

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)
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DEACONS: Michael Fix, Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall

PARISH SUPPORT STAFF

Loretta Arntz, Bookkeeper 255-4600 (ext. 201)
Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600
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Bridget Johnson, Administrative Secretary 255-4600



March 4, 2018

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.

Two Priests available Saturday afternoon & Wednesday before the 12:10 p.m. Mass. 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 Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the 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. ***The March FOCCUS will be March 22nd.***

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

DAILY SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Monday-Friday: Mass 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
 (The 12:10 p.m. mass is followed by lunch)
 Tuesday: Mass - 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Thursday - 7:00 p.m. (with Adoration)
 Friday - 5:30 p.m. (followed by a fish fry)

Please call Tracy at the Parish office to help with readings, lights or the carrying of the cross.

Stewardship Thoughts: We must look upon others through the eyes of God and find the presence of Jesus in them. When we do this, how easy it is to give of our time, talent and treasure in service to others!
Vocation Views: "We proclaim Christ, Crucified!" (1 Cor 1:23) In the Crucifixion, we find strength. In the Cross is our triumph. Rest in His mercy that you might proclaim Him in all that you say and do. (Gen. 22:1-2)

"Our Generous Love Brings Great Hope"

This weekend is our 29th Annual African Mission Appeal collection. As Catholics, we all have a shared responsibility to support our church's work. This can be done through your prayers and generous support of our African Mission Team. Please be as generous as you can in supporting the important work of Fr. David Morman, as he ministers on our behalf to our brothers and sisters in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa.



Weekly Mass Intentions

- Monday, Mar. 5-* †James Miller (7:00 a.m.)
 †Ted Lippert (12:10 p.m.)
- Tuesday, Mar. 6-* Special Intentions (7:00 a.m.)
 †Agnes Kopp (12:10 p.m.)
 †George & Anastasia Lauinger (5:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, Mar. 7-* †Mary Brendel (7:00 a.m.)
 †Katherine Dressler (12:10 p.m.)
- Thursday, Mar. 8-* †Rose Gustin (7:00 a.m.)
 †Giles Jantzer (12:10 p.m.)
- Friday, Mar. 9-* †Janice Klein (7:00 a.m.)
 Phyllis Lentz (12:10 p.m.)
- Saturday, Mar. 10-* †Ryan Schaner (4:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, Mar. 11-* †Leona Werlinger (8:30 a.m.)
 †A.J. Klein (10:45 a.m.)

CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL FUND) - (2,278 households)

Adult Envelopes (353).....	\$16,389.82
Youth Envelopes	\$ 261.06
TOTAL RECEIVED (February 25)	\$16,650.88
1st Sunday	\$19,430.13
Electronic Contributions (146)	\$14,112.68
2nd Sunday	\$18,050.08
Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 5,250.67
3rd Sunday	\$17,222.21
Electronic Contributions (98).....	\$ 9,239.68
Spanish Mass	\$ 117.00
4th Sunday	\$16,650.88

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. Tuesdays 12:45-3:15 p.m. (private, quiet time, incense free) with the chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend time in Jesus' awesome Eucharistic presence. Eucharistic Adoration (Benediction, rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy) is also available Thursdays with Father Terry from 7:00-8:00 p.m.



LENTEN ALMSGIVING 2018

Participate in almsgiving this Lent by bringing food to help fill the shelves of the food pantry. Your donations can be placed in the upper and lower gathering spaces.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS NEEDED ARE:

Week 3: Noodles & Pasta Sauce

Your stepping stones back into life...

SOS (Sounds of Silence) is a suicide support group which provides compassionate support and grief education with the hope that family members and friends will find guidance on the path of healing. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. The topic will be **"Dealing with loneliness and emptiness."**

Please park in designated parking spots only!

Emergency vehicles must have access to our building in the event of an emergency. Thank You!



Fish Fries began **Friday, February 16th** and will be every Friday through **March 23rd**. This is an excellent fundraiser for our youth ministry programs and is also a great way to participate in meaningful ministry for the parish. Sign-up sheets for working Fish Fries are located on the table in the lower gathering space of the church. Shifts are usually 5:00-8:00 p.m. each Friday. The cost is: **Adults \$9, Children \$5, Family \$30**. All are welcome.

Fish Fry Meals for the Homebound. If you participate in our homebound ministry programs, and you would like to have a fish fry meal delivered to your home on **March 23rd**, please call the parish office at 255-4600 so that we can add you to the list.


Mary at the Cross: "Carrying our Crosses"

All women are invited to attend the Prepare, Care, Share and Prayer women's group on Thursday, March 8th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Community Room. As part of our Lenten study, we will discuss how Mary can serve as a model for us as we carry the crosses of our lives. For questions, please contact Cindy in the parish office at 255-4600.

Retired nurses luncheon, Wednesday, March 14th at 11:30 a.m. at Bismarck Elks. All retired nurses welcome.

Bismarck Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, March 6th at Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Delores at 701-221-2818.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE
 Wednesday, March 14th
 7:00-8:00 p.m.



Come and experience a beautiful candlelight service of prayer, song and contemplation.

Marriage Moments: How is your Lenten resolution coming? Is it bringing you closer to your beloved? Consider that both God and your spouse are your beloved. Sacrificing for one can give you a window into how to become closer to the other. Contemplate sacrificial love today.

Parenting Pointers: March 2nd was "World Day of Prayer". How do you and your children pray? Is it memorized, spontaneous, short, frequent, irregular? Talk together about your favorite style of prayer. Do it! Family quiz: Do you know where **Surinam** is and what it has to do with prayer? (*Susan Vogt....www.SusanVogt.net*)

What's Going on Here This Week

- Mon. 3/5 Lenten Lunch, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall
- Tues. 3/6 Quilting, 9:00 a.m., Community Room
 Lenten Lunch, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall
 Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-3:15 p.m., Chapel
- Wed. 3/7 Men's Spirituality Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish Hall
 Lenten Lunch, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall
 Faith Formation (A), 3:30-5:00 p.m.
 Children's Choir, 4:30 p.m., Choir Room
 Faith Formation (A), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Church
 Pre-Confirmation (1), 7:00 p.m., Community Room
 Middle School Faith Formation, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Thurs. 3/8 Toastmasters, 6:30 a.m., Community Room
 Lenten Lunch, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall
 St. Gerard's Guild, 1:15 p.m., Community Room
 Bell Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
 Eucharistic Adoration with Stations, 7:00 p.m., Church
- Fri. 3/9 Lenten Lunch, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall
 Fish Fry, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
 Stations of the Cross, 5:30-6:00 p.m., Church
- Sun. 3/11 Faith Formation, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
 Faith Formation, 9:40-10:40 a.m.
 Children's Liturgy, 10:45 a.m., Community Room

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY BREAKFAST

All men of the parish are invited to come on **Wednesday, March 7th** at 7:00 a.m. to have breakfast (served at NO charge), grow in spirituality, and listen to Fr. Paul before you begin your busy day.

March Spanish Mass
Sunday, March 18
 1:00 p.m.



Stewardship Opportunities

Corpus Christi is in need of volunteers to help out with some duties around the church. Please call the office at 255-4600 if you are interested in giving of your time to serve Corpus Christi. **Sacristy Linen Care:** A volunteer to wash and care for the Sacristy linens once a week for the month of February. They can be taken home.

The Holy Father Speaks... The Lord never grows weary of calling each of us to change our lives, to take a new step towards Him by being converted; and He does it with the sweetness and confidence of a Father. Confessors do the same. Lent is a time that is "helpful for conversion," for growing close to God, for changing our life - and this is a grace we should ask for from the Lord. Jesus calls us with the sweetness and confidence of a Father. A reading, from the book of Isaiah, a true call to conversion, shows us the special attitude Jesus takes with regard to our sins. He does not threaten, but instead calls us with kindness, gentleness, giving us confidence. In the reading, after having pointed out to them the evil they should avoid and the good they should do, the Lord says to the rulers of Sodom and the people of Gomorrah: "Come, let us reason together." And He does the same with us: "Come now, let us reason together, let's talk for a while." He doesn't frighten us. He is like a father of a small child who has pulled a prank, and he has to correct him. And he knows that if he approaches him with a stick in hand, things will not go well. He has to approach him with trust and confidence. In this passage, this is how the Lord calls us: "Come on, let's have a coffee together. Let's talk this over, let's discuss it. Don't be afraid, I'm not going to beat you." And since he knows his child is thinking *But I did something wrong...*, he immediately adds, "Even if your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow. If they be crimson red, they may become like wool." Just like the father confronting his young child, Jesus begins by inspiring trust and confidence, to bring us to forgiveness and a change of heart. He acted in the same way when he called Zacchaeus and Matthew and He acts in this way in our lives, too. He helps us to see "how to take a step forward along the path of conversion."

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: Mar 10-11		March 10, 2018 4:00 PM		March 11, 2018 8:30 AM		March 11, 2018 10:45 AM		March 11, 2018 6:30 PM
Hospitality	1	Mary Ann Grossman	1		1	Bonnie Kisch	1	
	2	Evelyn Spangler	2		2	Stella Schiele	2	
	3		3		3	Lucille Shea	3	
	4		4		4		4	
	5		5		5		5	
	6		6		6			
Ushers	1	Helen Berger*	1	John Novak	1	Chuck Holzer*	1	Tim Rivinius
	2	Derek Theurer	2	John Saiki	2	Bernie Holzer	2	Vince Selensky
	3	Michael Kordonowy	3	George Simek	3	Nancy Haunz	3	Karen Selensky
	4	Ron Hopfauf	4	Pius Ternes	4	Dennis Mastel	4	
	5		5		5		5	
	6		6		6			
Lectors	1	Joyce Hinman	1	Amy McKay	1	Joyal Meyer	1	Annie Paulson
	2	Nikki Ferderer	2	Gerald VandeWalle	2	Claudia Dietrich	2	Michael Schaff
Servers	1	Noah Weber	1	Kylie Paczkowski	1	Kaleb Clark	1	Mikayla Brackin
	2		2		2	Charile Holzer	2	Zachary Brackin
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	R-1	Darrell Pladson	R-1	William Knudson	R-1	Rick Kaufman	R-1	Maureen Vosberg
	2	Bob Clooten	2	Kathy Knudson	2	Cora Buchholz	2	Tim Bohan
	3	Sandy Waid Clooten	3	Emerita Loeb	3	Laverne Kaufman	3	Patricia Herbel
	4	Phyllis Lentz	4	Gerald Mathern	4	Kathryn Feist	4	
	5		5	Pamela Mathern	5	Mary LaDuke	5	
	6		6	Mandi Hetletved	6	Matt Kraft	6	
	7	Carlotta Richter	7	Helen Werlinger	7	Steven Mittelsteadt	7	Father Terry
	8		8	Anna Rathbun	8	Phyllis Lentz	8	
	9	Father Paul	9	Father Raphael	9	Father Paul		
	10		10		10			
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	12				12			
	LG		LG		LG		LG	
		BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST		BLOOD OF CHRIST
	1	Carol Thompson	1	Dale Kasowski	1	Karen Stahl	1	Myles Vosberg
	2	Clyde Thompson	2	Jim Janusz	2	Mary Siverson	2	Moni Krantz
	3	Lorraine Hoffman	3	Amy McKay	3	Kim Wetzel	3	
	4	Carol Kaleva	4	Charlie Volk	4	Vicki Wetzel	4	
	5		5	Jerome Werlinger	5	Kathy Zahn	5	
	6	Heather Bullinger	6	Mary Kasowski	6	Raymond Zink	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8	Sharlene Pulver	8		8		8	
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	12				12			

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.

SUPPORT A CAREGIVER

Do you know someone who is a caregiver for a spouse, parent or child? Too much time without a break can lead to caregiver burnout, depression and health problems. These are ways YOU can help "lighten the load" for a caregiver.

- **Provide Transportation** for the care receiver to Bible studies or other groups that provide important social contact so that the caregiver can have some personal time at home.
- **Drop off complete meals** that meet the dietary needs and preferences of both caregiver and care receiver. This is helpful not only in time of acute illness or hospitalization but from time to time simply to relieve some pressure.
- **Continue to include** both caregiver and care receiver in congregational events by anticipating and accommodating needs.
- **Telephone to check in** at a time when the call does not have to be rushed. Listen more than anything else. Offer to pray for the circumstances right then on the phone.
- **Rather than saying,** "Let me know if I can do something," ask, "Would it be all right if I ..." and make a specific offer of help - taking children for a special outing, making a run to the grocery store, visiting at home with the care receiver or another idea appropriate to the circumstances.

If you want more information on supporting a caregiver or want to learn about available resources within the community, call or email your Faith Community Nurses (Linda or Laura) at 701-255-4600 or parishnurse@corpuschristibismarck.com.



FLU SEASON. With the recent announcement by the area care centers regarding this being the flu season, we pray a prayer of blessing for all in our community. We encourage you to remain healthy at this time by taking the following precautions:

- Stay home if you are feeling ill.
- Use the hand sanitizer that is available at all Church entrances.
- During the Sign of Peace do what you feel comfortable with.
- If you have cold symptoms, refrain from drinking from the Cup.
- The parish staff will be suspending our daily hospital visits with parishioners.

PALM WEAVING/RESURRECTION GARDEN

One of the fascinating traditions families do for Palm Sunday is to create decorative designs using palms. We are looking for some palm weavers who would be interested in helping teach palm weaving. We are also adding a new project which is a Resurrection Garden. Palm weaving and Resurrection Garden classes will be held at Corpus Christi on Monday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please call Mary Janusz at 255-4600 if you are able to help with the palm weaving, or if you would like to attend one of the classes. All are welcome.



OPERATION RICE BOWL



In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

\$1 a day for 40 days of Lent helps provide:

- 1 month of food for a family
- 2 years of seed for a farmer
- 1 emergency kit for refugees

Sunday, Mar 04, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; FIRST SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

All hands on deck

Forty days is a good chunk of time to contemplate the path we're on and whether it's leading in the direction we hope to go. Lent is our annual "periscope up" that helps us survey the moral landscape we're creating with every decision. The Samaritan woman at the well gets the opportunity to frankly regard her life when she runs into Jesus while doing her chores. Our RCIA elect also receive this gift in the prayers we pray for them in today's Scrutiny. Take time to stop living on autopilot, consider what you're thirsty for, and move forward purposefully.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 (28). *"The one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."*

Monday, Mar 05, 2018

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Be open to the message

Once upon a time in Nazareth, Jesus' hometown community tried to kill him. Did these folks misunderstand his teaching that they felt such rage against him? Or was the problem that they understood Jesus perfectly? Jesus had suggested that his fellow citizens were not prepared to accept God's word, but foreigners might. If a preacher got up and said his words in our churches today, he might also receive a negative send-off. We like to think we're pretty good people and on the right path, but are we really open to the call to change?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30 (237). *"The citizens of Nazareth drove Jesus out of town so they might hurl him off the cliff."*

Tuesday, Mar 06, 2018

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Keep counting on forgiveness

Surely forgiveness has its limits! This is the attitude Peter betrays when he asks Jesus for a reasonable cut-off after which he is no longer obliged to forgive an offender. Peter proposes the number seven, which seems generous to him. It is also the Hebrew number for completeness and perfection, combining the indissolubility of three (as in our Trinity) and the all-encompassing four (as in the four directions or elements). Seven is plenty, Peter argues. Surely it's enough? Jesus takes his bid and multiplies it to the doubly significant 77. We cannot put limits on a divine gift.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238). *"If another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?"*

Wednesday, Mar 07, 2018

MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

Service is the only security

Not even the deepest, fiercest parental love can secure the future of loved ones or keep them from harm. Take Perpetua, a young mother still nursing, and her pregnant servant Felicity, who were both threatened with martyrdom in third-century North Africa but determined to remain faithful; or Perpetua's father who tried to persuade her to renounce Christianity in order to save her. What parents and children can always do, however, like the Master, is to serve one another by the example of our own fidelity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239). *"I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."*

Thursday, Mar 08, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

Focus on the bigger picture

If there were ever a patron saint for people who jump to extremes and then find balance in their lives, it would be John of God (1495-1559). First he was a wild-living soldier nearly hanged after being accused of stealing from the army. After a reprieve, he was so grateful he spent two days praying before a roadside crucifix. Going to Granada in Spain, he heard a sermon by Blessed John of Avila that so moved him to repentance he became unhinged. He gave away everything and roamed the streets beating himself and begging forgiveness for his past sins. This behavior landed him in a mental hospital. The compassionate John of Avila visited him and advised him to do something for others rather than only be obsessed with himself. John of God heeded the advice and opened a house for the care of the sick and poor. Next time you feel yourself bouncing around in life, stop, center, and shift your focus from your problems to others' needs.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240). *"Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house."*

Friday, Mar 09, 2018

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Keep the door to your heart open

Saint Frances of Rome founded the order of Olivetan Oblates of Mary. She set up a convent—the only house of the order—that remains the community's sole monastery today. Once a year, on the Feast of Saint Frances, the sisters open their doors to the public. In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI came to call. The sisters, greatly influenced by Saint Benedict, consider hospitality their main ministry and invite young women studying in university to live with them until they obtain their degrees. In the spirit of Saint Frances and the Olivetan Oblates, be open to whoever shows up at your doorstep, from underfunded students to itinerant popes.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241). *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Saturday, Mar 10, 2018

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Pray, don't pose

Jesus could be pretty hard on people who seemed to be praying for the wrong reasons, like certain Pharisees who made a big show of praying in public so others could see how holy they were. Christ preferred to praise those who stood at the back of the crowd and prayed with humility. Why? Because exalting oneself is the opposite of true prayer. Prayer can't be something that impresses others. It also can't be something you fake or just go through the motions with. Prayer starts with the one who prays but then turns that person toward God and others. And that's the meaning of humility, too: not living for oneself.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242). *"All who humble themselves will be exalted."*

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



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