

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 Vicar.....255-4600 (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)
Sr. Ivo Schoch, Outreach Ministry255-4600 (ext. 208)
Rachel Krueger, Youth Coordinator255-4600 (ext. 210)

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 17, 2017

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation is offered:

Saturdays: 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Mondays - Fridays: 11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 5:05-5:20 p.m.

Wednesdays-Fridays: 6:35-6:50 a.m.

If you are unable to make these times, you can call the pastor at 701-255-4600 for an appointment.

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 **9 months** in advance. Completion of required paperwork and taking the FOCCUS premarital inventory is also needed this early. **December FOCCUS will be on Thursday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m.**

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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 a donation toward a poinsettia. Please bring your donation by Thursday, December 21. 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.

Please stop by the entrances to pick up your
2018 Church Calendar

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Church of Corpus Christi is responsible for the delivering of Meals on Wheels in January. We still need about 7 volunteers for 1.5 hours, one day per week. Meals on Wheels makes a difference in quality of life, yours, as well as the people you serve. Make a difference by calling Karen today at 221-2774.

Your stepping stones back into life....

SOS (Sounds of Silence) is a support group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays for those who have experienced the suicide of a loved one. **After a suicide...there are people who understand.**

SOS will meet on Tuesday, December 19th at Parkway Funeral Service. Bring a Christmas or other type of memory item to share.

HOLIDAY SOLEMNITIES THIS SEASON

This church year represents the shortest possible Advent season as the Fourth Sunday of Advent occurs on Sunday, December 24th followed by Christmas Day on Monday, December 25th. As Catholics, we are called to attend mass each weekend as well as on Christmas which is one of the holy days of obligation in the church. Therefore, Corpus Christi will offer masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on December 23rd at 4:00 p.m. and on on December 24th at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Then, later that day, we will offer our Christmas Eve masses at 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. followed by Christmas Morning Masses at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary is abrogated this year since it falls on a Monday. Therefore, there is no obligation to attend mass that day. However, Corpus Christi will still offer a 7:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. mass on Monday, January 1st for those who wish to attend.

CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL FUND) - (2,277 households)	
Adult Envelopes (418)	\$22,168.94
Youth Envelopes	\$ 164.52
TOTAL RECEIVED (December 10)	\$22,333.46
1st Sunday	\$23,150.26
Electronic Contributions (148)	\$14,347.68
2nd Sunday	\$22,333.46
3rd Sunday	\$ 0
Electronic Contributions	\$ 0
Spanish Mass	\$ 0
4th Sunday	\$ 0

We appreciate your generosity which is part of being faithful stewards of Corpus Christi.

Praise & Worship - Go After God with All Your Heart. Corpus Christi Youth Ministry is sponsoring another "Praise & Worship Night" on **Thursday, December 21**. 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. 18- Phyllis Lentz (12:10 p.m.)*
- Tuesday, Dec. 19- †Ryan Schaner (12:10 p.m.)*
†Fred Kuntz (5:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Dec. 20- †Raymond Wehrman (7:00 a.m.)*
†Greg Haring (12:10 p.m.)
- Thursday, Dec. 21- †Raymond Goetz (7:00 a.m.)*
Corpus Christi Priests & Staff (12:10 p.m.)
- Friday, Dec. 22- †Ben Weigel (7:00 a.m.)*
†Leslie McKay (12:10 p.m.)
- Saturday, Dec. 23- †Gordon Lonning (4:00 p.m.)*
- Sunday, Dec. 24- †Loren Schaner (8:30 a.m.)*
†Gordon Lonning (10:45 a.m.)
†Rose & Jacob Kuntz (4:00 p.m.)
†Gordon Lonning (10:00 p.m.)

December Spanish Mass
Sunday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m.

EVANGELIZATION AND THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

This ten part video series will run Mondays from January 8 - March 19. Dr. Mary Healy, a passionate, prayerful Catholic teacher combines insightful biblical study with Church teaching and practical advice. Contact Cindy Anderst in the Parish Office at 255-4600 to register.



children's program

We celebrate Christmas in a special way with young children at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Liturgy. Our Christmas Program will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed twice a month to help aid in our Faith Formation Classrooms from 3:30-5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Mariah Conner at 701-255-4600.



Christmas Choir Opportunities

All teens and adults are welcome to sing at the 10:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve or the 10:45 a.m. mass on Christmas Day. We will rehearse December 20th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please contact Jennifer Braun at 255-4600 if you would like to participate.

Marriage Moments: Ways To Turn Your Beloved Off #6 - Let the busyness of Christmas preparations blind you to the gift of your relationship. Don't let shopping or decorating or worries keep you from treasuring the presence of your beloved.

Parenting Pointers: Where does God live? Ask your child. Perhaps each of you can draw a picture of God's home. Is God in the sky, in nature, inside you, even in your enemy? YES. Help your children recognize God as an omnipresent Holy Spirit who makes everything they see, hear, and touch sacred. You too! (*Susan Vogt...www.SusanVogt.net*)

CORPUS CHRISTI OUTREACH

Please bring all of the gifts you purchased with our green gift tags for families in need, as well as your stocking stuffers for Charles Hall to the church by Sunday, December 17. You can drop them off at the table in the lower gathering space or in the parish office. Please call Tracy at 255-4600 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of people in need in our area during the Christmas season!

What's Going on Here This Week

- Tues. 12/19 Quilting, 9:00 a.m., Community Room
Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-3:15 p.m., Chapel
- Wed. 12/20 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.
Pre-Confirmation (2), 7:00-8:15 p.m.,
Community Room
Middle School Youth Ministry 7:00-8:30 p.m.,
Room 140
- Thurs. 12/21 Toastmasters, 6:30 a.m., Community Room
Bell Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Praise and Worship, 7:00 p.m., Church

FOCCUS. Is your marriage a gift? Would you like to help engaged couples in our parish who are getting ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony? We are looking for sponsor couples to work with engaged couples to go through their pre-marital inventory. We offer training and support. The next training session will be Monday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mary Janusz in the parish office at 255-4600 or by emailing mary.janusz@corpuschristibismarck.com.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

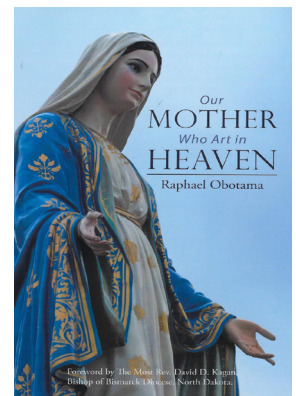
Senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Stewardship Thoughts: "Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving." (Acts 20:35)

Vocation Views: Rejoice always! Our Savior is near! The call to priesthood and/or religious life is a source of great joy to those who embrace their call with their whole heart, mind and soul. (1 Thes 5:16)

OUR MOTHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN
By Raphael Obotama

A reflection on Mary's activities as described in the Bible and her messages during her apparitions on earth. This book is written by Fr. Raphael Obotama, a priest at Corpus Christi, and is for sale in the Parish Office for \$14.



The Holy Father Speaks... Speaking to the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Angelus prayer, Pope Francis reflected on the reading of the day in which the Prophet Isaiah said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: '**Prepare the way of the Lord.**'" As we look into ourselves and recognize our sins, in particular those of omission, Advent is a good time to pray with more intensity and fill the voids we see. For example, we are called to be more attentive to the needs of others, and in this way, just like John the Baptist, we can open paths of hope in the arid hearts of so many people. We need to prepare for the coming of the Lord as we would prepare for the arrival of a loved one: "**with care and joy**". In the same way we must prepare for Jesus - waiting for Him with care and expectation so we can be filled with His grace when He arrives. That voice crying out in the desert, is also an indication of the climate of conversion and penitence that puts us in the right state to meet the Lord. The Savior we are waiting for is capable of transforming our lives with the force of the Holy Spirit, with the strength of love. Our Lady was totally immersed in this reality, allowing herself to be baptized by the Holy Spirit who filled her with His power: "May she, who prepared for the arrival of Christ with the totality of her existence, help us to follow His example and may she guide us in our steps to meet the Lord who is coming."

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 23-24	December 23, 2017		December 24, 2017		December 24, 2017	
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM	
Hospitality	1	Kayla Klein	1	Donna Schauer	1	Donna Howe
	2		2	Helen Werlinger	2	Mary Siverson
	3		3		3	Bonnie Ziemann
	4		4		4	Sarah Zainhofsky
	5		5		5	Laverne Kaufman
	6		6		6	Aurora Zainhofsky
Ushers	1	Gisele Thorson*	1	Jim Volk	1	Donald Williams
	2	Bob Clooten	2	Jerome Werlinger	2	Rick Kaufman
	3	Joyce Hinman	3		3	Blaine Zainhofsky
	4		4		4	Trenton Zainhofsky
	5		5		5	
	6		6		6	
Lectors	1		1		1	Heather Bullinger
	2		2		2	Jane Link
Servers	1	Hannah Dorrheim	1	Alex Brady	1	Christian Wolf
	2		2	Emma Vallie	2	Aurora Zainhofsky
Eucharistic Min	BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST	
	R-1	William Kopp	R-1	Coralie Fix	R-1	Shonda Wild
	2	Curtis Carik	2	Danell Becker	2	Leilani Bienek
	3	Barbara Carter	3	Joseph Becker	3	Pat Hermanson
	4	Lorraine Hoffman	4	Norita Kress	4	Phyllis Lentz
	5	Judith Kopp	5	Patty Kuntz	5	Nathan Kraft
	6	Phyllis Lentz	6	Tim Kuntz	6	
	7		7	Bess Deutsch	7	
	8		8		8	
	9	Father Paul	9	Father Terry	9	Father Raphael
	10		10		10	
	11				11	
	12				12	
	LG		LG		LG	
	BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST	
	1	Alvin Nagel	1	Catherine Williams	1	Kay Williams
	2	Sharleen Pulver	2	Francis Williams	2	Kathleen Wood
	3	Evelyn Spangler	3	Gerald Mathern	3	Paul Bienek
	4	Gary Yantzer	4	Pamela Mathern	4	
	5	Joyce Yantzer	5	Wayne Triska	5	
	6		6		6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
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If you are available to help out for the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day masses, please sign up on the sheets in the usher's room.

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.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US!

Saturday, December 23

4:00 p.m. Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

Sunday, December 24

8:30 a.m. Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

10:45 a.m. Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

3:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

4:00 p.m. Mass (Children's Choir) -
Fr. Paul, Fr. Terry, Fr. Raphael

6:00 p.m. Mass (Praise & Worship Choir) -
Fr. Raphael

10:00 p.m. - Evening Mass - Fr. Terry
(Preceded by caroling at 9:45 p.m.)

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:30 a.m. Mass - Fr. Raphael

10:45 a.m. Mass - Fr. Paul

(Preceded by caroling & bells at 10:15 a.m.)

Saturday, December 30

4:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Raphael

Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m. Mass - Fr. Paul

10:45 a.m. Mass - Fr. Terry

6:30 p.m. Mass - Fr. Paul



Monday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

7:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Raphael

12:10 p.m. Mass - Fr. Terry



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p.m., **St. Anne's**

Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m., **Cathedral**

Friday, December 22, 7:00 p.m., **Corpus Christi**

Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 p.m., **Ascension**

Thursday, December 21, 7:00 p.m., **St. Mary's**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please sign up for all the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses on the sheets in the usher's room. The Parish Hall and Community Room will be used for an overflow crowd at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. We will need two hospitality ministers, four ushers and four Eucharistic Ministers for the Parish Hall and two Eucharistic Ministers for the Community Room. Thanks for your help.



BRING YOUR BABY JESUS!!

We will once again be blessing the baby Jesus at the 4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy on Christmas Eve. Please bring the baby Jesus from your Nativity Scene at home. The children will be called forward during the Mass and Fr. Paul will offer a blessing over all the baby Jesus'.



Sunday, Dec 17, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Silver and gold

If the seasons had a beauty contest, Advent would take most of the prizes. In the darkest hours of the year, we adorn every corner with silver and gold, tinsel and lights. Merry music flows into the streets, and plates are heaped with sweetness. It's as if misery is officially banished from view for the final month of the year. Truth tellers pick up the cheery beat: Isaiah brings glad tidings, Paul shouts "Rejoice!" and John the Baptist testifies to the light. Share the beauty and the joy of Advent with someone who may still be in the dark.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28 (8). "For [God] has clothed me . . . like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels."

Monday, Dec 18, 2017

ADVENT WEEKDAY

The Lord be with you

Life can seem chaotic. This is true in the mad rush to Christmas, but also in the everyday challenges that make us wonder if life makes sense. In response to this human need for order and meaning we pray that the Lord, the one who holds all things together, will be with us: "O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free." Be mindful throughout your day that the Lord is with you in all that you do.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). "They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'"

Tuesday, Dec 19, 2017

ADVENT WEEKDAY

God is full of surprises

Any child will tell you that part of the magic as Christmas approaches is anticipating the surprise that will come from opening a wrapped gift or digging into a stocking and finding what is hidden inside. Mary's cousin Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, must have felt an enormous wave of surprise when she discovered "what was hidden inside"—that she was pregnant at an advanced age. Surprise was followed by gratitude for the gift that had been given to her. We might pause for a moment today to unwrap the many surprising gifts with which God already has graced our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). "This is what the Lord has done for me."

Wednesday, Dec 20, 2017

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Find your calling joyfully

Many people believe God has a special plan just for them—if only they could figure out what it is! From this point of view, discovering what God wants for a person is like a search for a missing key: Find it, and you can get in; don't, and you're locked out. Discerning what God may be calling you to, though, may be as simple as seeing where—in the words of campus minister Sally

Willitzer in the 2011 issue of *VISION Vocation Guide*—you "can best be an instrument of love in the world," and that means not only discovering where you can most effectively help others but also what makes you happy.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). "Do not be afraid . . . for you have found favor with God."

Thursday, Dec 21, 2017

MEMORIAL OF PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Light that candle

Here's a quote suitable to toast the winter solstice, the waning year's longest night: "Let the world indulge its madness. Let it wear itself out, for it cannot endure and passes like a shadow. But we, buried deep in the wounds of Christ, why should we be dismayed?" This comes to us courtesy of Peter Canisius (1521-97), Jesuit theologian and defender of the church during the Protestant Reformation. Often we cannot ignore the world's madness and must vigorously oppose it. But sometimes our candle lit against the darkness is all the opposition that's required.

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). "The Lord, your God, is in your midst."

Friday, Dec 22, 2017

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Try a little kindness

If we focus only on our own well-being and interests, we are likely to end up with a head full of confused and scattered thoughts. There is a remedy, however, to the trap of becoming self-absorbed. This is the time of year to get outside of our own circular thoughts and extend a hand to another. An act of charity or kindness, no matter how minor it may appear to be, is likely to warm our hearts and melt away our troubled thoughts.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 (198). "He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts."

Saturday, Dec 23, 2017

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

Greater love would be hard to find

If John of Kanty in 15th-century Poland could have known he would one day be venerated as a saint, he would have been astonished. Although he was a brilliant scripture scholar, he was also a humble parish priest. Even when treated unfairly for years, he could accept unjust blame and criticism without flinching because he believed that he could protect his parishioners and defeat the power of evil by absorbing it into himself. In a culture of blame like our own, the ability to defuse violence and anger is a rare gift but one we should cultivate instead of seeking revenge or proving ourselves right when wronged.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 (199). "See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me."

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



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