Corpus Christi Catholic Church

1415 W. Lies Road Carol Stream, IL 60188 630-483-4673

February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday – 5pm

Sunday – 8am, 10am, and 11:30am Polish

Weekday Mass Times

Monday through Wednesday and Friday 9am

NEW Thursday 6pm

Confession Times

Thursday at 5:30 pm, Saturday at 4 pm, Sunday at 3 pm, or by appointment

NEW Holy Hour – Sunday 3-4pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 8 Weekday

5:00 p.m. ╬ Linda Hoffman by Deacon Andrew & Kathy Jalove

Sunday, February 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. ╬ Gabriela Pollicino by Crockett Family
╬ Katherine Dirks by Dan and Terry Maloney
╬ Adora Delfin Bacus
SI For All Parishioners of Corpus Christi

10:00a.m. ╬ John Sbertoli by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sbertoli

11:30a.m. ╬ Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mass in Polish ╬ Lilian Stackowicz Gallek Lee
╬ Mrs. Marcia by Krystyna Bednarz

Monday, February 10 St. Scholastica

9:00 a.m. ╬ Katarzyna Karol Kica
SI Elliot Engelesen by Dan & Terry Maloney
SI Eric Popovich by Dan & Terry Maloney

Tuesday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 a.m. ╬ Sun Cha Lundvall by the Hartigan Family
SI Karol, birthday blessings

Wednesday, February 12 5th Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. ╬ Tom Warick by the Crockett Family
╬ Catherine Holbrook-Healy by MaryAnne Krupa

Thursday, February 13 5th Week in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. **SI** Richard Clark by Stephen Talbot
SI Bruce Talbot, birthday blessings

Friday, February 14 Sts. Cyril, and Methodius, St. Valentine

9:00 a.m. ╬ Tom Warick
╬ Christine Sampson-Scholtes by Tom and Brenda Ferris
╬ John Pietrusiak by Mike and Lynn Bierman

Saturday, February 15 Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. ╬ Linda Hoffman by Tony and Debbie Molinaro
╬ Vincenzo Pollicino by The Crockett Family
╬ Maria Panno by The Crockett Family

Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **SI** For All Parishioners of Corpus Christi

10:00a.m. **SI** Intentions of the Rotella Family from Confirmation II Class

11:30a.m. ╬ Michalina and Zygmunt Szaflarski
╬ Kevin Carhill

The 2025 Mass book is available. Please call the office 630-483-4673 or email at corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net with your intention.

Please pray for all those on our prayer list...

Shannon & Jaxon A.
Joe Ernest Alonto
Adnan Alonto
Javier-Maria
Joseph Annunzio
Melanie B.
Pat Baker
Asuncion Baldwin
Brian Bennett
Gerri Tillman Bentel
Jason Bims
Nelly Bonugli
Cathy Brill
William Boyle
Brittany Brinkman
Bud Brown
Theresa Bull
Camille Burns
Dave Calderone
Jack Cieslak
Terry Cook
Alan Demascus
Tessa Dante
Karen Deering
Tom Donnell
Denise Ealy
Joe Fenton
Stephanie Sliwa
Freiwald
Betty Funer
Carol Gatti
Mike Gebhardt
Chris Gries
Clarence Groves
Rose Gulhan
Rocella Hampton
Richard Hanrahan
Dr. Dan Haraf
Samantha Harvey
Louise Harrison
Daniel Hartzell
Donna Hawko
Debbie Henke
Fr. Bob Hoffenkamp
Asha J.
Pamela Jacobs
Patricia Johnson
Geoffrey Johnson
Shawn Jurgensen
Logan King
John Kinsella
Maria Klisz
Ann Krueger
Westin LaFever
Jackie Lower
Patricia Lucchesi
Paul Lutz
Keegan Manz
Enrique Martinez
Maria
Darnell Matesi
Kevin McKinney
Larry Miller
Josephine Miller
Jean Mondrala
Mark Muzer
Tim Myscofski
Elida Navarro
Michael Novak
John Numrich
Bill Ohlhaber
Thomas O'Neil
Dominic Pascucci
Carol Pasker
Sue Patterson
Lucy Pope
Kathy Reich
Mary Dee Reitz
Sarah Ridgeway
Anthony Rondinella
AJ (Austin) Rose
Melissa and Joe Reynolds
Dolores Salerno
Martin Salerno
Donna Sanchez
Christine Scardina
Russell Schauer
Betty Sciortino
Mary Beth Shepardson
Antonio Sievert
Alberto Sievert
Evelyn Simonetta
Nicki Simonetta
Jeffrey Skrobutt
Steve & Barbara Smith
Mark Smith
Lorraine Standiford
Arzy Staten
Kathy Staten
Marie Storino
Tatiana Tarazona
Lorenzo Tamburello
Dominic Teapthong
Baby Kyle Templin
Deacon Bill Thomas
Julie Tkaczuk
Mike Tkaczuk
Juanita Torronio
Valentine Family
Rita Whitney

In Loving Remembrance

Paul Rotella, John Kinsella
Frances Butera, Arlene Strawn, Linda Hoffman

May they Rest in Peace

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Come pray the Pro-Life Rosary at Corpus Christi on Tuesday mornings in the church after the 9 am Mass.

Readings for the Week of February 9, 2025

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

The Pastor's Corner...

The Amazing Grace of God's Mercy

- *How can the Church, composed of human beings, decide matters that have eternal consequences?*
- *How can a pilgrimage to a special place produce far-reaching results like a plenary indulgence, that is, the remission and forgiveness of all our sins?*

Our church has been designated to be a pilgrimage church during the Jubilee Year 2025. This means that everyone who makes a pilgrimage to our church and fulfills the conditions for a plenary indulgence can receive the indulgence for oneself or for someone who died. We could summarize these conditions in this way: a person must be **moved by a spirit of charity**, be **purified through the Sacrament of penance**, **refreshed by Holy Communion** and must **pray for the pope's intentions**. Through this pilgrimage, as well as a work of mercy or an act of penance, we will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all our sins, which can be applied to the souls in Purgatory. [Details about Plenary Indulgences]

This is truly an amazing gift – remission and forgiveness of all our sins! And our parish is blessed to participate in this in a special way, being the place where people can obtain such a gift. What a privilege … but what an obligation for us at the same time. Every day we can receive even two plenary indulgences for ourselves or someone who died. We cannot offer it for the living.

I would like to answer two questions that may be raised in regard to a plenary indulgence. The first is: how can the Church, composed of human beings, decide matters that not only touch our current life but that have eternal consequences? Let's remind ourselves of two classical texts from the Gospel in answering this question. In the Gospel of John, we read that Jesus said to the Apostles, "*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so also I am sending you… Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld*." (John 20:21-23) On another occasion Jesus said to Simon Peter, "*you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 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.*" (Mt 16,18-19) Jesus left the world, but before leaving, He established His Church and destined that this Church would lead people to be a means of their sanctification until His return at the end of time. He did not stay physically on earth to lead the Church. Instead, He intended that with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, the Church herself would pilgrimize in the right direction, making right decisions regarding the salvation of people: "*whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.*"

The second question is: can a seemingly trivial thing, such as a physical visit, a pilgrimage to a special place – Rome, a cathedral or a designated place – produce such far-reaching results like the remission and forgiveness of all our sins, in other words, a plenary indulgence? The Old Testament story in 2 Kings 5 about Naaman, commander of the Syrian army, and, who had leprosy could be helpful in answering this question. Naaman came to the prophet Elisha in the Holy Land with the hope of being healed. The prophet did not even appear in person, but instead, sent word through a messenger that the general should submerge himself seven times in the River Jordan. Initially, Naaman rebuked such an idea as senseless, and he wanted to go home but fortunately he has listened to his servant who advised him, "if the prophet told you to do something extraordinary, would you not do it? All the more since he told you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" Naaman did as Elisha had asked him, became clean and professed faith in God. The crucial point of this story is that it was not the submergence in a specific river as such that gave Naaman access to God's grace, but that it was his **trust in God expressed in the act of washing himself in the river** that obtained God's grace for him.

In the same way, while visiting pilgrimage churches during the Jubilee Year could seem to be a relatively easy thing, we must remember that this visit has to be an expression of our trust in God, a sign of our willingness to repent, to amend our life and follow the way of the Gospel. We also need to remember that the other standard condition for obtaining a plenary indulgence requires a serious revision of our life. Sacramental Confession that removes our mortal sins, and other sins as well, may be neglected by some people for years. However, the Church requires us to go to Confession at least once a year. If we skip Sunday Mass without a serious reason, we are not in the state of grace and we cannot receive Communion, nor are we able to receive a plenary indulgence. In addition, the person seeking

The Pastor's Corner...continued

a plenary indulgence not only has to be free of mortal sin, but must be detached from any sin, including any venial sin. We see clearly that obtaining a plenary indulgence requires a full determination to live an authentically holy life, as God calls us.

For some people, this could be too much. They may state and think: We are Catholics, and we try to fulfill some of the religious obligations. We practice our faith occasionally or more frequently, and we are generally not bad people. What's wrong with that? Do we have to be holy on earth? Won't we be holy in heaven? So don't exaggerate with all this Christianity! Too much is too much! Purgatory? Come on! Are you serious? God is good, and no doubt we will go straight to heaven, as our parents did.

What can we say to that? Of course we can try to comfort ourselves with such a mediocre Christian life. But in this way, we are missing out on a lot now and missing much more in the future life. Rather, we should see the Jubilee Year and our church designated to be a pilgrimage church as a gift, an opportunity and a chance. The Jubilee Year indulgences can reach each one of us as a genuine experience of God's mercy, which comes to meet each person in the Face of the Father who welcomes and forgives, forgetting completely the sin committed. A pilgrimage to the Holy Doors in Rome, to a Cathedral, or to churches designated by the Diocesan Bishop is a sign of a deep desire for our true conversion when it is linked to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, a reflection on God's mercy, and Christian hope.

May God help us to grow in wisdom and faith every day of the Jubilee Year!

Rev. Mark Jurzyk

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

Bishop Ronald A. Hicks has designated Corpus Christi Catholic Church to be a place of pilgrimage.

Beginning Sunday, February 2 and every Sunday from 3 to 4 pm, there will be a Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Confession will be available from 3 to 3:30 pm.

Beginning Thursday, February 6 and every Thursday, Mass will be celebrated at 6 pm. Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will precede the Mass at 5:30 pm.
There will be no 9 am Mass on Thursdays.

Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, February 16
Anointing after the 10am and 11:30am Masses

Celebrating World Day of the Sick

Please bring your sick and elderly family members to receive the comfort of the Sacrament of the Sick and to share in this special time of God's grace and love.

St. Cecilia's Children's Choir & Family Mass will be February 16, 10 am

Your 2nd Grader and up is most welcome to join our St. Cecilia's Children's Choir. This choir sings at our 10 am Family Mass once a month during the school year. Please contact our Music Director Agata Olszakowska ccmusicnote@gmail.com or 630-483-4673 x 107 or check out our Music Ministry website page at https://corpuschristicarolstream.org/music-ministry/

The St. Vincent de Paul Society

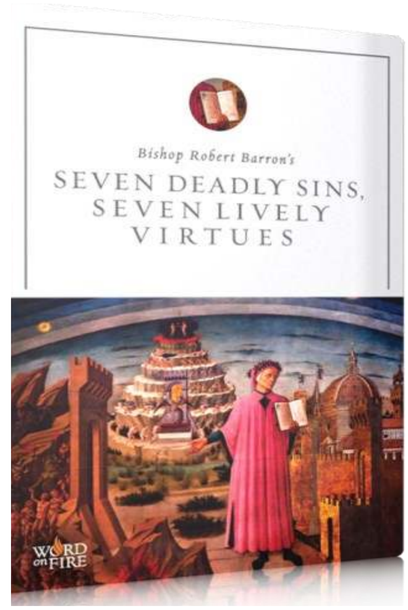
If you are in need of help, please call our confidential hotline number: 331-229-9069. We welcome new members!

Corpus Christi Church Presents:

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

8-Week Bible Study Program

By Bishop Robert Barron



Bishop Robert Barron presents on the seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. Based on Dante's writings, the seven deadly sins correspond to the seven stories of Dante's Mt. Purgatory. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness.

Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, known as the "seven lively virtues." These offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness.

Starting February 19, 21 or 22, 2025

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Days/Times: (please check ONE session)

❑**Wednesday** (9:45 am - 11:15 am, begins Feb. 19)
❑**Friday** (7:30 pm - 9 pm, begins Feb. 21)
❑**Saturday** (9 am - 10:30 am, begins Feb. 22)

Location: St. Francis Room; Questions: Elizabeth Mazur, ccmission77@gmail.com or 630-483-4673, ext. 105.

Name: ____

Phone: ______________________ Email: __________________________________

Number of study guides needed: ________ Cost of Material: $20 (includes study guide)

(Please note: this study does not offer online access to the presentations.)

Checks to: Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 1415 W. Lies Road, Carol Stream, IL 60188

Religious Education News

Calendar

2/9 9am – Mandatory Communion Parent Meeting

3/2 – 3-8 NO CLASS – Ash Wednesday

Next Parent Meeting

Please mark your calendars for our next mandatory parent meeting. All parents of students in Genesis I, Genesis II, Grade 1, and Grade 2 classes should plan to attend.

February 9th at 9am

First Communion Retreat

All Genesis II and Grade 2 students and (at least) one parent must attend the First Communion Retreat. Please mark your calendars for:

March 23, 2025
11am in Marian Hall

Student Safety

We are looking for Parent Volunteers to sit by our Church doors while the children are in class. Please let the Religious Education know if you are interested in assisting with this project at cceducation@sbcglobal.net or (630) 483-4222. Parents would ask visitors to sign in and state their business. Thank you!

Good Deeds

Junior – checked on my friend when he was hurt
Mikey – treated others with respect
Olly – coloring a picture for "Color a Smile" for cub scouts
Iza – helped with chores
Jimmy – made my bed and cleaned my room without being asked

Confirmation

Sofia Lech
Confirmation Coordinator

Confirmation Retreats

All students in Confirmation preparation classes are required to attend a retreat.

The Confirmation I Retreat will be held:
Saturday, February 22nd from 10am-6pm

The Confirmation II Retreat will be held:
Saturday, March 1st from 10am-6pm
Please check your email for more information and the Permission slip.

Service Projects

Students are required to complete ten (10) hours of service each year.

Service Opportunities:

- **Attend Youth Ministry meetings on Sundays at 6pm**
- **Host Greet at Mass or read at the Family Mass**
- **Assist with YM Stations of the Cross**

Contact corpuschristiccym@gmail.com to sign up or request further information.

Confirmation II Requirements

Confirmation II Requirements are due in less than one month. Please be sure that your child is working on his/her requirements:

- Letter to Fr. Mark
- Sponsor report
- Sponsor verification form
- Saint report

DUE MARCH 1ST!

Our Lady is calling… for prayer, penance and sacrifice

The 3rd Monday of each month, the Holy Souls Prayer Group, a World Apostolate of Fatima cell (fka Fatima Prayer Group) meets at Corpus Christi at 7:30 pm

We invite you to join us on a journey of prayers and study concerning the messages of Fatima.

- Learn & discuss the Fatima messages from 1917 to discover how they pertain to us today
- Discover & discuss how Fatima not only conforms with the Bible teachings, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the teachings of the saints, but also provides a solid pathway that leads to Christ and the plan of salvation

How is God, and Mary, calling you to participate in His story?

Meetings begin promptly at 7:30 pm with the Rosary followed by study & discussion until 9 pm. Please bring your Rosary and your Catechism if you have them. Open to all adults that want to impact our world. If you have questions, call Diane at 630-200-0745.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you are in need of help, please call our confidential hotline number: 331-229-9069.
We welcome new members!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

There will be a Feed My Starving Children outing on

Saturday, February 15th

We will be volunteering from 9AM to 10:45AM at 555 Exchange Court, Aurora. Packing meals at FMSC is a very rewarding experience and it is great for families to do together. Please submit your name by February 4th if interested. Sign up in the narthex or email Brian Smith at smith.brian194@gmail.com. Join in the fun!

Join the **Diocese of Joliet** for the

ILLINOIS PRO LIFE MARCH

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Springfield, IL

Buses will be departing from 2 locations at 6:30am, returning by approximately 6pm:

Blanchette Catholic Center	Corpus Christi Parish
16555 Weber Rd.	1415 W. Lies Rd.
Crest Hill, IL 60403	Carol Stream, IL 60188

Register for either bus for just $25 per person.

https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/ministries-of-

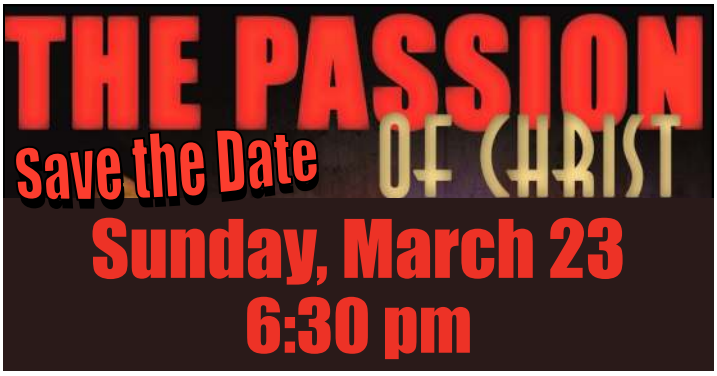
Day includes:

Mass celebrated by the Bishops of Illinois

Pro-life March around the state capital

Dynamic speakers

Buses are only for individuals ages 18 and up. For families wishing to drive themselves, a limited amount of gas gift cards are available. Email sdidomizio@dioceseofjoliet.org.



Finance Update for the Month of December 2024

Sunday Offertories (Including Electronic)	$35,521
Maintenance Fund	$1,932
Retired Religious	$1,712
Immaculate Conception	$1,197
St. Vincent de Paul	$878
Christmas flowers	$934
Special donations	$11,000
Christmas	$43,559

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness.* Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.

70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
ST. JOSEPH'S HOME

The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Palatine will be at all Masses at Corpus Christi this weekend **February 8 - 9** to share information about our mission, which is to welcome the neediest elderly, regardless of race or religion, into our home as we would welcome Christ himself, and care for them as family until the moment when Our Lord calls them to himself. There will be an opportunity to make a donation in the narthex after Mass in support of this ministry. You can also visit http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org to read more, make a donation, or submit a prayer request, which will go directly to a sister. We look forward to seeing you!

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

On February 8-9, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with those who are in the Armed Forces, Police Service, and Security Officials. We all depend on these women and men to keep us safe and come to our aid when we are in trouble. We know they will be ready to do whatever is needed to shield us and help us to feel secure. Whenever you see one of these civil servants, do stop to thank them for their unselfish service to all people.

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Corpus Christi Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Corner

What a productive meeting… It was great to see everyone and those unable to attend the meeting, you were missed. We received the wonderful news that for the Jubilee Year Corpus Christi was chosen to be the West DuPage Deanery's Pilgrim Church. With this in mind we will have our meetings February-December of 2025 at 7 PM to accommodate the 6 PM Mass that will be added. We will be working on a few things for February and March, so check the bulletin for updates…

Draw closer to the Lord by tuning in and joining us in prayer during our new interactive LIVE

Family Rosary Across America

Monday through Friday at 8 pm ET / 5 pm PT

relevant radio | relevantradio.com

Studio Line: 888-914-9149 • Prayer Line: 888-577-5443
Donor/Listener Line: 877-291-0123

There will be a blessing of all married couples after all the Masses this weekend.

SCAN HERE TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY GIFT

QR Code

You may have noticed a QR code (quick response) on the back of the pews in the church. Now the code is available from our bulletin. Just use your camera phone to scan the QR

Our Lady of Fatima wishes to visit your Home

Last year, 2024, 64 families of our parish welcomed Our Lady of Fatima into their homes. How awesome to hear each of the family testify to the spiritual peace, love and loving comfort that they felt as they prayed the Rosary each night for a week.

So again, the Legion of Mary invites you, especially those with young children, empty nesters, single parents, to spend a week with Mary in your home. Experience her presence. Our Mother wishes to be a part of your prayer life and to bring you closer to her Son, Jesus.

We will provide the prayer packet you will need.

Please email the Parish Office at corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net or leave a message 630-483-1673 to schedule a date. You can also contact Letty Dino at ldino518@gmail.com
Our Lady is waiting for you!

Here are the latest comments from our host families:

Elizabeth Ruyvaczyk

"There is a comforting peace in the house when Mary visits. We ask for help to pray for my children."

"We love having Mary in our house. We think she likes it here because she looks pleased when we sit and pray with her. Thank you Mary and to the women who bring her to us."

"We have such peace and love when the Blessed Mother is in our home. Thank you Mother, for continuing to bless us."

Myrna and Jun Austria Family

"Our Lady often speaks of peace in her messages and her presence in our home brought us peace, comfort and calm which I truly appreciated and experienced. Please pray for the efforts of all heavenly prophets, messengers, mystics and ministers of the truth. May the Holy Spirit inspire us all to recognize His message."

"Once again, as always, Mother Mary brought peace and comfort to me."

Do you want to know more about the works of the *Legion of Mary?* **It is an association of lay Catholics through Corpus Christi Pastor Father Mark Jurzyk, and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all Graces, *who is fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array,*** formed themselves into service in the spiritual warfare against the world and its evil powers to bring everyone to her beloved Son, Jesus. **We meet every Wednesday at 7 pm in Marian Hall.**
Contact Letty at ldino518@gmail.com for more information or leave your number at the Parish Office so we can contact you.

Send in Your Photos for Our Parish's 35th Anniversary!

35th ANNIVERSARY

CORPUS CHRISTI
CATHOLIC CHURCH

We kicked off our 35th anniversary celebration with our parish picnic on September 15th and requested your photos. We are still looking for pictures of memorable moments at Corpus Christi – Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding, Mission Trips, or any other special events or activities. Any pictures from the 1990s and 2000s will be especially appreciated. We will use them for a collage of our beloved parish to display in the narthex throughout the next year. Help us celebrate 35 years of sharing the Good News of the Gospel with faith and love. Please submit pictures digitally or via snail mail to the Parish Office at corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net or Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Attn: 35th Anniversary, 1415 W. Lies Road, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

Bishop Hicks' Column
February 2025
The Gift of Imagination

Whenever I fly, I frequently do three things. First, I always pray a rosary—that's a given! Then, I catch up on some work or necessary reading. Finally, I relax a bit and watch a movie. I admit I am quite conscious that, by wearing my Roman collar, many people in the seats around me take note of the movie I have selected. The last thing I want is for them to go home and tell their family and friends that they witnessed a Catholic bishop praying a rosary and then watching a super-violent or unseemly movie!

On my most recent flight, I selected the family-friendly movie Harold and the Purple Crayon. It is a heartwarming film about the power of imagination and the beauty of creativity. The hero of the story is Harold, a young boy who is gifted with a purple crayon that allows him to bring his drawings to life. As he sets out on an adventure, Harold learns valuable lessons about courage, problem-solving, and the responsibility that comes with shaping the world around him.

Spoiler alert: toward the end of the movie, Harold finds a touching letter from the author who created him. In it, he reads:

"Dear Harold, one day you might want to know why I made you. I wanted to show folks that, with a little imagination, you can make your life whatever you want it to be."
This film reminds us that, like Harold, we all have the ability to create, dream, and make a difference in this world through our imaginations. How true!

Our imagination is truly a gift from God, allowing us to see beyond what is and dream of what could be. We are made in the image of God, and our ability to imagine and create reflects His divine nature. This gift allows us to participate in our Creator's ongoing work of beauty and goodness in the world.

Perhaps you are familiar with Ignatian Contemplation, also known as imaginative prayer. Through this method, St. Ignatius of Loyola teaches us to pray using our imaginations. This practice encourages us to place ourselves inside a biblical scene, using all our senses to experience the story as if we were truly there. If you have never used this form of prayer, I invite you to try it using these basic steps:

Imagine yourself in a scene from Scripture, such as being present at Jesus' birth, walking with Him along the road, or witnessing His miracles.
Engage your senses by seeing the setting, hearing the voices, feeling the textures, smelling the surroundings, and experiencing the emotions.
Interact with Jesus directly by listening to His words, speaking to Him, and experiencing His love.

After an imaginative prayer experience, St. Ignatius invites us to reflect on what we felt, learned, or heard. In other words, we can ask ourselves, "How did God speak to me through my imagination?"

Faith itself requires the gift of imagination. It gives us the ability to believe in what we cannot see (Hebrews 11:1). Imagination allows us to trust in God's plan, envision a better future, and hold onto hope even in difficult times. It also builds our capacity for compassion and empathy by helping us put ourselves in others' shoes and understand both their joys and struggles. This ability to see the world from different perspectives strengthens our call to love one another, just as Christ taught.

Of course, like all gifts, we can misuse our imagination. According to John Lennon, we can "imagine there's no heaven. It's easy if you try." Why would we do that? Sometimes our world or life experiences bring us to imagine sad, evil, and immoral things. Yet God gifted us with our imaginations so that we may be fully alive and joyful through, with, and in Him.

So, I invite you to imagine the Holy Trinity—being in the presence of God the Father and feeling His eternal love, peace, and mercy; walking and talking with Jesus; and experiencing the Holy Spirit descending upon you, filling you with wisdom, strength, and courage. Imagine there is a beautiful heaven, teeming with saints, angels, and your loved ones in God's eternal presence.

Ultimately, imagination is a sacred gift that allows us to create, love, hope, and draw closer to God in all that we do. Please join me in imagining a Church and a world where every heart is filled with God's love and mercy, abounding in kindness, respect for life, justice and peace for all people—now and forever! ✝

We invite you to become a registered parishioner of Corpus Christi, or to submit/update your contact information (for important church updates).

Corpus Christi Parish Registration Form

Or register on the parish website at https://corpuschristicarolstream.org/im-new

Date Registering_____ Envelope # *(Parish Office use only)*_____

Family Last Name_____

Address_____ **City**_____ **Zip**_____

Name of Male Head of Household_____

Primary Phone_____

Primary Email_____

Religion: __Roman Catholic __Other:_____

Name of Female Head of Household_____

Primary Phone_____

Primary Email_____

Religion: __Roman Catholic __Other:_____

Marital Status: __Married __Single __Widowed __Divorced __Separated

What Mass do you regularly attend? ☐5pm Sat ☐8:30am Sun ☐11am Sun ☐12:30pm Sun.

Name(s) **of Child**(ren) **and Age**(s) (*living at home*):

First Child_____ Second Child_____

Third Child_____ Fourth Child_____

Fifth Child_____ Sixth Child_____

Other information:

- Or -

SUBMIT/UPDATE your EMAIL and/or MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

(*Or email this information to the Parish Office at* corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net)

First and Last Name _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____

Mobile/cell phone # _____

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