

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.

August 27, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth
shall be loosed in heaven."**

MATTHEW 16:19

Divine Design with Sacred Order

We come this weekend in Matthew's Gospel to a seminal moment in the life of St. Peter, and also, the life of the Catholic Church. Having gone into the region of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus poses a few questions to His disciples. The first is "who do the people I am?" (Mt 16:13) The second, and more poignant question from Jesus to His disciples is, "who do you say I am?" (Mt 16:15). At this point, the apostles had seen phenomenal miracles, including (for Peter, James and John) the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mt. Tabor that involved hearing God the Father speaking about Jesus. Simon Peter had experienced enough to declare, "you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Mt 16:16)

The response of Jesus is beautiful, "blessed are you Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." (Mt 16:17) Jesus accepts Simon's statement as fully true and assures Simon that his conviction about His identity was indeed a gift from God the Father. Faith is always a gift. In this profound moment of faith in Jesus, Simon is stepping into the role God had called him to: the rock. Jesus addresses Simon...but this time only using the name Peter, "and so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18) The name Peter in Greek means *rock* and by a divine design with sacred order, Peter was to be the leader Jesus wanted to serve as the first Pope of the Church. The word Church comes from a Greek word that means an assembly or congregation. Jesus is telling Peter that he will be the rock and leader of the Church, while of course undoubtedly serving Jesus and His Church in this role.

When Jesus told Peter He was giving him *the keys to the kingdom*, it was a great reference to the Davidic Kingdom where the second in rank after the king was known to have *the keys to the kingdom*. This imagery speaks to the authority that Peter, the rock, would have in his ministry as the leader (first Pope) of the Church. A sacred authority to be used to serve. On the day of Pentecost, the Church would be birthed when that initially small congregation of 120 people in the upper room were filled with the Holy Spirit. In the power of the Holy Spirit, the early Church grew at an explosive rate with Peter, the first Pope, and the apostles (the first bishops) navigating guiding the early Church.

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Weekly Budget 2023 – 2024 \$ 7,213.00

Sunday Offerings 08/20/2023 \$ 8,231.41

Over/**Under** for the Budget Year \$ **(6,851.19)****The Week Ahead****Monday, August 28**8:30 am **MASS****Tuesday, August 29**8:30 am **MASS**

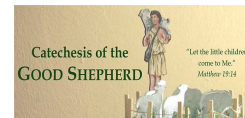
10:00 am - 1:00 pm Emergency Food Pantry (Rainbow Room Annex)

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

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

Wednesday, August 30**NO MASS or Communion Service**

6:00 pm-8:30 pm CGS Come and See (Rainbow Room)

**Thursday, August 31**8:30 am **MASS**9:15 am - 12:15 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**9:15 am - 10:15 am **Holy Hour for Priest Vocations**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Emergency Food Pantry (Rainbow Room Annex)

6:00 pm - 10:30 pm Confident Communications-Workshop for Parents (Rainbow Room)

Friday, September 18:30 am **MASS**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm St. Paul Head Start Wellness event (Church parking lot)

Saturday, September 2

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, September 3****22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****No Coffee and Donuts due to Labor Day Weekend**9:00 am **MASS**11:00 am **MASS****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.**CC Parish Coordination Committee Members**

Elaine O., Carol L., Lori S., Sheila B-R., Jeff S., Maria D., Valerie B., Christeena L-L.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

August 27– September 3, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	+ Elizabeth Schmitz (req by "The Counters")
	11:00 am	+ Robert G. Fisher
Monday	8:30 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
Tuesday	8:30 am	For all the Sick and Home-bound and their Caregivers
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	+ Dorothy William-Seelig
	11:00 am	The Anderson Family (req by Angela Anderson)



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, Michelle Baines, Paul Billion, Jane Breslin, Michael Busby, Jr., Lucius Davis, Mary Davis, Roy Ford, Connie Gant, Camille Graves-Douglas, Michael Lanton, Nancy Loper, Yve Nemeth, Elaine O'Neill, Sean Ross, Shirley Sands, Lois Shepherd

Friends and Family of Parishioners...

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

Please Remember the Homebound in your Prayers...

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

THE VIEW FROM THE PEW

by Mary Davis



You are appreciated!!!!

I'm sure many of you reading this attended the Parish Pot Luck Picnic on Sunday, August 13. The weather was perfect, the food was great (could have been more pot lucked sides) and a good time was had by all. An event like this doesn't happen without the involvement of many fabulous volunteers.

I'd like to thank the core members of the Hospitality Committee who attended planning meetings to make sure everything was on track for a successful event: Esther Bostick, Michael James, Carol Lawrence, Muriel Murphy, Yvonne Nemeth, Rita Pridgen, Sherell Rutherford and Sr. Ellen Schmitz OP.

These lovely people, along with many others, worked to set up, serve and clean up for the event.

I'd like to thank my right-hand man, Curtis Simpson Jr, who took charge of outside set up and tear down aided by Greg Spight, Jeff Smale, Jim Young and Michael James. I'd like to thank 2 new volunteers, Ron Rivers and Rosa Hill—glad to have you, hope you'll come back! I'd like to give a shout out to our Grill Masters, Steve Lawrence and Jeff Smale; to our Little Free Library hostess, Pat Tillery; to our face painters Carol Lawrence and Sue Deeds; to our Bingo caller, Christeena Livingston-Long; to our 50/50 raffle ticket sellers, Muriel Murphy and Wanda Bradley (the raffle took in \$242 with \$121 going to support the picnic and \$121 to the winner, Fr. Patrick, who donated his winnings to the young couple from Sno Cones by Sno Biz, Detroit); to our official event lemonade maker, Rita Pridgen; to Gwen McNeal and Civil Air Patrol Cadets Donald & James. Also, many thanks to Sr Ellen, Sherell Rutherford, Esther Bostick, Yvonne Nemeth, Denise Glinz, Kathy Montgomery and anyone else I missed who saw something that needed to be done and did it. Couldn't have done it without you!!!

If you'd like to be part of planning for our next event, the Parish Christmas Party, scheduled for Saturday, December 9, email me at:

mary.davis@corpuschristi-detroit.org



Readings for the Week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1

Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: Weekday

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: Weekday

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: Weekday

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: Weekday

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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BREAKING NEWS!!!

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 30!!!

BOOK NOW!!! The third annual Detroit River Cruise Fundraiser for our Haiti Outreach Mission will depart from the Stroh's River Place dock on Saturday, September 9 at 6:30 pm. Your \$75 reservation will include a 2 ½ hour cruise on the beautiful Diamond Belle, a full course dinner and one complimentary beverage ticket. A cash bar will be available. Free parking is adjacent to the dock. Scan the QR code or go to CorpusChristi-detroit.org and click on Haiti Dinner Cruise to reserve your spot for this fun-with-a-purpose event.



Senior Adult Fellowship

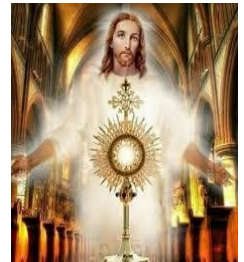
The 50 & Up Senior Group will be going out to eat at the **Ford Garage Restaurant, in Dearborn, MI** on **Friday, September 15, 2023**. Limited bus transportation will be available from the church at 11:00 a.m. We anticipate returning around 2:00 pm. For further information, **please contact Cheryl Hill at 313-534-4707**.

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



MASS	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee & Donuts	Sun Bus Driver	Video	CLOW
September 2 Saturday 4:00pm	Jeff Kendall	Cup - Needed	Server Needed	Alexis A	Greeter 1			Cathy L	
		Ciborium -needed	Server Needed Server Needed	Michael J	Greeter 2				
September 3 Sunday 9:00am	Needed	Cup - Needed	Server Needed	Kenneth T	Greeter 1	Pick-up - Needed		Marilyn W	
		Ciborium - Needed	Server Needed Server Needed	Joseph N Jim Y	Greeter 2	Server 1 -Needed Server 2 -Needed			
September 3 Sunday 11:00am	Mary Power	Cup - Needed	Server Needed	Joseph N	Greeter 1	Server 1 -Needed	Needed	John S	
		Ciborium - Needed	Server Needed	Emmanuel P	Greeter 2	Server 2 -Needed			
		Ciborium - Needed	Server Needed	Greg S					
		Ciborium- Needed							

Evangelical Charity News

by: Curtis Simpson, Jr.

Hello and greetings my beautiful church family!!!

There is A LOT going on in the world of Evangelical Charity (Christian Service) and with Evangelization in our beautiful church, that I am unsure of where to start. After nearly two (2) years, people still ask, "What exactly is Evangelical Charity"? Well, in a simple answer, it is Christian Service with an outward emphasis on Evangelization. However, as our Church moves to be more Evangelistic, you will see Christian Service move to a more "Evangelistic focus, hence, Evangelical Charity. From our amazing Food Pantry, to providing direct help to families in need, to the Summer Camp Vacation Bible School, Hot Dog Tuesdays, Friday movie nights, Trunk-or-Treat, to our coat give-away, to our Advent Holiday Outreach Program (Thanksgiving and Christmas) and connecting to our neighbors on Tuesdays in the community (door-to-door) or praying for people at grocery stores, our amazing and beautiful Church is witnessing to the Lord by outwardly inviting people to come and know Jesus.

At the very core of this is Evangelical Charity!

Here is an article that will shed more light on Evangelical Charity from *Unleash the Gospel*.

Marker 8.4 of *Unleash the Gospel* is called Evangelical Charity, a term that reminds us that when the Church does **good works**, we are not trying to do the work of a social service agency, but the work of the Gospel!

"Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel." (1 Cor. 9:16) These words of St. Paul should be on our minds as we undertake any work as a church - even when those works are charitable in nature.

What then is the connection between "Charity and Evangelization?"

In *Unleash the Gospel* we are challenged to serve in the spirit of **sharing** Jesus Christ and not just to address a social need. Archbishop Vigneron writes, "Our service to the poor and marginalized needs to be a clear witness to Jesus our Lord, not mistaken for humanist philanthropy." We need to infuse our faith with our charitable works so when they are seen and received others feel the spirit of Jesus in our actions. Our faith is not something we can keep bound up in our soul; we need to share it. As our faith grows and becomes a part of our "every day of the week life," not just our "Sunday life," others will see why Jesus is something to cling to!

As we share our faith by doing charitable acts, we need to remember that connecting others to Jesus is our *most* important act. Certainly, Jesus would want us to feed, clothe and shelter the vulnerable—protecting them from natural elements and social ills - but the Jesus we know from the Gospel ministered to both temporal *and* spiritual hungers. In *Unleash the Gospel*, the archbishop writes, "We need to ensure that in ministering to the material needs of others we are also responding to their spiritual thirst for God. Every Catholic charitable work must also be an authentic expression of the Catholic faith. We must be unabashed to speak the name of Jesus and to invite every person to the fullness of life in him."

So how can we connect the two? How can we share the good news of Jesus while helping others?

- **Show generous hospitality.** If we are able to help at a soup kitchen, food pantry or clothing bank, our example of generous hospitality with a kind word or warm smile can often make someone's day and make him or her feel noticed. (Many times in the Bible we hear of people by the side of the road calling out to Jesus as he walked by, and all they wanted was to be recognized.)
- **Invite the poor to join your community.** When we fill a food box for someone, the inclusion of a church bulletin can help connect them with a parish.
- **Pray with those you serve.** Inviting someone to say a quick prayer before they depart with a winter coat may warm them more than the coat itself. Inviting God into their lives through prayer is best done through the intimacy of prayer between two people.
- **Even a simple smile** can make all the difference for someone as we share our piece of peace we have found in him. After all, the Gospel is our joy!

During these uncertain times, with the challenges of the COVID-19, political and social unrest, increased disparity between people of all nations and so many people hungry and out of work, it is easy to become overwhelmed and switch from evangelical charity to merely "helping." We must remember, as the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* reminds us, "Nothing that concerns the community of men and women - situations and problems regarding justice, freedom, development, relations between peoples, peace - is foreign to evangelization, and evangelization would be incomplete if it did not take into account the mutual demands continually made by the Gospel and by the concrete, personal and social life of man." (66) We are also reminded that "The Church's social doctrine 'is itself a valid instrument of evangelization' and is born of the always new meeting of the Gospel message and social life." (67) Remember that within the Gospel, Jesus outstretched his hands to save each one of us and holding his hand in ours, we can unite others to him through our charity.

Good Tidings of Great Joy, Curtis Simpson, Jr.



Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of learning!

I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school.

In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world.

Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write.

In arts and music, help me to be creative.

In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly.

Help me to learn new skills in technology.

Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.

Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school.

Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect.

Thank you, Jesus, for school!

Amen. ©LPi



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The story of Peter is inspiring. He was clearly far from perfect, declaring to Jesus when he witnessed the miraculous catch of fish caused by Jesus, "depart from me Lord I am a sinful man." (Luke 5:8) In some of the darkest moments of Jesus' life, Peter was full of fear and denied he knew Jesus...and yet Jesus in His perfect love made sure to redeem Peter of that threefold denial after He rose from the dead. (Jn 21:15-19). Even amid our human weaknesses and failings, God's divine design, sacred order and future plans for His Church are still stunningly beautiful. If you haven't heard, the Church is bound for, and heading towards, the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb. (Rev 19:5-10) What a most wonderful congregation to be a part of the Church Jesus started on Peter,

who's profession of faith in Jesus was sealed on his own cross when he died for Jesus. Jesus made sure that Peter, our first Pope, finished the race spectacularly. He'll do the same for us too as press on in faith joyfully in the midst of this sacred congregation, the Church, that Jesus founded upon Peter.

God bless you!

Fr. Patrick

Holy Homework

This week pray daily, 'Jesus, please help me to love the Church like you do.'



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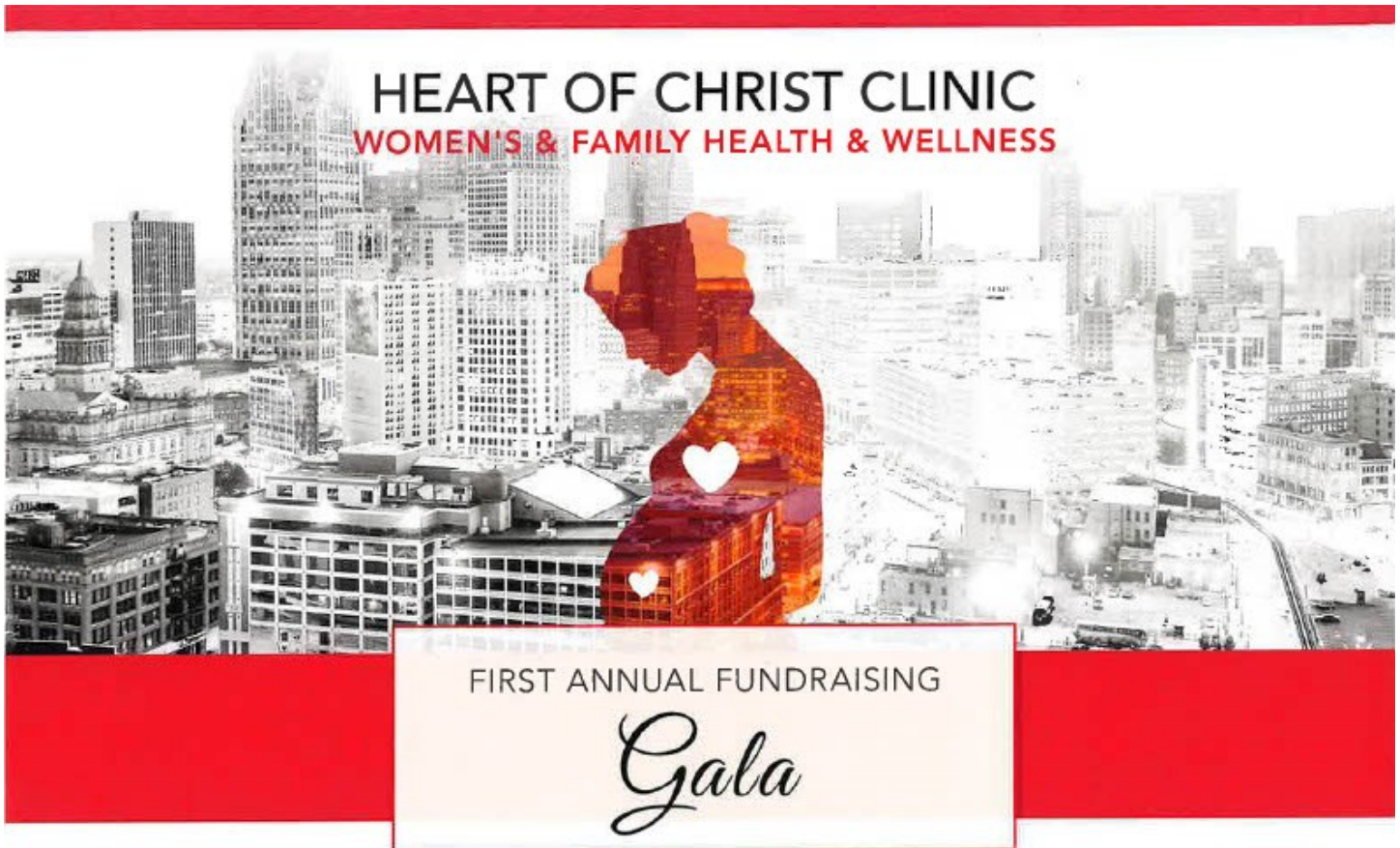
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Suggested donation \$25.



The Christ Medicus Foundation is seeking your support of the first annual gala for the historic opening of the Heart of Christ Medical Clinic this September, 2023. The Clinic is the work of God's Grace, the **Knights of Columbus, Mother and Unborn Baby Care, Christ Medicus Foundation, Ascension, Trinity Health, and Catholic Charities of SE Michigan.**

This Heart of Christ Clinic will follow in the footsteps of Christ by serving, healing, and empowering the most vulnerable members in the community. The Heart of Christ Clinic will provide high quality care that heals and restores patients and families in spirit, mind and body. By naturally and supernaturally caring for and accompanying each patient as a whole person, the Clinic will engage in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician, to offer life affirming, dignified care to every patient. The Heart of Christ Clinic's mission is to live Christ's healing love, to empty itself, taking the form of a servant (Philippians 2:6-7), serving all, providing the highest quality of care in Detroit.

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023 (6:00 - 9:00 PM)

WHERE: Burton Manor (27777 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI)

SPEAKERS & SPECIAL GUESTS



Sister Dede Byrne, M.D.



Dr. Kristin Collier



Louis Brown, J.D.



Mark Forrest, Irish Tenor



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