Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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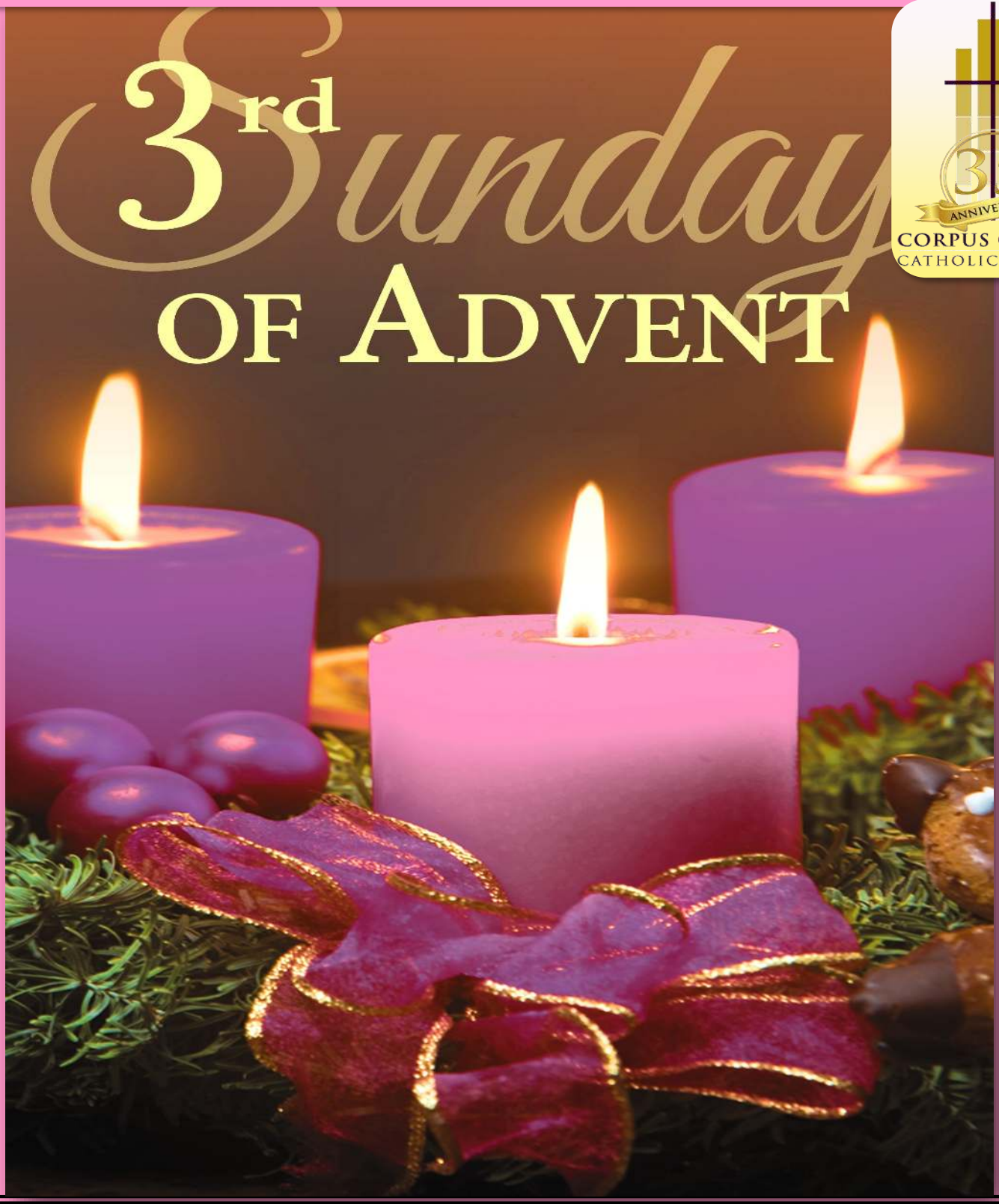
December 15, 2024 - Third Sunday of Advent



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14 **St. John of the Cross**

5:00 p.m. ╬ Tom Warick
╬ Tony Matassa

Sunday, December 15 **Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. ╬ Barbara Gnau by the Crockett Family
╬ Angelina Duarte, Manuel Duarte Sr. and Anthony Duarte by Family
╬ Eden Aurelio by Letty Dino
╬ Rose Marie Lambert

10:00 a.m. ╬ Alvaro Sievert Sr. by the Angara Family
╬ Juan Borjan by Deacon Bill and Patty Thomas
SI Parishioners of Corpus Christi

11:30 a.m. ╬ Marek Falendysz
Mass in Polish **SI** Maria & Wlodek Tarnawski 40th wedding anniv.

Monday, December 16 **Advent Weekday**

9:00 a.m. **SI** Safety of Corpus Christi families traveling for the Holidays

Tuesday, December 17 **Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 a.m. ╬ Gloria La Berg 4th anniversary of death
SI David Chlebowicz birthday blessings

Wednesday, December 18 **Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 a.m. **SI** Daria Skrzypczynski successful surgery

Thursday, December 19 **Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 a.m. ╬ Florencio Puentes by Crockett Family

Friday, December 20 **Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 a.m. ╬ Amelia D'Ascenzo by Rene and Lee
╬ Aurora Hernandez birthday remembrance by Leah Hernandez
SI Klaudia Chlebowicz birthday blessings

Saturday, December 21 **St. Peter Canisius**

5:00 p.m. ╬ Janet Mascolino by Fran Fenton
╬ Tony Matassa
╬ Suzanne Hansen by the Molinaro's
SI For the whole Mendonez Family, especially Tony & Lydia celebrating their 50th wedding anniv.

Sunday, December 22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. ╬ Mina Aurelio by Letty Dino

10:00 a.m. ╬ Joanne Mc Tague by Leah Hernandez

11:30 a.m. **SI** Parishioners of Corpus Christi
Mass in Polish

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
Janay Bell
Brian Bennett
Gerri Tillman Bentel
Jason Bims
Nelly Bonugli
Cathy Brill
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
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
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
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
Arlene Strawn
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
Lawrence Lederer, Buddy Yelk
Thomas Gottfreid, Jolene Melles, Elena Rojas
Rose Marie Lambert
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 December 15, 2024

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

The Pastor's Corner...

Open Wide the Doors of Hope

Pope Francis will inaugurate a Jubilee Year focused on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," when he opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on the Vigil of Christmas. The Jubilee Year is a special year of grace in which the Church offers the faithful the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence. This is a means for the faithful to gain the full remission of the temporal punishment due to sacramentally forgiven sins by the merits of Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints. This Holy Door will be open until January 6, 2026.

On days following the St. Peter's Holy Door opening, the Holy Doors of three other papal basilicas in Rome – St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major – will open and remain so until the end of the Jubilee Year. A person on pilgrimage to one of Rome's basilicas or to a cathedral church or any other designated church who fulfills certain spiritual conditions for indulgence can gain special grace during the Jubilee Year.

This special year provides an opportunity to be renewed in hope, not only for millions of pilgrims who are expected to travel to Rome for this Jubilee, but also for those who are unable to do so. They can celebrate it in their local churches or through pilgrimages to Marian shrines across the world. The Jubilee is also an opportunity for conversion and reconciliation with God through the sacrament of penance, obtaining indulgences through God's mercy, renewing our faith and love through hope, and proclaiming God's love to the many people suffering in today's world.

For the Jubilee Year, a special logo was created that we placed in the narthex at the entrance to our church. It contains several elements that refer to Christian symbols.

At the center of the logo, there is a cross that ends with an anchor. Next to the cross, there are four figures. The entire scene is on water. The inscription at the bottom of the logo reads: "Pilgrims of Hope". All these elements are not accidental or simply for decorative purposes. They deliver a profound theological message. Let's look more closely at the elements of the Jubilee Year logo.

The logo shows that we all are pilgrims sailing to the eternal kingdom, to live there forever. The cross in the logo refers to Jesus Christ and our faith and is in fact the ***mast*** of the ship. The four people in the logo are stylized as sails. It is the sail that moves a ship forward. We know that a sail can work ***only*** when it is attached to the mast because a sail without a mast is useless. As Christians, we understand this connection clearly and try to cling to Christ in our journey, remembering the Lord's words: "without me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5).

The people on the ship not only hold onto the cross but are also holding on to one another. This highlights the very nature of the Church: we are sailing together -- not in isolation, nor alone. We support each other on our journey: we pray for each other, we help each other materially and spiritually, and we "bear one another's burdens" (Gal 6:2). The presence of exactly four people in the logo also has a meaning. The four people symbolize the four corners of the world - meaning the entire world. This shows that Jesus' salvation and his leading of people is not limited to a chosen group, but it is ***universal***. It applies to all people, "from every nation, tribe, people and language" (Rev 7:9).

Finally, there is also the ***anchor*** at the bottom of the cross. From the very beginning of Christianity, the anchor was a symbol of ***hope***. Like an iron anchor that secures a ship during a storm, Jesus Christ and faith provides safety for Christians, even during turmoil, persecution or hardship. We use this material world only temporally in our continuous ***pilgrimage*** to the house of our Father in heaven. There it is our unperishable harbor and true home.

May all these symbols open us to a real existence of God in our life and to His leading us through our life. Journeying with Jesus and his Church, we are assured that we will not go astray, not be lost, or wrecked. He assures us "not a hair on your head will be destroyed" (Lk 21:18). With Jesus and his Church, we pilgrimize in the right direction to a safe harbor, the only one, sailing full of joy and hope.

In Christ,

Fr. Mark Jurzyk

ADVENT and *CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE*

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service & Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, December 17: Adoration at 6 pm; Confession at 7pm

Simbang Gabi

Sunday, December 22: Mass at 6pm

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24: 4pm and 9pm (English),
11pm "Pasterka" Mass (Polish)

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25: 8am and 10am (English),
11:30am (Polish)

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Tuesday, December 17
Adoration at 6 pm
Confession at 7pm

Sunday, December 15 – Celebrate Mass with us at the 10 am Family Mass and/or eat "Breakfast with Santa" from 8 am until 1pm!

Breakfast with Santa is provided by the Knights of Columbus. Your children can visit with Santa, and everyone can enjoy a scrumptious breakfast of pancakes, waffles, eggs and sausage.

You'll also be able to view all the beautiful "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest entries that will be on display.

Christmas Flower Envelopes & Oplatki

Honor or remember living or deceased family members or friends by donating towards our beautiful sanctuary Christmas flowers which will adorn the altar and sanctuary throughout the Christmas Season. Christmas Flower envelopes and Oplatki are in the narthex.

We hope to see you Sunday, December 15, at the 10 am Family Mass. Then head downstairs to Marian Hall for a scrumptious Breakfast with Santa!

Annual Christmas Concert & Dinner

Sunday, January 12th

3:30pm Concert (free)

5pm Dinner

RESERVATIONS available in the NARTHEX after SATURDAY and SUNDAY MASSES and in the PARISH OFFICE

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Concert, featuring our choir, our guitar group and our children!

$25 ~ Adults and children 14 & older
$7 ~ Children ages 5 - 13 (children under 5 ~ free)

CHRISTMAS DINNER RESERVATIONS

Name(s) of Adult(s)_____

Email_____Phone _____

# of Adults_____ # of Children _____

__# seated with parents

__# seated separately with other children

Total $_____(checks made payable to *Corpus Christi Church*) {Office use only: Paid $ _____}

Please seat me/us with (if possible) _____

(Please do NOT deposit reservation form in Sunday collection basket)

Blessing of the Christmas Bambino (Baby Jesus)

Bring the blessings of Christmas into your home.

The Nativity Scene, a beloved part of Christmas decorations the world over, can be traced to the love for and devotion to Christ by St. Francis of Assisi. For Catholics, both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope St. John Paul II said that the Nativity Scene in our homes is THE central decoration of the Christmas Season. The Nativity Scene captures the one single moment in history when all creation stood still out of wonder because God was born as a baby!

NEXT weekend at all Masses, we are holding a Blessing of the Christmas Bambinos (Baby Jesus). Bring the "Baby Jesus" figurine from your home Nativity Scene to Mass and Father will bless these figurines during the Mass. That way, you'll have the blessings of Christmas, from the hands of Father, in your home throughout the Christmas Season. This beautiful custom is a great way to keep Christ at the center of this holy season.

Blessing of a Christmas Nativity Scene
for use at home

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas Crèche or Manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. The Blessing of the Christmas Nativity Scene in your home may take place on Christmas Eve, or when you set up the scene, or perhaps before a special family gathering or meal during this beautiful season.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Response: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Someone reads the Scripture, for example, Luke 2:14.
(At the end of the Gospel) Reader: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
Response: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

All pray (with hands joined if so desired), and either one person or all pray together the prayer of blessing. Following the prayer, the Nativity Scene can be sprinkled with holy water (if some is available in your home. Holy water can be obtained at church).

Blessing Prayer:

Let us pray. God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.
Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Response: *Amen.*

Simbang Gabi

CORPUS CHRISTI
CATHOLIC CHURCH
1415 W. Lies Road
Carol Stream, IL 60188

Sunday
December 22, 2024
6:00 pm Mass

Rev. Fr. Mark Jurzyk, Pastor
Celebrant

A Traditional Filipino Advent Novena Evening Mass

Sponsored by the Filipino Community of Corpus Christi Catholic Parish

FELLOWSHIP AND RECEPTION AFTER THE MASS

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world.

According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.
R/ Amen.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example:

Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus:

But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Or: Ezekiel 17:22-24 - I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. R/. Thanks be to God.

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord. *R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.*

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. *R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.*

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our homes, let us pray to the Lord.
R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.
R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer….Our Father...

The leader says the prayer with hands joined:

Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.
We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.
We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace,
who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The lights of the tree are then illuminated. The leader concludes the rite by siging himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever. *R/* Amen.

Dear Friends,

Many people arrived at our Marian Grotto for prayers of healing, as at that time I was still in the hospital. There are many of you that may not belong to the prayer groups, so I consider it very important to thank you too. Also, I know many of you were not able to attend but prayed for me from your home, apartment, other churches, even one couple in their car as they drove back from Iowa.

The prayers were answered, as I was healthy enough to go home the following day. Patty and I shed many tears as we sat on the hospital sofa together feeling the Love and Joy from each of you. Thank you to all who are praying for me and please know I am praying for all of you. Wishing all of you a Joyous Love filled Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Our Savior.

Love, Joy, Peace and Hope to all,

Deacon Bill and Patty

"Preserve me God, I take refuge in you." Psalm 16:1

Felix Esto! Amatus Es! (Be Happy! You Are Loved!)

The St. Vincent de Paul Society

We are collecting donations after all Masses this weekend for Christmas Dinners and Adopt a Family Gift cards to support Wayne Township pantry. For dinners $20 will cover 1 meal. Gift card envelopes will have suggested stores and any amount is appreciated. You can return gift cards in envelopes the following week after Masses.

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

We welcome new members!

Religious Education News

Calendar

12/15 - Family Mass at 10 am
12/19 – 1/4 – NO CLASSES – Christmas Break
1/5 Classes resume
1/12 Christmas Concert and dinner

Christmas Break

There will be no Religious Education classes from Thursday, December 19th – Saturday, January 4th. Please mark your calendars!

IMPORTANT
First Reconciliation Date Change

The date for First Reconciliation will now be **January 20, 2025 at 7pm**. Please make the change on your calendars.

Mass Requirement

All students in Grades 1 and 2 and Genesis I and II are required to attend a minimum of fifteen (15) Masses throughout the year. Children in Genesis I or Grade 1 should sign in on the "Sign-In" sheet in the entryway. Genesis II and Grade 2 students should stamp their "Massport" before or after Mass. Students may attend Mass elsewhere, but are required to bring a bulletin from that parish into class.

Good Deeds

Gavin – vacuumed without being asked
Mikey – cleaned my friend's basement
Junior – fed the cat
Mason – helped Daddy put up the Christmas lights
Olly – helped set up an event at my school

Confirmation

Sofia Lech
Confirmation Coordinator

Christmas Break

There will be no Confirmation Classes from Monday, December 23rd – Sunday, January 5th. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6th.

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**
- **Help with Christmas dinner – January 12th 4-7pm**

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

Confirmation II

Confirmation II students are required to complete the following:

1. Letter to Fr. Marek indicating why the individual want to be confirmed and how the student has prepared.
2. Saint Report – Choose a Saint's name to be the student's Confirmation name and write a report about that Saint.
3. Sponsor report – Choose a sponsor (must be 16, Confirmed and a practicing Catholic) and write a short report as to why that individual was chosen.
4. Sponsor Verification form – the sponsor must have his/her parish verify that he/she is eligible to be a sponsor.

KNIGHTS KORNER

Corpus Christi Council #10958 – Serving Corpus Christi and St. Luke parishes in Carol Stream

Blood Drive Thursday December 19
1:30pm – 6pm Fountain View Rec Center

Save a life Give Blood

VERSITI BLOOD CENTER OF ILLINOIS

Look for the full page promo with the QR code to sign up online.

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday December 15, 2024

8am – 1pm in Marian Hall

Cost: free will offering

Come enjoy a great pancake breakfast – cost is "free will offering" . View all the Poster Contest entries and visit with Santa!

As a Parish we are doing an AWESOME job on the pop top collections! Keep up the great work. Also, many of the tops from canned goods are also aluminum. Thank you for your continued support in this ongoing community program!

Drink up and be merry this Holiday Season – save those pop tops & canned goods pull tops

Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus?

As we move into the "season of giving" it's a GREAT time to join the Knights and help set your own volunteer goals for the coming Holiday and Winter seasons and involve the entire family.

Please contact a Knight you might know OR Grand Knight Brent Smith at brent360@gmail.com / 630-532-3760; Past Grand Knight, Mark Jatczak at kofcmark@gmail.com / 630-263-8377 or Membership Director Kevin Callahan at dd.kevin.callahan@gmail.com / 630-235-6456. You can also visit: www.kofc.org and research the Knights of Columbus further to learn about the various benefits of membership available that can help protect you and your family.

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 code to make an offertory gift to Corpus Christi Parish. Thank you!

Thursday
December
19
1:30PM – 6:00PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED!

Any donor related questions:
Call 1-800-7To-GIVE

Carol Stream
Community Blood Drive

Located at Fountain View Recreation Center
910 N. Gary Ave. Carol Stream IL

EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!

Please make an appointment on-line:
https://tinyurl.com/Donate-Blood-12-19-24

Or Scan QR Code ---------->

Appointments preferred; Walk-ins are welcome!

Sponsored by:
Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council 10958

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Blood Centers

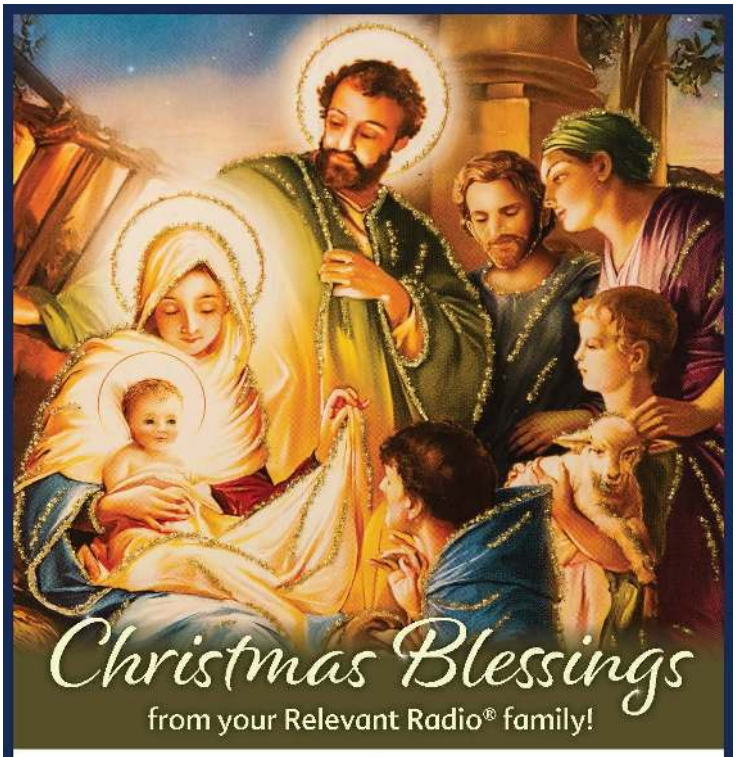
RE Student Important Dates

12-19 ~ 1-5 NO CLASSES – Christmas Break
12/22 6pm – Simbang Gabi
12/24 Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm, 9pm and 11pm (in Polish)
12/25 Christmas Masses at 8am, 10am and 11:30am (in Polish)
1/5 9am – Classes resume

Thank you!

We wish to thank our many catechists during this special time of year. John Achacoso, Lourdes Achacoso, Joanne Barbarek, Jacki Blomquist, Josie Caravello, Antonella Colella, Madeleine Dedic, Bailey Emody, Carmen Faczek, Sara Glas, Lynnda Hanrahan, Kelly Lake, Denise Palash, Angela Ruszczak, Kim Schlacks, Anthony Simonetta, Mary Ann Stark, Sarah VanDusseldorp, Rosy Varco, and Mary Warick.

These individuals give a great deal of time and talent to help guide children in our faith.



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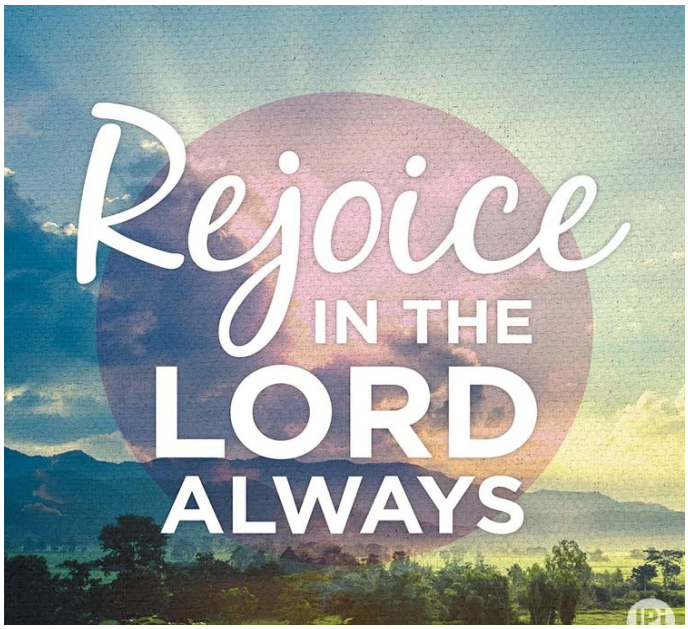

Christmastime Photos

As we continue to celebrate the 35th anniversary of our parish we invite you to send in photos of your special Christmas moments over the last 35 years, such as pictures of your family in front of the crèche or altar at Corpus Christi during Christmastime. Email or mail your pictures to Joanne in the Parish Office at corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

Corpus Christi Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Corner

We hope everyone had a Blessed Thanksgiving gathering with Family and Friends.
The **CCW** is so Grateful for all our fellow parishioners that helped us meet our goals, with the **Advent Wreath/Christmas Card Sale** over the past few weeks.

And a BIG THANK YOU to CARRIE BUDZ who made and donated all the beautiful cards that we sold as well as the **CCW** members that decorated the Advent Wreaths …

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Upcoming CCW Events

NO CCW Monthly Meeting in December

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

For several years in Advent we have beautiful banners hanging from the ceiling of our church. They depict **seven antiphons** that the Roman Church has been singing since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from **December 17-23** and are also used as the Alleluia verses on the same days during the Mass. Their magnificent theology uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Each antiphon is a name of Christ, one of his attributes mentioned in Scripture. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. May this longing be also our longing as we go deeper and deeper into Advent.

December 17 "O Sapientia"

O Wisdom *of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!*

December 18 "O Adonai"

O Leader *of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!*

December 19
"O Radix Jesse"

O Root of Jesse's *stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!*

December 20
"O Clavis David"

O Key of David, *opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!*

December 21
"O Oriens"

O Radiant Dawn, *splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

December 22 "O Rex Gentium"

O King of all nations *and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!*

December 23 "O Emmanuel"

O Emmanuel, *our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!*

Prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent with daily prayer on **Hallow**

"My morning meditation and prayer time have increased substantially since I heard about and joined Hallow during Advent. My faith has deepened in ways that words just cannot describe. I am blessed and so grateful!"

"This Advent challenge pierced my heart. My heart wasn't open enough to Christ before, but now it's like a spark of light came into it."

"I am so much more aware of God's presence in my everyday life because of Hallow's Advent Challenge."

Scan the QR code to sign up
hallow.com/pray

DAILY PRAYERS

Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, imaginative prayer or one of over 10,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.

FAMILY CONTENT & KIDS CHALLENGE

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, Saints Alive, Kids Holy Hour and guide your little ones through the season with our Advent challenge for children.

BIBLE STORIES & SLEEP CONTENT

Close your day with Christ with Night Prayer, an Examen, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.

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What if you knew that December 25th Christmas Day was the day that you were going to die? The way we live Advent would have to change. We'd have to live with intentionality. We'd have to live it with purpose. We'd have to live it with grace. Too often, we live life by "default". We forget that we are on a journey to an eternal destination of joy that we were made for. We are burdened by fears and questions: what if I am not worthy? What if I am not enough?

Live Advent differently this year. Prepare to meet God, face to face. Only available on the Ascension App. Download it for free here:

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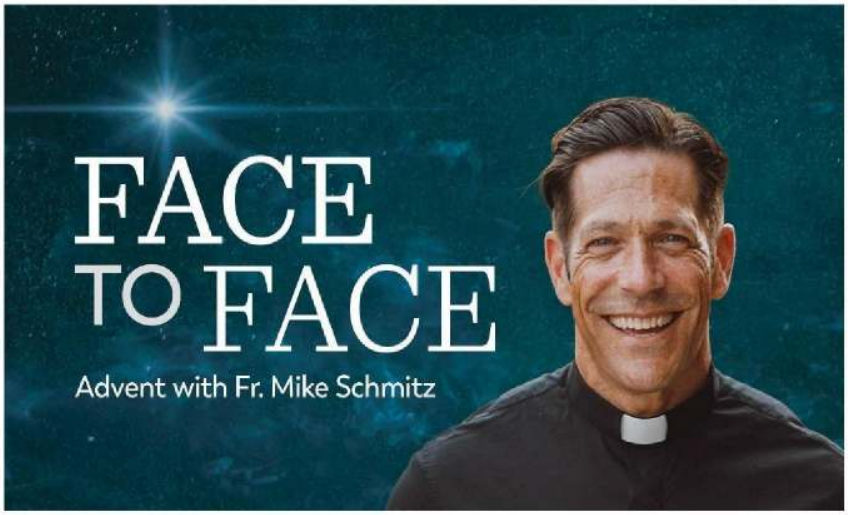

Our Lady of Fatima wishes to visit your Home

Thank you to all the Corpus Christi families who opened their homes and welcomed our Lady this year. We are very pleased to say that our Blessed Mother has been travelling every week from one home to another without any break since January 1, to December 30, 2024.

We are now open for hosting dates starting January 4 for the year 2025!

Families, especially those with young children, empty nesters, single parents, to spend a week with Mary in your home. Experience her peaceful and loving presence. This practice is a beautiful Christmas tradition. We will deliver her and provide a prayer packet to help you.

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's what some of our host families have shared:

"Our house felt serene, knowing our Lady was present here all week. It was a special reminder not to miss saying the rosary daily."

"There was such peace and love when the Blessed Mother was in our house. Thank you for continuing to bless us".

The Talbot Family

"Our Lady often speaks of peace in her messages and her presence in our home brought me peace, comfort and calm which I truly experienced and appreciated. Thank you Jesus for sharing your Mother with us".

Our Lady of Fatima gave me peace of mind and happiness. Thank you Mother Mary. ."

The Faczek Family

"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.

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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