



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.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 2023



Do Not Be Afraid

In this weekend's gospel (Matt 10:26-33), Jesus is sending out the twelve apostles to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and one of the key instructions He gives them is, "do not be afraid." (10:26) The reason the apostles are not to fear is because of the care that God has for them. Jesus explained to the apostles that the Father knew every hair on their heads, that not a sparrow falls from the sky without Him knowing and that they were much more valuable to the Father than sparrows.

Ultimately, the reason the apostles were not to give into fear is because Jesus was teaching them to trust Him... that they would effectively *never be alone, they would always be seen, known, loved, and cared for by God.* When I think about trusting the Lord, one of my favorite scriptures comes to mind from Proverbs: "trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not, in all your ways be mindful of Him and He will make

straight your paths." (Prov 3:5-6) I'd like to share with you how I think about this passage.

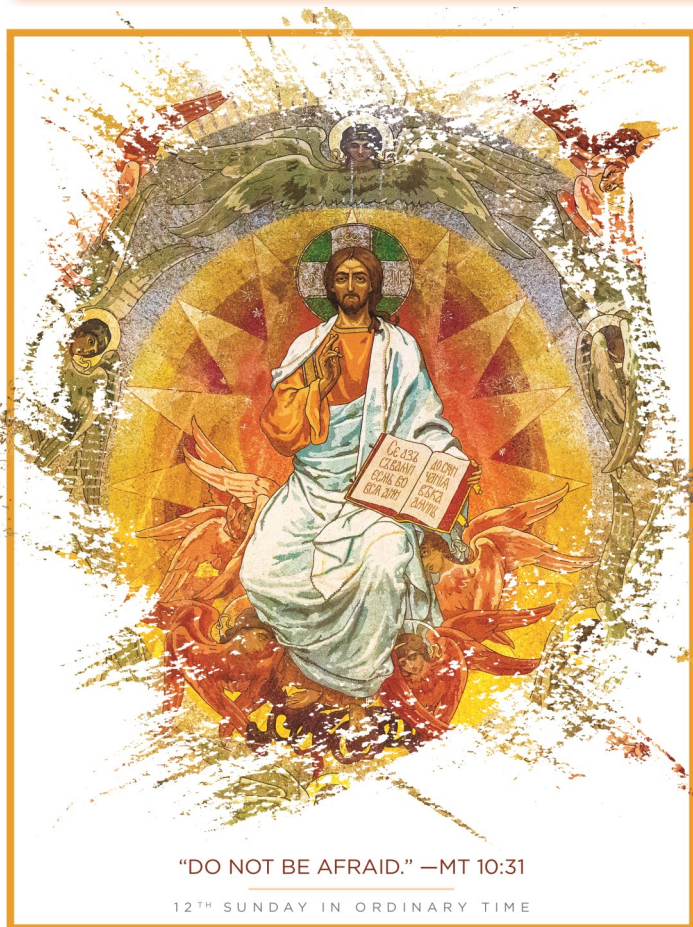
To **Trust in the Lord with all our heart** is to live by faith in Him with every heartbeat, every breath, every moment with our entire lives wide open to God with a heart hungry for God's will. To **rely not on our own intelligence** is to maintain an open line of communication with God through the practice of dialogue prayer with God throughout the day. Whether short and sweet, or deep in rich, it's about staying in touch and communicating with God as we go through the day. Doing so will allow us to share the mind of God and not merely rely on our own intelligence. To be **mindful of him in all our ways** is about cultivating an awareness of God's presence with us always. In all situations to continue to think of Him, call on His name, continually turning our hearts affection towards Him. Practicing this sort of devotion really opens us up to allowing God **to make straight our paths.**

Every day is a gift, and none of us knows how many days we are going to have. Perhaps this weekend, as we consider the teaching of Jesus about trusting God, we can take up anew the sacred commitment to *do life with God.* Seeking to stay with Abba, Jesus & the Holy Spirit more mindfully from moment to moment. It's not like trying to continue to solve math equations, we don't have to continuously think and think, it's more so like lovers who continue to gaze upon each other...and yes...who love to speak and listen to each other. Come Holy Spirit, bring us deep into devotion to you, Abba, and Jesus, into the depths of life in your presence where *perfect love casts out fear.* (1 Jn 4:18)

God bless you! *Fr. Patrick*

Holy Homework

Write down Proverbs 3:5-6 and pray with it daily, asking God to give you the grace to live the wisdom of this scripture.



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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.

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 06/18/2023	\$ 7,708.68
Over/ Under for the Budget Year	\$ 51,105.15

The Week Ahead**Monday, June 26**

8:30 am **MASS**

Tuesday, June 27

8:30 am **MASS**

9:30 am - 12:00 pm New Hope Comm. Dev

Myra Fletcher (Rainbow Room)

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

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm VON and SFE Ministries

(Rainbow Room and Neighborhood)

Wednesday, June 28

8:30 am **NO MASS or Communion Service**

Thursday, June 29

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 - 8:30 pm Rescue Project—last Thursday
(Rainbow Room)

Friday, June 30

8:30 am **MASS**

Saturday, July 1

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

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

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

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Recovery (Rectory Basement)

4:00 pm - **MASS**

Sunday, July 2

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Coffee and Donuts after both Masses


9:00 am CGS 2

9:00 am MASS (Baptism during Mass)

11:00 am CGS 1

11:00 am MASS

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word



**Come Celebrate
and give Thanks
for the Ministry of
Deacon Aaron at
a Pancake Breakfast**

TODAY SUNDAY June 25th
after both Masses

We wish him God's continued blessings
as he concludes his appointment at
Corpus Christi and prepares for his
new assignment at
**Ste. Anne and Most Holy Trinity in
Detroit beginning July 1st**

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



June 25 – July 2, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
	11:00 am	+ Tiburtius Nanje (req by Antonia Ntung)
Monday	8:30 am	For an end to violence in our cities, states, country and world
Tuesday	8:30 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
Wednesday	No Mass or Communion Service	
Thursday	8:30 am	Increased vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
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	For all the Deceased of Corpus Christi Parish Family



The Gift of Prayer

Do you want to give an amazing gift to someone you know? Have a Mass offered for their

intentions or in Thanksgiving for God's continued blessings in their lives! Mass intention forms can be found at the back of the church and also online. **Pat Tillery is coordinator for Mass Intentions. She can be reached by calling the main office at (313)-537-5770.**

Please Remember the Sick in your Prayers

Members of our Parish Family...

Shermia Anding, Doris Billion, Paul Billion, Jane Breslin, Michael Busby, Jr., Lucius Davis, Mary Davis, Connie Gant, Camille Graves-Douglas, Michael Lanton, Nancy Loper, Yve Nemeth, Elaine O'Neill, Sean Ross, Shirley Sands, Lois Shepherd, Joyce Wilson

Friends and Family of Parishioners...

Sheila Adams, Kelly Davis, Sue Deeds, Samuel Fooks, Barbara Gay, Agnes Holt, Robert Jarey, Pat LaRoy, Harold McRae, Jill Stachkunis, Marilyn Waddell, Sara Nell Wallace, Nevada Worsham

Please Remember the Homebound in your Prayers...

Joseph Cagle, Michelle Cagle, Beatrice Hunter, Beverley Brown-Johnson, Lucy Lee, Thelma Polley, Mary Thompson, Joyce Wilson



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

A big thank you to all who have made contributions to the Catholic Service Appeal already. We are currently up to \$ **11,500**. Contributing to the CSA ultimately helps the Archdiocese of Detroit fund many different ministries (over 170) and also helps to support the main operations of the Archdiocese. Support given to the CSA is an act of faith in supporting the broader Church throughout south-east Michigan. I'm glad to contribute to the CSA in faith, trusting that the Lord "loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7) and that the funds will indeed go towards good causes in and through the Church, the mystical Body of Christ.

This year, as with last year, the Archdiocese is taking a burden off of parishes by encouraging CSA donations to be given directly to the Archdiocese. It is very easy (and safe) to give online through our parish website: <https://corpuschristi-detroit.org/> Just click on the "How to Donate" tab and then select "CSA" and you'll be on your way to being able to make a quick online donation to the Archdiocese. Going through our website will enable your gift to be automatically counted for funds given from Corpus Christi. Each household also has received a mailing from the Archdiocese that has an envelope in it which you can use to write a check for CSA to the Archdiocese if you would prefer that method. **Our CSA target goal this year is \$46,914**, which was determined by a formula the Archdiocese uses to determine CSA target goals for each parish.

If you would rather contribute to Corpus Christi's CSA target goal by giving directly to Corpus Christi, you may indeed do so. In whatever way you give, simply specifically identify the donation as "CSA" and we'll be sure to send it along for you. If the parish goes over the goal, those funds go back to bless the parish, if we are under the goal, the deficit is paid out of parish savings. Thank you for every bit of your generosity, God bless you!

Fr. Patrick



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

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Necklace

I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great-grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

"And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."

Matthew 10:28© LPi

Mass Celebrated Around the World

Question: Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

Answer: One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no."

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40). ©LPi



St. Irenaeus

Feast Day: June 28

Can you imagine sitting at the feast of the Apostles? St. Irenaeus was born in Asia Minor -- now Turkey -- and was tutored in Christianity by St. Polycarp, himself a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. Irenaeus caught the missionary zeal and became a priest sent to Gaul (modern day France). Following a persecution by the pagan Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, Irenaeus replaced the martyred bishop in the region. His trials were not over, however. The heretical sect of Gnosticism spread to Gaul. Gnostics proclaimed a secret, spiritual knowledge available only to a few. Irenaeus researched the Gnostic texts and exposed the falsehoods they taught, such as denying the divinity of Christ. His book *Against Heresies* is still being published today, over 1800 years after his death. May St. Irenaeus intercede for our own quests for greater understanding!

June 25, 2023

Dear Corpus Christi parish family,

Thank you! On this final weekend as a deacon assigned to Corpus Christi, I want to express to you my deep appreciation for what you taught me. You see, in the nearly four years since I was ordained, you have taught me what it means to be deacon. Not just to be “a” deacon but to actively serve as a deacon. You see, the formation process for men and their wives who feel called to the permanent diaconate is very good, and it prepares us in many ways to serve as a deacon; but deacon means “service” and you taught me what it truly means to be deacon in a very difficult time and in very difficult circumstances. You formed me and, for that, I am grateful and will never forget you.

Six short months after Julie and I arrived here in October 2019, and just as we were beginning to learn your names, the COVID-19 pandemic struck and we all went home. When we came back three months later (most of us anyway), we were wearing masks and continued to do so for a long time. We had backpack sprayers of disinfectant and social distancing, livestream Mass attendance, and air filters everywhere. Despite the setback for me in getting to know everyone’s name, we managed to walk with Jesus together and stay together through a very difficult time. Our zip code had the highest rate of COVID-19 infection in the entire state for much of that time. We buried beloved parishioners due to COVID. We buried parishioners and could barely attend their funerals due to gathering restrictions. We grieved together as we buried our loved ones. Through it all, we continued to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned and witness the love of Jesus courageously in our neighborhood and beyond. I saw Fr. Patrick anoint people in the hospital who were seriously—very seriously—ill and at a time when we all feared contracting the virus. We held a vaccination clinic here at the parish where 800 people were vaccinated. This was a parish response to the need and we pulled off a very difficult feat in holding that clinic when we did. Most importantly, we did it together.

We had good conversation in the days following Memorial Day weekend of 2020 when George Floyd was killed at the hands of a public servant. We had productive and respectful dialogue during election time and in the weeks leading up to last November’s vote on Proposal 3. Emotions were stirred up, wounds were opened, but I pray we all got better as a result of the dialogue. My friends, we do great honor to God when we pull together to serve each other in service to the Truth and in service the most vulnerable in His name.

You formed me to be deacon to those who are marginalized. You showed me how to really evangelize—to go to our neighbors and our neighborhood stores and meet them, tell them about Jesus, and invite them to join us for worship...just people meeting people where they are and inviting them on the journey of faith. You demonstrated to us, from the first moment we entered this church, what “hospitality” looks like. It doesn’t require a committee and elaborate plans...it simply requires open hearts and open arms. You modeled that for us so well!

I will remember both the laughter and the tears, the tragedies and the triumphs, but most of all I will remember you all—you who taught me to be deacon even though I thought I already knew. When Julie and I were on our recent trip to the Holy Land, we prayed for you. We prayed in gratitude for the ways in which you helped us grow and become better Christian disciples. Even as I end my time at Corpus Christi this weekend, know that we will pray for you often and I ask you to pray for us from time to time.

With love and gratitude,
Deacon Aaron



Readings for the Week of June 25, 2023

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday:

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20
Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53,
54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
(2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Coming Soon to Corpus Christi

19800 Pembroke (at Evergreen), Detroit, 48219

WHEN: August 14th - 18th

(Monday-Friday) TIME: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm



All children Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to register. We are happy to offer this opportunity for free for all who attend.

Please register and reserve a space by calling, (248) 743-7685.

Congratulations to our Rising Stars!!!



8th Grade Graduates

Mariah Berry graduated from University Middle School Academy and will attend Renaissance High School .

Brandon Butler graduated from MacKenzie Middle School and will attend Mumford High School as well as Wayne State's High school math court this summer.

High School Graduates

Mirabella Koponen graduated from Farmington High School and will attend Community college to finish general education and then hopes to go to MSU to study veterinary science.

Britney Onyegbule graduated from University High School and will be attending Michigan State University in the fall, majoring in Business & Marketing and planning to become a Real Estate Broker.

Curtis Simpson III graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy and is considering Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University or University of Toledo .

College Graduates

Juliana Obia graduated from the University of Chicago with a BA in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies and will be pursuing Grant writing for a local non profit.

Rummana-Mary Farida Ryan graduated from Calvin University with BSN in Nursing. She is currently at Bay-Cliff in Marquette, a disability camp for ages 5-18 years old. She is looking to specialize in Pediatric Nursing.



Blood Drive

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

9844 Woodward
Detroit

**Sunday, July 9, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

For an appointment, please log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: COTMBS) or call Beth at 313-550-3870.

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August 12, 2023
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Seminary, Detroit, MI

