



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.



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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than striving in performance, this life of holy perfect love is a relationship, a union that transforms those longing to live fully alive in the presence of Abba, Jesus & Spirit. It's not so much about *trying harder*, though our willpower aimed in the right direction is an amazing reality, but *loving more deeply*.

In Isaiah 6, when the prophet has a vision of God in the temple, he sees angels worshipping God and he hears them crying out "holy holy holy is the Lord God of hosts!" (Is 6:3) Here the word holy is being used to describe the very essence, the nature, of God. In day to day usage, when we say, "that's holy" it's indicating there is something special about that object. Applied to us, we could think of the word holy as *we are consecrated to God, our lives are dedicated to living in God's presence*.

About holiness, St. John Paul II wrote, "holiness, a message that convinces without the need for words, is the living reflection of the face of Christ." Holiness for us is to live in the grace of God, which is to live in union with God and this union with Abba, Jesus and the Spirit we find endless infinite amounts of **love**. As St. John beautifully put it, "God is love." (1 Jn 4:8) The nature of God is love, and as St. Peter put it, "we have become partakers in the divine nature." (2 Peter 1:4) How? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit poured into us at our baptism.

Holiness isn't something we make, it's something we receive the capacity to live by the grace of God that comes in relationship with God. To live as Jesus teaches us, we are so very blessed that we are always able to ask Jesus to help us, and He loves to! Our capacity to represent...to re-present Jesus to the world through our words and ways (we are the Body of Christ!) is growing day by day through devotion and practice. We all stumble and fall at times...be gentle with yourself, Jesus is always ready to help us be renewed in His love so we can live in this sweet beautiful holiness that is the love of Christ in us.

God bless you always, *Fr. Patrick*

February 19, 2023



Sweet Beautiful Holiness

This weekend, we read in the Book of Leviticus, "be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." (Lv 19:2) Jesus effectively reiterates this in His *Sermon on the Mount*, "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt 5:48) More

Ash Wednesday Ashes

Question:

Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer:

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

THIS Wednesday, February 22, 2023 is Ash Wednesday.
There will be Masses and distribution of ashes at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

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Parish Office Hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am - 4 pm

Saturday Mass 4 pm **Sunday Masses** 9 am and 11 am

Daily / Holy Day Masses See weekly parish schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 1–3:45 pm; during Penance services; by appointment (call the Parish Office)

Sick Calls/Prayer Requests: Please call the Parish Office to schedule or visit or add someone to parish prayer list

Funerals: Please call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please call the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send bulletin articles and any additional information to :

(cc.bulletin@corpuschristi-detroit.org)

by **12:00 noon on Tuesday** for consideration in the Sunday bulletin.

Sunday Offertory Report

Weekly Budget 2022 – 2023 \$ 8,115.00

Sunday Offerings 02/12/2023 \$ 7,708.58

Many thanks for your ongoing donations!

The Week Ahead



Monday, February 20

8:30 am **MASS**

Tuesday, February 21

8:30 am **MASS**

10:00 am Pastoral Staff Meeting

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm **Emmaus Group**, Dcn Paul and Elaine O'Neill - Rainbow Room

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm VON and SFE Ministry - (Rainbow Room and Neighborhood)

Wednesday, February 22

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am- 4:00 pm NSP Training (Rainbow Room)

8:30 am **MASS**

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **Emmaus Groups** - Sr. Therese (Zoom)

7:00 pm - **MASS**

Thursday, February 23

8:00 am- 4:00 pm NSP Training (Rainbow Room)

8:30 am **MASS**

9:15 am - 12:15 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

9:15 am - 10:15 am **Holy Hour for Priest Vocations**

4:30 pm - 9:00pm OHPCA - Annual Black History Month (Rainbow Room)

Friday, February 24

8:30 am **MASS**

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Emmaus Group - Fr. Patrick (Rectory Living Room)

6:00 pm - **Stations of the Cross** (Church)

Saturday, February 25

10:00 am -12:00 pm Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center - Activities Center

10:00 am -11:30 am **Emmaus Group** –Ken Troupe (Zoom)

1:00 pm - 3:45 pm **Confessions - Church**

1:00 pm - 3:15 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm **OCIA Rite of Election** (Cathedral)

4:00 pm **MASS**

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

No Coffee and Donuts after Masses

9:00 am **MASS**

11:00 am **MASS**

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm **GOF** (Rooms 3, 4, Activities Center, Rainbow Room, Gym)

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm Confirmation Class (Activities Center)

Holy Homework

This week take 5 minutes of heart to heart time with Jesus and ask Him this question, "Jesus, how can I grow in holiness today?" Break out the old journal and pen for this one too!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

February 20 – February 26, 2023

Monday	8:30 am	+ Victims of the MSU shootings and their families
Tuesday	8:30 am	+ Deacon Michael P. O'Keefe
Wednesday	8:30 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
	7:00 pm	Intentions of our Parishioners
Thursday	8:30 am	+ Victims of the MSU shootings and their families
Friday	8:30 am	For the legal Protection of the Unborn and the Corpus Christi Crisis Pregnancy Center
Saturday	4:00 pm	Intentions of our Parishioners
Sunday	9:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
	11:00 am	+ Donna Bacon (req by Wanda Bradley)



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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Please Remember the Sick in your Prayers ***Members of our Parish Family...***

Shermia Anding, Doris Billion, Paul Billion, Michael Busby, Jr. Lucius Davis, Mary Davis, Vivian Dorsey, Camille Graves-Douglas, Michael Lanton, Nancy Loper, Pat Mueller, Elaine O'Neill, Sean Ross, Shirley Sands, Jeff Smale

Friends and Family of Parishioners...

Sheila Adams, Sue Deeds, Barbara Gay, Agnes Holt, Harold McRae, Marilyn Waddell, and Sara Nell Wallace

Please Remember the Homebound in your Prayers...

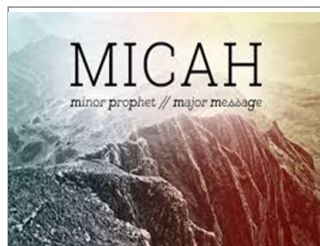
Joseph Cagle, Michelle Cagle



Prophets:

People Called to Speak and Act
Generations of Faith 2022/23

Amos and Micah - Call for Justice



Oh my! Did you catch the mistake in last week's article about Amos and Micah? These prophets were not living in the 700's AD (after the birth of Christ), but rather in the 700's BC (before Christ)!

Amos prophesized probably between 760 and 750 BC while Micah most likely preached from 735 to 700 BC.

Both prophets sought justice as they called out the rich who exploited the poor, corrupt business practices, bribery, and superficial religious practices. Come learn more about these 2 minor prophets with major messages at the next session of **Generations of Faith NEXT Sunday, February 26, 2023** after the 11 am Mass - 12:30 to 1:45 pm.

Place: Adults in the Rainbow Room

Teens in the Activity Center

Elementary Students in Rooms 3 & 4

Lunch (optional): 1:50 pm in the gym. Free will donation. Children eat free.

Register after Mass today or through the parish website, clickoncatholic.com so we know how many handouts to print and how much food to order. Click the **red** Generations of Faith button on the Welcome page and then the banner at the top of the page to get to the Sign-Up Genius.

Emmaus Lenten Faith-Sharing Groups - 250th Anniversary of the writing of Amazing Grace



This lent we will have Emmaus Faith-Sharing Groups at various times throughout the week. You are invited and encouraged to join one of the groups. This year we will experience Amazing Grace in our lives and in the lives of others. The groups will view a

short video, read and discuss the scripture passages and questions and spend some time in prayer. Groups will meet for six weeks. Please check the schedule in church or on the website for dates, times, and locations. Please complete a registration form and leave it in church or register with Sign up Genius on the Corpus Christi website, so we can form our groups. **If you are in an Emmaus group and have not received your book yet, please contact Sr. Therese.**



Readings for the Week of February 19, 2023

Sunday	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
Monday	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11



THE VIEW FROM THE PEW

by Mary Davis



I am writing this the day before Valentines Day, a day celebrating Love. I thought of this cartoon of a t-shirt design a co-worker shared with me. I decided that Jesus' Superpower is the power of Love. Out of Love for us, He endured death on the cross to redeem us and rose from the dead to show us the joy that awaits us.

We are about to enter the holy season of Lent and many are thinking about what they are going to give up for Lent. I encourage you to also think about what you are going to give **out**. Let's strive to give out Love! Not always easy but scripture is very clear:

Matt 5:23-24

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

John 4:20

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This brother or sister, for that matter, referred to above is not just your biological siblings, but all of your brothers and sisters from another mother. Give out LOVE this Lent (and beyond!). Engage in almsgiving of money, goods or time. Practice smiling at strangers. Let someone with fewer groceries take cuts in front of you. I'm sure you can think of more things you can do.

Spread Kindness Like Confetti

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Going the Extra Mile

So often in life, people are concerned about the minimum requirements. What is the minimum I must do to get a certain grade? What is the minimum I need to do to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? What exactly do I have to do to make my boss happy?

This concern does not stop with everyday life but continues into our relationship with God. What exactly is required of me for salvation? How much time, talent, and treasure are enough? Jesus does not call us to this way of life, but instead to a life of unbounding generosity and surrender.

Jesus said, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." The minimum requirement is one mile; however, we are not to be disciples of minimum requirements and checking off boxes. We are to go the extra mile because that is how we bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. That is how we change lives and share the grace and love we have received in abundance. Nothing ever changes by doing the minimum. There is no real glory given to God by responding to His call with the minimum.

Imagine a world where all of us good stewards give without ceasing and go far beyond the minimum requirements. Our world would be a very different place. So, what is stopping us?

Lent 2023

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

FEBRUARY

SUN 19

MON 20

TUE 21

ASH WEDNESDAY 22

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart." Jl 2:12

Write your Lenten intentions on paper hearts and place them in a bowl or basket so you will be reminded each day to turn to God.

THU 23

"But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret." Mt 6:6

Seek out quiet times and places for prayer each day during Lent. Set up a comfortable prayer space in your home. Add a prayer notebook to draw and write prayers in.

FRI 24

"If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted, Then light shall rise for you in the darkness." Is 58:10

Shop for food items to donate to a parish or community food bank in order to assist those in need.

SAT 25

"Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth." Ps 86:11

Go for a walk together in a park or other place of beauty. Pay attention to signs of God's creation all around you.



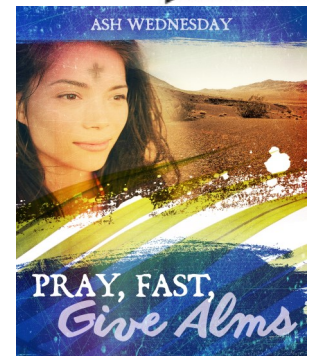
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'Listen to the Lord'

A Parish Lenten Mission on
Growing in our ability to hear the Lord
Save the dates - more information to follow
This Corpus Christi Parish Lenten Mission will be
held on the following dates and times:
Sunday, March 12 after the 11am Mass
Monday, March 13 at 7pm and
Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm.



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For the three month period beginning November 1 through January 31, 2023 Corpus Christi received \$67.23 from 30 households. Please encourage your relatives, friends, and neighbors SadlerSadlierto choose Corpus Christi as their charity.





MARCH 31-APRIL 2, 2023

St. Francis Retreat Center

703 E. Main St., DeWitt, MI 48820

www.fiatministries.org/retreats



DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Fiat Ministries discernment retreat is structured around the concepts of femininity, prayer, mercy, consecrated life, and discernment in order to encourage young women to trust the Lord and be led by Him.

Consecrated sisters from various communities assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated religious sister.

For women ages 18-35 who are seeking God's will for their life.

Sponsored by Diocese of Lansing