

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.



February 26, 2023

During this Holy Season of Lent will you spend some time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration ?

Eucharistic Adoration at Corpus Christi

Tuesday: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday: 9:15 am - 12:15 pm

(Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations
from 9:15am-10:15am)

Saturday: 1:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Into the Desert

Lenten blessings to you dear sisters and brothers in Christ! A line from the Catechism of the Catholic Church has really captured my imagination about the Lenten season we've embarked upon: "by the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (CCC #540)

In Matthew we read about the 40 days of Jesus in the desert. The victory of Jesus in the desert also gives us a blueprint for victory over temptations in our lives as well.

Let's consider the key elements of Jesus victory:

Relationship: Just prior to going into the desert, Jesus experienced the baptism at the Jordan, the Holy Spirit coming upon him in the form of a dove and the Father declaring out loud from the heavens that "this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." (Mt 3:17) Jesus wasn't alone in the desert, he was there in relationship with His Father. The same is true for us in any situation we face, we stand on the promise of God, "I will never forsake you or abandon you." (Heb 13:5)

Identity: Jesus knows he is the beloved Son of the Father. His identity is secured through his relationship with the Father, and so he doesn't fall to the temptation to prove he is the Son of God at the bequest of the devil. Likewise, with us, our identity is continually affirmed and nurtured in relationship with God, and this strengthens us against temptations contrary to the dignity of our true identity as sons and daughters of God.

Living Faith & Trust: Jesus carries a living faith with him that allows him to trust the Father, even when physically he doesn't feel well (famished after 40 days of fasting or sweating blood in the Garden of Gethsemane). Same with us, our living faith allows us to trust in moments when we don't feel so good or sure about something --- we choose to trust God.

He knows the Word & hears the Father's voice: Repeatedly, Jesus quotes the Word of God and stands firm on it in the midst of temptation. He heard the Father at the Jordan and could hear the Father in the scriptures as well. Same with us, we are blessed to hear the voice of God, especially in faithful reading of scripture, and stand on its truth.

I pray we are strengthened by these principles Jesus has given us and shown us how to use in times of temptation. In this Lenten season, we too are in the desert with Jesus, allowing our hearts and minds to be purified in divine love. As sons and daughters in identity with the Father, living faith with trust and standing on the Word of God listening to the voice of God.... we too will flourish in this desert experience God blesses us with.

God bless you always,

Fr. Patrick

Holy Homework

This week, spend some time each day considering the spiritual principles listed above and ask Jesus to teach you more in each of these areas. He loves to continue to teach us.

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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 27

8:30 am **MASS**

Tuesday, February 28

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

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Finance Council (Virtual)

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

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

Wednesday, March 1

8:30 am **NO MASS**

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

6:30 pm - Hospitality Committee (Rainbow Room)

Thursday, March 2

8:30 am **MASS**

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

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

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Evangelical Charity Commission (Rectory Living Room)

Friday, March 3

8:30 am **MASS**

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Emmaus Group - Fr. Patrick (Rectory Living Room)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Emmaus Group - Marilyn Webb (Activities Center Room C)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Emmaus Group - Doug/Michelle Buday (Activities Center Rm B and Zoom)

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

Saturday, March 4

9:30 am - 11:00 am Worship Commission (Virtual)

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)

10:00 am - 11:30 am First Eucharist Class (Rm 3,4 Rainbow)

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

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

4:00 pm **MASS**

Sunday, March 5

First Sunday of Lent

8:30 am **Coffee and Donuts after each Mass**

9:00 am - 10:00 am CGS Level 2

9:00 am **MASS**

9:30 am - 10:30 am OCIA (Rectory)

10:15 am - 11:15 am Woman's Society (Rainbow Room)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm CGS Level 1

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)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

February 27 – March 5, 2023

Monday 8:30 am + Deceased Members of Corpus Christi Parish

Tuesday 8:30 am All the Sick and Homebound

Wednesday No Mass or Communion Service

Thursday 8:30 am Intentions of our Parishioners

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 Intentions of our Parishioners



'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.

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, Beatrice Hunter, Beverley Brown-Johnson



Prophets:

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

Amos and Micah - Call for Justice

If you are reading this before 12:30 pm **THIS Sunday, February 26**, you are welcome to attend the presentation about **Amos and Micah** even if you have not registered. We will happily make room for you! There is usually extra food if you also want to stay for lunch!

Schedule: 12:30 – 1:45 pm Video presentations, discussion, and reflection in age groups with water, juice, & coffee provided.

- + Adults: Rainbow Room
- + Teens with Marilyn Webb in the Activities Center
- + Elementary students: Room 3
- + Primary students in the Atrium, Room 4

1:50 – 3:00 Lunch in the gym (or you may choose to go home) Same caterer...Children eat free...Adults, a freewill donation (cost to the parish \$6/person)

If you were not able to attend this weekend's Generations of Faith presentation, the video and handouts about Amos and Micah will be available on the parish website later this week – www.clickoncatholic.com.

Mark your calendars for the next Generations of Faith session on **Sunday, March 26, 2023!** We will be studying and reflecting on the prophets **Anna and John the Baptist** - same time, same place, same caterer!



holy moments

As we were evangelizing at Foodland on Valentine's Day, all of us had a beautiful Holy Moment encounter!! We assisted a gentleman and his wife to jumpstart their car in the grocery store parking lot. He shared that he was looking for a church home. The store security guard witnessed this encounter. He was very pleased and excited upon returning inside! He shouted, "Praise God"!

A seemingly mundane moment became an extraordinary opportunity to plant seeds and praise God for His Love and heartfelt goodness together!!



Do you have a "holy moment" to share?
Please email Deacon Paul at:
Paul.Mueller@corpuschristi-detroit.org



Readings for the Week of February 26, 2023

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
Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Mindful

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Evangelical Charity News

by: Curtis Simpson, Jr.

Happy Lent Church Family!!! It seems like yesterday we were saying, "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year"!!! Now, we are already celebrating this beautiful season of Lent. Lent is such a special and amazing time to reignite your relationship with Jesus Christ. As Catholics, we seek the Lord in **prayer** by reading **Sacred Scripture**, we practice **self-control** through **fasting**, and we **serve** by giving **alms**. These are some of the ways in which we can get closer to God and realize how much Jesus sacrificed for us to have an abundant life. I pray that each of you embrace this special season and deeply contemplate your relationship with the Father during Lent. With so much going on, here are some things to highlight.

WELCOME BACK HOME! With the sale of our Outreach Center complete, I am **EXCITED** to report that your Evangelical Charity Director (me) is back home (here) at the main rectory office. This took time, but after some thought and prayer, it was a better fit that I joined my family "in-house". I am Blessed, honored, and grateful to serve God's people here and I thank you for allowing me this opportunity!

THE NEW FOOD PANTRY! The Corpus Christi Parish Emergency Food Pantry has been slow to open. There have been some issues with logistics, regulatory concerns, and timing that has caused a "pause" in providing food assistance to families in need. Through the grace of God, our Emergency Food Pantry will be re-opening on April 4, 2023!!! In the next few weeks, I will be calling on you to help get us off the ground (more to come on this soon). Please pray that our efforts will continue to Bless families in need.

LENTEN HOT DOG MEAL! The Corpus Christi Social Justice Committee (SJC) will sponsor a Lenten Hot Dog Meal (for its 2nd straight year). Historically, the SJC sponsored a "Lenten Soup Meal", but with rising costs and labor involvement, we made a change last year – and it was a **HUGE SUCCESS!** Last year, we raised approximately \$2200 to assist families at St. Lucy's and St. Mark's Parishes who were hit hard by Hurricane Ida. **Save the dates:** The weekend of March 18th and 19th, Lenten Hot Dog Meals will be for sale. You get: a 100% ALL BEEF freshly barbecued Hot Dog, with your choice of chips and a beverage – all for \$5!!! More information on this is coming soon!!!

Finally, Church Family, I leave you with this amazing prayer from an Unknown Author!

The Fast Life

Fast from judging others; **Feast on Christ dwelling in them.**
Fast from fear of illness; **Feast on the healing power of God.**
Fast from words that pollute; **Feast on speech that purifies.**
Fast from discontent; **Feast on gratitude.**
Fast from anger; **Feast on patience.**
Fast from pessimism; **Feast on hope.**
Fast from negatives; **Feast on encouragement.**
Fast from bitterness; **Feast on forgiveness.**
Fast from self-concern; **Feast on compassion.**
Fast from suspicion; **Feast on truth.**
Fast from gossip; **Feast on purposeful silence.**
Fast from problems; **Feast on prayer that sustains.**
Fast from anxiety; **Feast on faith.**

Lent 2023

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

FEBRUARY AND MARCH

SUN 26

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days." Mk 1:12

The season of Lent lasts for forty days. Use this or another calendar to count how many 40 days is with younger children. Consider how you will use this time to pray, to ask God for his forgiveness, and to help those in need.

MON 27

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

Look for ways to treat each person you encounter today as you would treat Jesus.

TUE 28

"This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Mt 6:9

Offer an Our Father together. Pray it slowly and pay attention to each word and phrase.

WED 1

"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Ps 51:12

Be aware of your words and actions today. How can you make each one more loving and kind?

THU 2

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

What does your family need to be happy and holy? Offer a prayer together and bring those needs to God.

FRI 3


"Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come offer your gift." Mt 5:24

Talk about any ways in which your family members need to forgive and reconcile with one another. Offer words of forgiveness to one another.

SAT 4

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

Make an effort to be kind and patient today with someone who is difficult to love.



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Celebrating the Life of Mr. Henry J. Burch, II.

Visitation:

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, Michigan 48227
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Service to be held at:

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, Michigan 48227

Family Hour:

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Funeral:

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.

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.

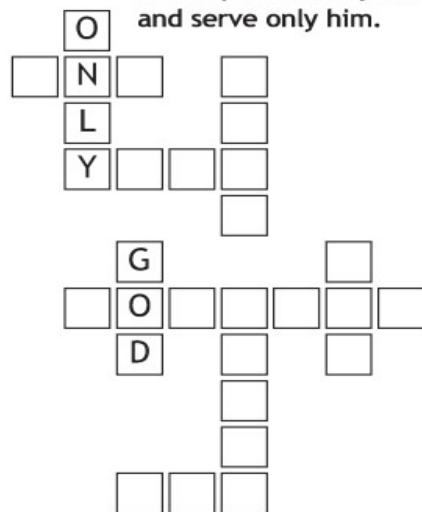
Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

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

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Worship the Lord your God
and serve only him.



MISSION

One really good way to fight the devil's tricks is to pray often. Pray in the morning, at noon, and at night.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE A

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



1st Sunday of Lent • Matthew 4:1-11



GOSPEL

After Jesus' baptism, Jesus went 40 days without eating. Imagine how weak, hungry, tired and cranky you could be if you went that long without eating. That was the moment the devil chose to try to trick Jesus into using God's power selfishly. But Jesus was still strong. Jesus had been praying those 40 days, getting ready to save you and the whole world from the devil's tricks. Jesus would never give in to his enemy.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to save me from the devil's tricks.

DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus praying to God.