



DECEMBER 17, 2023 | THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3rd Sunday OF ADVENT



Pastor
Fr. Ryan Krueger

Pastoral Associate
Deacon Mark Hibbs

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Wednesday | 8:20am
Friday | 8:20am

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:30pm
Sunday | 7:30am, 10:30am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm-4:00pm
First Friday | 7:50am
Other | By Appointment

Adoration

Saturday's 3:30-4pm
1st Thurs. of the Month 7-4pm

Welcome!

It is our mission to continue the work of Jesus
through the building of a vibrant Catholic
Community of Word, Worship and Service.

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Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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Parish Office & Mailing Address

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00am - 4:30pm
Office Closed
1:30pm - 2:00pm
Friday
9:00am - 1:00pm

St. John Bosco School

730 W. Maple Street
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

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Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pattern* at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Muir

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16 |

03:30-04:00 pm. † Adoration & Confessions

04:30 pm. † People of Corpus Christi

Sunday, December 17 | Third Sunday of Advent

07:30 am. † Jenna Baranczyk (deceased)

09:00 am. † Mass at Holy Name of Mary

10:30 am. † John M. Logerquist (deceased)

Tuesday, December 19 | 10am Rosary

09:00 am. † Mass at Holy Name of Mary

06:30-7:30pm. † Advent Penance Service at Corpus

Wednesday, December 20 | Rosary 7:45am

08:20 am. † Kathleen Kerscher (deceased)

Thursday, December 21 |

09:00 am. † Mass at Holy Name of Mary

Friday, December 22 | Rosary at 7:50am

08:20 am. † Cheryl A. Nault (deceased)

Saturday, December 23 |

03:30-04:00 pm. † Adoration & Confessions

04:30 pm. † Mark & Catherine Hibbs (both deceased)

Sun., Dec. 24 | 4th Sun. of Advent & Christ. Eve

07:30 am. † People of Corpus Christi

09:00 am. † Mass at Holy Name of Mary

10:30 am. † Fred & Mary Sorenson (both deceased)

04:00 pm. † People of Corpus Christi

06:30 pm. † Thomas Stoecker (deceased)

STEWARDSHIP

FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 1-7, 2023

Parish Support.....\$5,903.00

Online Giving\$882.00

Offertory.....\$642.00

Total Deposit.....\$7,427.00

Budgeted Weekly Expenses\$6,262.11

Weekly St. John Bosco School Subsidy.....\$3,461.54

Weekly Shortage.....(\$2,296.65)

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Purchase scrip for Christmas gifts!

Corpus Christi Catholic Parish Support		
Parish Support	Jan.1—Dec. 7, 2023	Jan. 1—Dec. 7, 2022
Support Envelopes	\$252,793	\$269,385
Loose Collections	\$49,122	\$44,346
Online Giving	\$61,026	\$59,529
Total	\$362,941	\$373,260

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

EDGE LIFE TEEN

Middle & High School Religious Education And Youth Ministry News

ALL GIFTS, DONATIONS, AND GIFT CARDS ARE DUE ON THE 17TH. We are distributing gifts this week to the families and individuals, please no late gifts. If you have questions, please contact Sarah at stgavin25@gmail.com

Schedule this week (December 20th)

Edge at Holy Name of Mary: 6-7:30pm

Edge at St. Joseph: 5:30-6:45pm

Life Teen at St. Joseph: 6:30-7:45pm

Confirmation: 7:30-9pm

Are you looking at Sturgeon Bay Edge and Life Teen's Facebook Page? We are highlighting a Confirmation student almost daily! Go check it out to learn more about the great class.

THE HAPPENINGS IN GENESIS

Children's Ministry

Facebook: GENESIS/Tri Parish Elementary Religious Education Program

Genesis: Class on Wed. Dec. 20th at 5:30-6:45pm at St. Joe's Faith Formation Center. No classes Dec. 27th & Jan. 3rd. Classes resume Jan. 10th.

The RE office will be closed Dec. 21st-Jan. 7th.

Our second Genesis Service Project !

We are collecting hats and mittens for our local school children. The Faith Formation Center will have a Christmas Tree where you can place hats and mittens on. Thank you!



Liturgy of the Word Sunday 10am Mass: All children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word for Children. This will be held at St. Joseph Parish at the 10am Mass the second Sunday of every month.

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PARISH & OTHER NEWS

End of Calendar Year

As the year end approaches, keep in mind that any donations/giving's post marked after December 31st will go to the new year (2024).

Charitable IRA Rollovers/Distributions: As the year ends, please note that Charitable IRA Rollovers allow individuals aged 70 ½ years or older to make a qualified charitable distribution directly to Corpus Christi Parish from traditional individual retirement accounts (IRA). Charitable IRA Rollovers are tax-free and not included in a donor's annual income.

Also note that at age 72 the Internal Revenue Service requires withdrawal of funds from IRAs in statutorily – mandated annual increments known as Required Minimum Distributions (or RMDs). As you are aware, the way traditional IRAs are structured, an individual receives a tax deduction at the time of the contribution on the condition that withdrawals are taxed as ordinary income. This means two things: 1) at age 72 distributions are required (there is a significant penalty for not taking the required distribution) and 2) the RMD funds may push your adjusted income into a higher tax bracket.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution/Rollover may be a suitable tax-relief strategy. Starting at age 70 ½, you may direct IRA distributions to qualified 501(c)3 charities like Corpus Christi Parish. Charitable distributions satisfy the Internal Revenue Service's required distribution rules, and since the money is going to a charity you're not required to report the distribution as income (or pay taxes on the distribution).

Please note that before making any decisions, please consult with your tax professional for guidance specific to your household.

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Penance Service: Tues. Dec. 19th

6:30-7:30pm

An evening of prayer, scripture readings, reflection, examination of conscience, adoration and reconciliation.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Florence DeDecker. May God welcome her home and comfort her family in this time of sorrow. May the knowledge of our prayers and support give her family peace.



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Times

Sunday Dec. 24th 4pm & 6:30pm at Corpus Christi
(25 min. prelude prior to both Masses)

Sunday Dec. 24th 4pm at Holy Name of Mary

Sun. Dec. 24th 4pm at St. Joe's & 6pm at SS Peter & Paul

Mon. Dec. 25th 9am at Corpus Christi

(25 min. prelude to Mass)

Mon. Dec. 25th 9am at Holy Name of Mary

Mon. Dec. 25th 8am @SS Peter&Paul & 10am @ St. Joe's

St. John Bosco Christmas Program

All are invited to St. John Bosco's Christmas Program in the church on Thurs. Dec. 21st at 6:30pm.



Parish Office Closure & Church

The parish office on Tuesday Dec. 19th will close at noon. The parish office will be closed on Mon. Dec. 25th, Tues. Dec. 26th, Mon. Jan. 1st and Tues. Jan. 2nd. The church will be closed on Tues. Dec. 26th, Mon. Jan. 1st and Tues. Jan. 2nd.

Office Hour Change

Starting in January and thereafter the parish office will no longer be open on Friday's. The office will be open Monday-Thursday 8-1:30pm & 2-4:30pm.

Scrip Helper Needed

We are in need of someone to help with our Scrip program. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Inclement Weather – Mass Cancellation Policy

Please listen to WDOR – 93.9FM or 910AM for the day's cancellations and closures. If it is announced that St. John Bosco Catholic School is closed because of inclement weather, then the 8:20am Mass scheduled at Corpus Christi Church is also cancelled. Furthermore, if the school has a 2-hour delay, then the 8:20am morning Mass is cancelled. On days of inclement weather, please call the parish office before visiting to confirm that the parish office is open or closed. We want everyone to be safe. Thank you.