

CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass (3rd Sunday) 1:00 p.m.
Monday12:10 p.m.
Tuesday 12:10 & 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays (12:45-3:15 p.m.); Thursdays (7:00 p.m.)

MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through Word, Sacrament, and Service.

Rev. Paul D. Becker, Pastor 255-4600 (ext. 203)
Rev. Raphael Obotama, Parochial Vicar 255-4600 (ext. 211)
Rev. Terry Wipf, Parochial Vicar255-4600 (ext. 218)
Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager.....255-4600 (ext. 212)

PASTORAL MINISTERS

Cindy Anderst, Pastoral Care.....255-4600 (ext. 205)
Jennifer Braun, Music Ministry.....255-4600 (ext. 209)
Mariah Conner, Faith Formation255-4600 (ext. 219)
Mary Janusz, Pastoral Care255-4600 (ext. 220)
Patrick Hall, Confirmation(call office)
Sr. Ivo Schoch, Outreach Ministry255-4600 (ext. 208)

DEACONS: Michael Fix, Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall

PARISH SUPPORT STAFF

Loretta Arntz, Bookkeeper 255-4600 (ext. 201)
Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600
Viola Bullert, Janitress 255-4600
Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician 255-4600
Bridget Johnson, Administrative Secretary..... 255-4600
Colleen Reinhardt, Receptionist 255-4600



December 11, 2016

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Saturdays at 3:00 p.m., Weekdays: 15 minutes prior to Mass or please call the pastor at 255-4600 for an appointment. If you are homebound and unable to come to the Church and need a priest to come to your home for confession, please call 255-4600 to set this up.

Baptism - The Baptism Preparation Program and Baptism Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the parish office at 255-4600 to register prior to your delivery date and the program director will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

Marriage - Couples planning to be married should call the parish office at 255-4600 at least **10 - 12 months** in advance. Completion of required paperwork and taking the FOCCUS premarital inventory is also needed this early. This process is usually administered the fourth Thursday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. There will be no December meeting.

Natural Family Planning Classes are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Diocese of Bismarck at 222-3035 or www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp.

Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 255-4600.

PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINE: Articles must be received by noon on Wednesdays (*typed format*).

PRAYER TREE: 255-4600

Then came Jesus. Imagine buying tickets to a performance of one of your favorite entertainers months ahead. The evening finally comes and your expectations are high. You wait to hear all your favorites, but after two hours, there's not one rendition of the songs you'd waited to hear. Many times we anticipate events that disappoint us. So it was with John the Baptist as he sat in a prison cell waiting to be executed for preaching the coming of the Messiah. He had seen Jesus, had witnessed the voice of the Father, and the confirmation of the Holy Spirit. But was Jesus the One, or should he wait for another? John undoubtedly had expectations of exciting things Christ's coming would bring, but now instead he was waiting to die. Disappointment and fear shook John's faith. Has the same happened in your life? Are you sitting beside John in that cell, anticipating life's next sorrow, letting your faith turn to doubt? Break out of your fearful prison this Advent season. Look upon the King who came to save us all and learn again the faith you have lost. Here is the One who came and is coming again. Worship and lose your doubt.

ADVENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

- Advent Key Chains**
- Little Blue Books**
(Daily Meditations for Advent)
- The Dear Christ Enters In**
(Daily Prayer Booklet)
- Advent Activity Calendar**
(Daily Activities for Children)

You are once again invited to buy/bring a poinsettia to the church as a memorial for use in the Christmas environment.. or you can make donation toward a poinsettia. Please bring your donation by **Thursday, December 22**. Write on a card who is donating the plant or money and the name of the person(s) in whose memory it was donated. Bring plants



to the table on the upper level (by the elevator). They will be placed in the church by members of the environment committee. There will be a box available on the table that you can drop your card in. Money towards a plant can be placed in the collection basket, mailed, or taken to the parish office. Thanks again for your help and generosity!

CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL FUND) - (2,226 households)	
Adult Envelopes (345).....	\$24,852.90
Youth Envelopes	\$ 235.25
TOTAL RECEIVED (December 4).....	\$25,088.15
1st Sunday.....	\$25,088.15
Electronic Contributions (139).....	\$12,914.81
2nd Sunday	\$ 0
3rd Sunday	\$ 0
Electronic Contributions	\$ 0
Spanish Mass	\$ 0
4th Sunday	\$ 0
<i>We appreciate your generosity which is part of being faithful stewards of Corpus Christi.</i>	

Praise & Worship - Go After God with All Your Heart.

Corpus Christi Youth Ministry is sponsoring another "Praise & Worship Night" on **Thursday, December 15**. Join us from 7:00-8:00 p.m. as we sing contemporary Christian praise songs, pray together and participate in Eucharistic Adoration. This night is open to all interested parishioners. Bring your whole family! Contact the parish office with questions or to share your talents.

Weekly Mass Intentions

- Monday, Dec. 12- †Andrew Volesky (12:10 p.m.)*
- Tuesday, Dec. 13- †Fr. Eugene Bova (12:10 p.m.)*
†Raymond Goetz (5:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Dec. 14- Special Intentions (7:00 a.m.)*
†Leroy Trottier (12:10 p.m.)
- Thursday, Dec. 15- Mary Brendel (7:00 a.m.)*
†Kenneth Reynolds (12:10 p.m.)
- Friday, Dec. 16- †Clara Messmer (7:00 a.m.)*
Phyllis Lentz (12:10 p.m.)
- Saturday, Dec. 17- †Ardyce Hoffert (4:00 p.m.)*
- Sunday, Dec. 18- †Lawrence Scherr (8:30 a.m.)*
†Leroy Trottier (6:30 p.m.)

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR DECEMBER:

Pancake Mix & Syrup

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

- Sunday, December 18, 3:00 p.m., St. Anne's**
- Monday, December 19, 7:00 p.m., Ascension**
- Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m., Corpus Christi**
- Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m., Cathedral**
- Thursday, December 22, 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's**

**2016 Christmas Cantata
A BIG Thank You!**

I would like to thank all of the musicians who practiced numerous hours to share the joy of Christmas in this year's Cantata. Truly, I am blessed to work with such wonderful musicians; the adult choir, the children's choir, the handbell choir, the orchestra and the pianists. I would also like to thank those who helped with the reception. Thank you to everyone who came and shared in the joy of Christmas.

May you all have a beautiful and blessed Christmas. -
Jennifer Braun



September Spanish Mass
Sunday, December 18
1:00 p.m.

Best Advent Ever 2016

We prepare for everything we consider important in life, and that includes Christmas. We shop for gifts, bake cookies, decorate our trees and visit family and friends until we're ready to drop. Best Advent Ever is a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you prepare for Christmas in a different way. Beginning the first Sunday of Advent (November 27) and continuing every day until December 26, you'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips or free Christmas music that will help you slow down during the busy Christmas season to focus on what's really important in life.

Don't miss the opportunity to make this your best Advent (and Christmas) ever. Sign up today! It's simple, and the only cost is your commitment to live better each day during Advent. Are you ready? Sign up by going to www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever.



What's Going on Here This Week

- Mon. 12/12 Christmas Program Practice, 3:00 p.m., Community Room
Our Lady of Quadalupe Mass, 5:30 p.m., Church
- Tues. 12/13 Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room
Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-3:15 p.m., Chapel
K.C. Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Room
- Wed. 12/14 Faith Formation (B), 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir, 4:30 p.m., Choir Room
Faith Formation (B), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Confirmation(1), 6:30 p.m., Conference Room
Pre-Confirmation(1), 7:00 p.m., Community Room
Middle School Youth Ministry, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Confirmation(2), 7:30 p.m., Conference Room
- Thurs. 12/15 Toastmasters, 6:30 a.m., Community Room
Praise and Adoration, 7:00 p.m., Church
- Sun. 12/18 Faith Formation, 9:30 a.m.
Children's Liturgy, 10:45 a.m.
Spanish Mass, 1:00 p.m., Church
Praise and Worship Choir, 5:15 p.m.
SNAC, 7:30 p.m.



Retired Nurses Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Bismarck Elks Club. All are welcome.

Corpus Christi Christmas Outreach

Christmas Outreach gift tags for people in need in our area as well as stocking stuffer lists for children and teens at Charles Hall Youth Services are available at the Christmas Outreach Table in the lower gathering space at all of our masses this weekend. We also have our "Sponsor a Christmas Food Basket" program to help us provide families in need in our community with a complete Christmas meal. So, whether you are a shopper or not, we have a Christmas Outreach project for you. Please return your gifts to the church by December 18th for distribution to the children and families on December 19th. For more information, please call Tracy at 255-4600. Thank you for your continued support of people in need in our area during this Christmas season!

The Holy Father Speaks... In our times, which seem so dark, we often feel lost in the face of the wickedness and the violence that surrounds us. We may even feel discouraged, because we feel powerless, and it seems the darkness might never end. But we should never give up hope, because God, with His love, journeys with us, He does not leave us alone, and the Lord Jesus has overcome evil and opened up the path of life. It is important to reflect on hope during this season of Advent, when we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Based on a passage from Isaiah, in which God tells the prophet, first to console his people and then to "make straight the path of the Lord". The call of the prophet opens their hearts anew to faith. It is precisely in the desert that they hear his call, it is precisely there that a new journey can be made in order to return not only to their homeland, but to God. This passage was the starting point for the preaching of John the Baptist, "a voice crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord". In Jesus' time, the Israelites were once again living a kind of exile, living as strangers in their own land because of the oppression of the Romans. But, it was not the powerful who made history, rather, history is the story of what God has done together with His little ones, people like Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and the shepherds, the simple, humble people who gathered around Jesus at his birth. These are the little ones made great by their faith. The little ones who know that they must keep hope alive. Let us allow ourselves, then, to teach hope, to faithfully await the coming of the Lord, and whatever desert we might have in our life will become a flowering garden.

Welcome! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today and we hope you will return often. If you do not belong to a parish, please consider choosing Corpus Christi as your church home. You may call the parish office at 255-4600 to register.

Date: Dec 17-18	December 17, 2016		December 18, 2016		December 18, 2016		December 18, 2016	
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		6:30 PM	
Hospitality	1	Dorothy Hoffman	1	Helen Dauenhauer	1	Mary Klooster	1	Noah Anderson
	2	Lorraine Hoffman	2	Jan Jordan	2	Leilani Bienek	2	Olivia Anderson
	3		3	Patty Kuntz	3	Paul Bienek	3	
	4		4		4	Ann Schaibley	4	
	5		5		5	David Schaibley	5	
	6		6		6		6	
Ushers	1	William Kopp*	1	Tim Kuntz*	1	Daryl Wanner	1	Doug Sautner*
	2	Judith Kopp	2	Linda Feist	2	Nancy Willis	2	Mike Anderson
	3	Larry Thelen	3	Charles Jaszowski	3	Kevin Willis	3	Lorelei Anderson
	4		4	Catherine Williams	4	Don Hruby	4	
	5		5	Francis Williams	5		5	
	6		6		6		6	
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Lectors	1	Joellen Roller	1	Dominic Volesky	1	Nikki Ferderer	1	Bart Brackin
	2	Sandy Wald Clooten	2		2	Brian Lardy	2	Courtney Brackin
Servers	1	Irie Townsend	1	Brandon Grossman	1	Nathan Kraft	1	Mikayla Brackin
	2		2	Jackson Uhler	2		2	Zachary Brackin
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	R-1	Helen Berger	R-1	Dominic Volesky	R-1	Yvonne Richter	R-1	Jackie Buckley
	2	Phyllis Lentz	2	Colleen Fylling	2	Sherry Wangler	2	
	3	Jane Wolf	3	Kermit Herner	3	Steven Wangler	3	
	4	Joe Wolf	4	Teddie Herner	4	Anthony Silvernagel Jr.	4	
	5	Erv Barta	5	Donald Jorgensen	5	Clarence Fischer	5	
	6	Marion Hoffman	6	Bobbi Mitzel	6	Phyllis Lentz	6	
	7	Kathy Sailer	7	John Schaffner	7	Larry Klemin	7	Father Paul
	8		8	Julie Schaffner	8	Rita Klemin	8	
	9	Father Raphael	9	Father Paul	9	Father Raphael		
	10		10	Laura Schmidt-Dockter	10	Christopher Knudson		
	11				11			
	12				12			
	LG		LG		LG		LG	
		BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST
	1	Curtis Carik	1	Dick Smith	1	Marsha Wanner	1	Clara Butland
	2	Gisele Thorson	2	Donna Schauer	2	Brenda Weisz	2	
	3	Les Witkowski	3	Robert Schauer	3	Cindy Wetzel	3	
	4	Suzanne Witkowski	4	Gerald VandeWalle	4	Bill Marion	4	
	5		5	Brenda Bergan	5	Taylor Wanner	5	
	6		6	Mike Uhler	6	Morgan Gall	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
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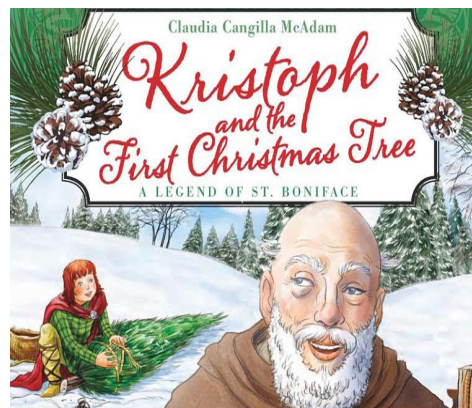
Can you help? The blank spaces mean we need more help in that ministry. Please come to the ushers room and sign in on the schedule to help. Thank you.

FORMED for Children

Are you looking for ways to teach your children about the true meaning of Christmas? Check out the dynamic Catholic website "FORMED.org" that the Church of Corpus Christi has a subscription to. Some of the movies your family may enjoy include:

- * Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree
- * The story of the Nativity
- * Mary of Nazareth

To set up your free registration for FORMED, stop by the table outside the parish office to pick up registration information including our parish code. For additional questions, call Cindy in the parish office at 255-4600.



Marriage Moments: "Be patient, brothers and sisters...Do not complain about one another." (James 5: 7-9). Preparation for Christmas can strain even the best relationships. Be gentle and patient with each other as you do the many tasks to prepare for Christmas.

Parenting Pointers: "The purpose of Advent is not to shop but to learn to wait. Teaching your child to delay gratification is an important life skill. Perhaps this **W.A.I.T.** acronym could help: **W** - *Waiting gives us time to make a good decision or buy the right thing.* **A** - *Anticipation can enhance appreciation.* **I** - *Instant gratification is often fleeting.* **T** - *Take stock of your blessings. What do you already have.*Susan Vogt at www.Susanvogt.net

Retirement Fund for the Religious - Please give to those who have given a lifetime. This weekend is the collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Your gift to this helps provide nursing care, medications, and other necessities. There are envelopes at all the entrances for your convenience.

Stewardship Thoughts: In our daily lives we manage our family and work responsibilities. But to become occupied with these important matters to the exclusion of the need of others outside our home or work is a mistake we could carry into eternity.

Vocation Views: Lasting joy is a hallmark of a Christian. Where can you bring joy this week? Find your strength in God's promise." (Isaiah 35: 16,10)



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to a simple Aztec Indian who had converted to the Catholic faith, Juan Diego. Three days later, Mary provided a sign so the local bishop would believe she had appeared: roses grew out of the cold winter soil, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak to show the bishop what he had gathered, an image of Our Lady appeared on the fabric - the miraculous image of a "woman clothed with the sun." The sun that she wears is the Light of Christ who gives light and life to all.

There will be a mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe held on Monday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Lotus (Looking Onward To Understanding and Serenity) is a group for men, women and young adults who have experienced a death. All groups meet at the Serenity Center for Loss and Healing at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. On **Tuesday, December 13**, bring a Christmas or other type of memory item. The times are 10:00 a.m. for men, 1:00 p.m. for women and 7:00 p.m. for both men and women.

Light of Christ will offer Pre-Kindergarten (ages 3-5, half and full day programs) through fifth grade at our three elementary schools next year, as well as grades 6-7-8 at the Academy and grades 9-12 at St. Mary's Central High School. Go go lightofchristschools.org/online-inquiry to begin the easy application process or call 354-7067 to schedule a private tour or shadow day.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT; GAUDETE SUNDAY

Joyful anticipation

Gaudete is Latin for “Rejoice!” The church tells us to rejoice, but not in a be-happy-on-demand kind of way. Advent gives you a *reason* to be joyful, as you are when you know that someone who deeply loves you is on her or his way. It is anticipation; it is hope that comes from trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled. Is there a promise you need to fulfill, someone who is waiting for your visit, a phone call, a letter? Don’t wait until Christmas to bring someone joy—not with a material gift, but with a simple reminder that God is good.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 (7)*. “*They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.*”

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Am I not here?

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyak Hill on the outskirts of present-day Mexico City, she said to him, “Don’t be afraid. Am I, who am your Mother, not here?” She also said, “Know for certain that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God,” and she called him, “my little one.” Juan Diego was not a little boy—he was a grown man. Still he was Mary’s “little one.” Mary is our Mother. And if she is our Mother, why are we afraid? Seems so simple, yet for many it is a profound realization. And no matter how old we are, we are still Mary’s “little ones.” Spend some time with your Mother Mary and thank her for being with us.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47 (690A)*. “*Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!*”

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 MEMORIAL OF LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR Let your light shine

In the darkness of these Advent days, Saint Lucy stands as a shining example of the gift of faith in this world. Martyred in fourth-century Italy after being outed as a Christian by a disappointed suitor, Lucy is one of only seven women included in the original Eucharistic Prayer. Said to have worn a crown of candles into the dark catacombs of Rome to serve the poor, Lucy reminds us that bringing light into the darkness of the world is a costly venture. Faith, though, calls us to shine bright, no matter the cost.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188)*. “*I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord.*”

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Respect reformers

John of the Cross is revered with one of the highest honors possible, named a “Doctor of the church” as a saint of particularly high importance. Yet during his life, a group of superiors from his own order who opposed his visionary reforms forcibly imprisoned him and subjected him to cruel treatment and public lashings in front of his community. Perhaps as John sat in his cold, dark jail cell, Jesus’ line about prophets being honored except in their home town came to mind. Be slow to criticize modern-day reformers; perhaps they have a message we need to hear.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23 (189)*. “*Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?*”

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 ADVENT WEEKDAY Prophet-able thoughts

Do you think about prophets like you do about fortune-tellers? Prophets predict the future, right? Well, not in God’s world they don’t. God’s prophets have the job of making people aware that God wants to be first in everyone’s life. God has a call and an invitation for everyone. Today, when the temptation is to focus on the 10 shopping days until Christmas, what do you think John the Baptist would say to call your attention to God’s presence in your daily life? In the eyes of God, what really matters on this Advent day? Ask today for the grace to see God’s presence around you.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30 (190)*. “*I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.*”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 ADVENT WEEKDAY Let your light shine

Jesus told his followers not to hide their “lamp under a bushel.” But why would anyone shield their inner light? Perhaps we fear that we’re not worthy of the greatness of being a child of God, says author Marianne Williamson. “Your playing small doesn’t serve the world,” she writes. “There’s nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you.” In her book, *A Return to Love*, she urges everyone to “make manifest the glory of God that is within us” and “give other people permission to do the same.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36 (191)*. “*John was a burning and shining lamp.*”

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 ADVENT WEEKDAY Cue the Magi

The Magi begin their long trek across the East, and we’re glad to honor these Wise Men of old. But we need even more the wisdom of men and women of this generation, and every generation, to show us how to build a better world. The genealogy of Jesus contains a surprising list of who might contribute to history’s rescue from the ways of death. As we begin the days of the O Antiphons of the church, we pray: “*O Wisdom of our God Most High, teach us the path of knowledge!*”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193)*. “*The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*”



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

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