joyce Wilson
Curtis Dickerson	Marilyn Lewandowski	Elsie Spencer	Michelle Cagle	Beverly Miller	Audrey Zielinski

Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher	Shannon Dodd	Jean Houck	Jerry Mercier Jr	Ethel Person	Emily Smale
Jim Agnello	Jerry Douglas	Jeranne Jackson	Robert Miller Jr	Marquon Perry	Kathy Smith
Duncan Alfes	Chris Downing	Robert Jarey	Darwin Mills	Matt Phillips	Tyrone Smith
Cynthia Archer-Gift	Elizabeth Downing	Aliyaa John	Florence Mills	Reginald Phillips	Beverly Sneed
Dana Porter Ashton	Lloyd Earl	Annim Johnson	Willard Mitchell	Anthony Plain	Tom/Dorothy Sobota
Sue Bates	Memphis Edison	El Caleb Jones	James Molloy	Erin Plain	Nicholas Stephens
Marie Beard	Virginia Etherly	Dorie Kaiser	Karen Momper	David Remo	Rochelle Stewart
Joan Beckley-Fletcher	Stephen Farkus	Bill Kelley	Elizabeth Moore	Sandra Reynolds	Trevor Sullivan
Edward Bejesky	Barbara Ford	Shirley Kenny	Shirley V Moore	Michael Rice	Kevin Sweeney
Kenneth Black	Kyle Foster	Joe Kieffer	Glinda Mooror	Matthew Rich	Frances Sykes
Malcom Boudreaux	Jerry & Patricia Franks	Kristin Kingzett	Verita Morris	Viola Richburge	Patt Taylor-Braxton
Bryan Bowman	Mavis Frazer	Katie Lutzio Kissell	Pierce Mueller	Dorothy Roberson	Rick Thompson
Bria Brown	Barbara Gay	Erin Knight	Joyce Mulhall	Crystal Roberts	Carolyn Thrash
Ron Brown	Nestelyn Gay	Fred Kolp	Mignon Murray	Eugene Rohde	Gerry Tremonti
James Bryant	Elwood Gneckow	Emilia Kullman	Sara Nell-Wallace	Alfredo Rojas	Amy Turner
Ernest Cabule	Becky Goodrich	Marta Lagos	Margaret Nelson	Patrick Ryder	Eleanor Ursulan
Michael Derrick Cade	Marlene Grant	Antoinette Litzinger	Ernestine Nimmons	Frank Salem	Robert Vanden Berg
Ambrose Chapman Jr	Morty Green	Anthony Lorenger	Charles Nutt	Sherry Samuel	Al Victors
Jenny Churchill	Alfonzo Harris	Shannon Lorenger	Charlotte, Donna,	Ethel Mae Sanders	Alicia Walker
Scott Clinton	Millie Harris	Harold Lowe	John & Tyler O'Neill	Larry Schneider	Kelley Walker
Leah Closson	Sharon Harris	William Mapp	Patty Page	Helen Schroeder	Lance Walker
Perry Conway	Lisa Harston-LeDoux	Michael Mathis	Celena Parker	Mildred Scott	Brady Wesley
Nancy Copeland	Bob & Jane Hazen	Scott McDonald	Willie Parker Jr	Alice Sheehan	Ruth Wilson
Ronald Crane	Donna Hebel	Anthony McNeal	Paula Parham	Larry Shelton	Barbara Woods
Betty Cross	Summer Henry	Michael McNeece	Cyndi Pask	Lenny Simmons	Doris Woody
Chuck Davis	Carol Holm	John/Mary Jo Meakin	James Pefley	Curtis Simpson Sr	Kyle Yanke
Natacha Desir	Sullivan Horton	Ashley Melonson	Alicia Penman	Donald Sims Sr	

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you make to serve Jesus as a catechist so others can continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus. I greatly appreciate all you do and your creativity and flexibility this fall with catechetical programming in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. Let's keep our catechists and all who they teach in our prayers!

CSA Update #1

Last weekend we began a shortened, fall edition of the Catholic Services Appeal. Normally held in the spring but postponed because of Covid-19 and church buildings being closed, the Archdiocese is asking parishes to participate in a modified version of the campaign this fall. Our parish target for CSA this fall is \$43,890, which is down from the \$54,000 target we had for CSA 2019. This year the Archdiocese is asking that CSA checks be made payable to **Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA**, that you write "CSA" in the lower left memo line of your check, and mail it to PO Box 44077, Detroit MI 48244-0077. You can also visit <https://www.givecsa.org/> to use an easy online giving link.

It is still the case that if our parish doesn't meet our CSA goal the difference is covered by parish savings. The CSA helps to fund more than 170 ministries, programs, and services throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. Our support of the CSA offers our parish support to the broader efforts of the Church in Southeast Michigan. Thank you all for your generosity! These are unprecedented times we are in and it might not be possible for you to give at this time in your life. Please know that I understand and that I am praying for all who are suffering in any way. If you need assistance please don't hesitate to call our Outreach Center at 313-272-0990 or the Parish Office 313-537-5770.

God bless you! — *Fr. Patrick*

Holy Homework



This week, prayerfully read Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians. It's brief and full of blessings!



Catechetical Sunday

Prayer for Catechists

Dear Lord Jesus,
after you rose from the dead
but before you ascended into heaven,
you gathered your followers to you.
You told them to baptize all in your name,
and that of your Father and the Holy Spirit.
You told them to make all nations followers of you
and to teach them obedience to all your words.
Most important, you said you would be with them
always, even to the end of the world.
As we honor our catechists today,
give them the grace to be ministers
of your word and your sacraments.
Give them courage to counsel
others to obedience,
and faith to remember
that you are with them always.
Amen.

Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday, September 20 at 12 noon



Archbishop Vigneron will preside at a Mass celebrating Ste. Anne Church being named a minor basilica. This is a historic event for the parish and the Archdiocese. The Mass will be live-streamed on the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit Facebook Page and website.

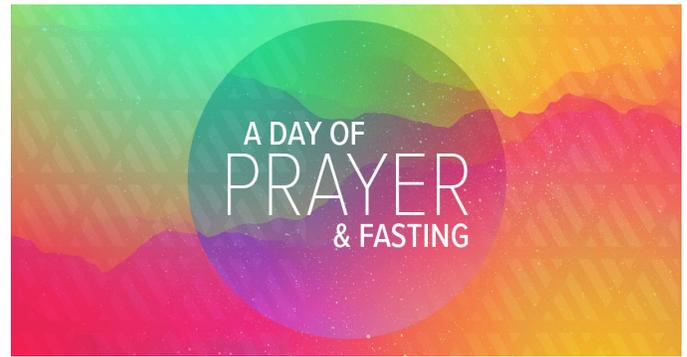


■ **It is extremely important that you let us know you are coming to a weekend Mass** (this includes our wonderful ministry volunteers!). Your RSVP allows us to be prepared and ready for everyone and provides the information to do Covid-19 contact tracing in a timely manner if necessary. RSVP via the link on our parish website, corpuschristi-detroit.org. If you do not have a computer or internet access, you may call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to RSVP.

■ **The parish buildings are still closed at this time.** You may continue to contact the parish staff through phone calls to 313-537-5770 or through their emails. Sunday offerings may be mailed to the parish office at 19800 Pembroke Ave, Detroit MI 48219-2145) or you may give online at www.corpuschristi-detroit.org.

■ **Please call the parish office to let us know about illness, hospitalization, death, and requests for prayer or the Sacrament of the Sick.** The answering machine is checked remotely each day for messages. Fr. Patrick is notified of urgent requests as soon as possible. All calls will be returned. Please be sure to leave both your full name and phone number and to speak clearly and slowly when leaving a message.

■ **The Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is available from 1 to 3 pm on Saturdays outside near the Activity Center. Everyone is welcome! You may also call the parish office to schedule an appointment.



Fr. John Riccardo and the team of the Detroit-based non-profit apostolate ACTS XXIX are calling for a **National Day of Prayer and Fasting on Thursday, September 24, 2020**. “Looking at all that’s happening in our country right, it seems we’re in need of a lot of things,” says Fr. Riccardo, ACTS XXIX Executive Director. “Policy law are crucial, to be sure. But as important as these are, they can’t fix the root problem. The real problem of American culture today is that our hearts are messed up. Only God can fix the human heart, and He loves doing that.”

Corpus Christi will offer a number of **prayer and worship experiences from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm:**

- 8:30 am **Mass**
- 8:30 am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- 10:00 am **Morning Prayer**
- 12:00 noon **Angelus & Mid-Day Prayer**
- 12:15 pm **Rosary**
- 3:00 pm **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
- 3:15 pm **Praise & Worship**
- 5:30 pm **Evening Prayer**
- 6:00 pm **Mass**

All are welcome to join us as we pray for God’s mercy on our land and the healing and conversion of hearts.



Save the Date for Giving Day – Thu, Sep 24!

Be inspired. Make a difference. Support the mission. The **Catholic Services Appeal** is essential to the mission of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It funds and supports over 170 ministries that serve our local Church in southeast Michigan. This year has been like no other, and many of our ministries responded to the pandemic with an inspiring spirit of innovation. Be inspired by seven key ministries in the Archdiocese of Detroit: Vocations, Catholic Schools, Black Catholic Ministries, Hispanic Ministries, Youth and Family Ministries, Christian Services, and Communications. **Tune in at 6:30 p.m. on September 24** online, or on the Archdiocese of Detroit Facebook and YouTube channels, to first ever AOD Giving Day with hosts Fr. Mario Amore and Mary Wilkerson.

Year 18 of Generations of Faith

Generations of Faith 2020-2021

Renew in Faith
Reflect in Faith
Respond in Faith



GOF Virtual Sessions for Adults

Sept. 27. —The Bible
Oct. 25 — The Story of Salvation
Nov. 22 — Who is Jesus?
Jan. 24 —The Paschal Mystery
Feb. 28 —The Holy Spirit
March 21 —Why Do I Need the Church?

Session #1 Introduction Sat / Sun Sep 26/27

GOF Virtual Sessions for Teens and Children

Oct. 4—The Creed
Nov. 1—Creation
Dec. 6—JOY Story
Jan. 31—That 1 Day
Mar. 7—On Fire With the Holy Spirit
Mar. 28—This is My Church



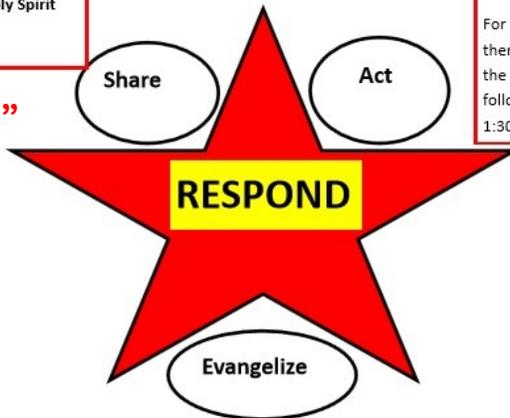
Introductions to each session will be made at Mass on the Sunday of the Adult Sessions.

Adult materials are from the Symbolon series produced by FORMED.

Materials will be accessed on Corpus Christi Website or on Zoom for teens and children.

For adults without internet access, there will be a Youtube showing of the program on the Wednesday, following each Sunday Session, at 1:30 p.m. in church.

“New Norm” Virtual Sessions for Adults Teens Children



Pass the Word!

DTE is helping people who are having problems with bills (lights, gas, water, property tax, burial). DTE was awarded a \$28 million grant to help folks — and people are not applying. The deadline is September 30; call 1-800-477-4747 and ask about “State Emergency Relief Programs.” All monies not used will be sent back to the government. If you have problems with DTE, call Michigan Welfare Rights at 313-964-0618.

Alpha Online at Sacred Heart Major Seminary September 22 - December 1, 2020

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha is a safe, non-judgmental, friendly, and welcoming space to explore life's big questions together. Join us for an engaging talk and small group conversation. This version of Alpha is being offered online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is being sponsored by Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and will include the involvement of some seminarians as small group discussion animators. Registration is free. To find out more please visit shms.edu/alpha.

Alpha

Did You Miss Last Week’s Episode?



You can still watch last week’s Strong Faith - Vital Connections on **Liturgy: Authentically Black and Truly Catholic**, featuring Fr. A. Gerard Jordan.

Here is the AOD YouTube link:
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If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence.

In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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