CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Parish Office is open 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday

For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours,
please call 701-425-1483 and leave a message.
We will return your call in a timely manner.

All Masses and activities have been
suspended at Corpus Christi until further notice. However, the church
building will be open for private prayer from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 7
days a week. Also, the Chapel will be accessible 24 hours a day.

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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Sr. Ivo Schoch, Outreach Ministry .... 255-4600 (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
Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician ... 255-4600
Bridget Johnson, Administrative Secretary .... 255-4600
Kathy Silbernagel, Receptionist ........ 255-4600

March 22, 2020

SACRAMENTS
Reconciliation - Reconciliation will be offered from 3:30-4:00 p.m. on Saturday behind a screen or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-255-4600.

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 12 months in advance. Completion of required paperwork and taking the FOCUS premarital inventory is also needed this early. There will be no FOCUS session until further notice. Contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with Deacon Lonnie Grabowska.

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.

RCIA Classes - 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
When your blanket is all cut up. Most of us have security blankets in life. They can range from family or marriage, to jobs or positions in the community. Yet so many times in life, our security blankets can begin to unravel or even be cut up. This may be one of the reasons Jesus was not so popular with the “in crowd” of His day: He threatened their security. He “hung out” with those who were not popular, or those who were looked upon by society as not being “right” with God. So it is good to know that God is there for us when our security blankets begin to fall apart. He remains constant, forgiving and welcoming. The lesson from this wonderful and well-known story of the prodigal child helps us to know that security is not found in inheritances or jobs or power or relationships. Security is found in a relationship with a loving God, who we find fully expressed in Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

We have received a directive from Bishop Kagan stating that we are not to offer mass intentions until further notice. If you have scheduled a Mass Intention from March 20, 2020 through April 30, 2020, and would like to reschedule, please call the office at 701-255-4600 so we can help you. Unfortunately, rescheduled intentions may be 9-12 months out on our calendar.

Marriage Moments: “Sex is about the quality of your entire love life, not just the alignment of your bodies.” (Dr. Kevin Leman) Pick one non-physical way to show your beloved your love today.

Parenting Pointers: "Lazarus has died." (John 1:14) Death is often hard to talk about with children. We don’t want to scare them, yet pets, grandparents, and eventually all of us will die. Perhaps this week, remember together a death. Focus on the joy the person or pet brought and what you can learn from their life.

Electronically Giving

Corpus Christi offers the option of Electronic Contributions as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Please stop by the office to fill out the form.

THANK YOU for your generosity in filling the bags and bringing them back to the church. We wouldn’t be able to offer this program without your faithful monetary and food donations.

Corpus Christi’s Emergency Food Pantry will stay open on Monday and Thursday afternoons at this time. If you are in need of the food pantry, please call on those days between 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and we will take your information and make up a basket for you to pick up between 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Any monetary or non-perishable food donations are needed in order for this outreach ministry to continue.
Please watch our Website:
www.corpuschristibismarck.com
or our Facebook Page
Facebook.com/CorpusBismarck
for updates on any cancellations or postponements as this will change on a day to
day basis as we receive directives from the
Diocese of Bismarck.

The health and safety of our parishioners and
employees is our top priority as we try to be
available for the spiritual needs of our Corpus
Christi Community.

We will post an updated bulletin every week
on the Corpus Christi website and will place a
limited amount of bulletins at the entrances
to the church.

LIVESTREAMING

We are offering 3 different options to
watch our 7:00 a.m. Masses: Facebook Live,
YouTube, or a direct link from our webpage.

You can go to our website at:
www.corpuschristibismarck.com

1. Click on the rolling slide for the Livestream
   (This will be live at the time of the Mass)

2. Scroll down on the home page and watch
   Facebook Live. (This can be watched at the
time of Mass or anytime during the day.)

3. Click on the rolling slide for the YouTube
   Channel - this will be uploaded after the
   Mass is finished (This can be watched at your
   convenience.)

LENTEN ALMSGIVING 2020

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

ESSENTIAL ITEMS NEEDED ARE:
Week 4: Instant Potatoes and Rice

These can still be dropped off at the entrances of the
Church, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please check your page at:
Facebook.com/CorpusBismarck

Stewardship Thoughts: There is special happiness in
returning to God, through gifts to Church and charity,
a grateful portion of the time, talents, and treasure
God has given to us. Doing so is called stewardship.

Vocation Views: The Lord looks into the heart. What
does He see? How will your new life make a difference?
Consider ministry in the Church. (John 11:1-45)

Corpus Christi offers
online giving through
our website:

Go to: www.corpuschristibismarck.com and click
on the "Online Giving Button" on the home
page of the Parish Website.

COLD & FLU SEASON

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

- Sanford and CHI are
  restricting visitors to
  immediate family only and
  only one visitor per patient.
  Family members will be
  screened as they enter to
  make sure they are healthy
  before they can visit.
The Holy Father Speaks...  
As we recount Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus was on a journey with His disciples when He decided to take a break in Samaria near a well. Jesus was tired and thirsty. When a woman arrives to draw water, He asks her for a drink. By doing so, Jesus broke every barrier, because the Samaritans were despised by the Jews. Jesus initiates a dialogue in which He reveals the mystery of living water to this woman, of the Holy Spirit, God's gift. The focus of this dialogue is water. On the one hand, water as an essential element that satisfies the body's thirst and sustains life. On the other, water as a symbol of divine grace which gives eternal life. In the biblical tradition, God is the source of living water, distancing oneself from Him and His law brought on the worst type of drought. With the people of Israel in the desert, God willed that Moses made water flow from a rock, as a sign of God's providence. The Apostle Paul interprets that the spring from which the Spirit flows is a symbol of Christ. Those who thirst for salvation can draw freely from Jesus. The promise of living water that Jesus made to the Samaritan woman becomes a reality in His Passion. Christ, the Lamb, sacrificed and risen, is the spring from which flows the Holy Spirit who remits sins and regenerates to new life. Like the Samaritan woman, whoever personally encounters the living Jesus feels the need to talk about Him to others so that everyone might arrive at the point of professing that Jesus is truly the Savior of the world. We too are called to testify to the life and hope that are within us. May Mary, Most Holy, help us cultivate a desire for Christ, source of living water, the only one who can satisfy the thirst for life and love which we bear in our hearts.

Until further notice, Bishop Kagan has made the difficult decision to cancel all daily and Sunday Masses in the Diocese of Bismarck in addition to all public celebrations of sacraments and devotions and all groups and parish activities until this health crisis is behind us and it is once again safe for us to gather for public worship. The Catholic faithful within the territory of the Diocese of Bismarck are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. The Bishop's full statement can be read at:


Corpus Christi will be offering a livestream Mass on Facebook at 7:00 a.m. daily except Saturdays. There will also be a direct link to livestream it on your computer. Also, this Mass will be posted to the Corpus Christi YouTube Channel to be watched at other times throughout the day. The church will be open for private prayer from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 7 days a week and Reconciliation will be offered from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturday behind a screen or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-255-4600.

Please go to the Corpus Christi webpage for updates and information regarding Corpus Christi events and know of our continued prayers for the health and wellbeing of all of you during this difficult time.
FORMED

Discover your faith with the best Catholic media at home and on the go!
You no longer need a parish code and can now sign up, create your free account and view formed on corpuschristibismarck.formed.org.
You can sign up for daily reflections, watch movies, read books online, the opportunities are endless.
Check it out today!!

Magnificat is a spiritual guide to help you develop your prayer life, grow in spiritual life, find a way to a more profound love for Christ, and participate in the Holy Mass with greater fervor. The MAGNIFICAT will be temporarily available to everyone for free along with the MagnifiKid for children between the ages of 6 and 12.
Go to www.magnificat.com/free to view your free subscription.

You can help us during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
During this challenging time, we depend on online donations to continue our ministry. Use OnlineGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Go to: www.corpuschristibismarck.com and click on the "Online Giving Button" on the home page of the Parish Website.

With Online Giving, you have options to give different to funds (General Fund, Food Pantry, Building Maintenance). You can set up one-time payments or recurring payments.
This can be done with a credit or debit card or an automatic withdrawal from your bank account.
If you have any questions or need help setting this up, please call the office at 701-255-4600.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.
Sunday, Mar 22, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; SECOND SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

Clarity at last
Darkness and light are biblical themes that invite us to take an internal sight exam. How clearly do we see? Like the man in today’s gospel, we’re all born blind into a world grown accustomed to the blurred vision of habitual sin. We view most decisions in terms of what’s in it for us. It’s difficult and challenging to climb up to a higher point of view to ask: What will serve the common good? Today, we pray that our Elect will have the grace to seek and attain that higher ground. And might we too ask for the same?

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 (31). “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?”

Monday, Mar 23, 2020
MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Step down to your calling
God must have a great sense of irony. Imagine the head of an important court suddenly being summoned to pastor a far-off land filled with people who speak unknown languages. Such was the destiny of Turibius of Mogrovejo, summoned from his post as chief inquisitor in Granada, Spain to pastor the Lima archdiocese, which included the indigenous Andean communities of 16th-century colonial Peru. Turibius went with the flow admirably, traversing his vast archdiocese three times on foot, alone, ministering to all along his route. He defended those who suffered the greatest injustice under the colonial rule he himself represented. Downward mobility is a pattern in saints’ biographies. Time to evaluate your priorities?

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 (244). “He and his whole household came to believe.”

Tuesday, Mar 24, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY

Be a voice for the voiceless
Saint Oscar Romero, the archbishop of San Salvador who spoke out against grave social injustice in El Salvador, was assassinated by his opponents while celebrating Mass on this day in 1980, and it is commemorated by the United Nations as International Day for the Right to the Truth. Today is an opportunity for you to honor the memory of human rights victims, pay tribute to those who struggle to protect those rights for all, remember the important work of Romero, and commit yourself to his values of speaking truth to power, even when it costs you.

TODAY’S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 (245). “Look, you are well; do not sin any more, so that nothing worse may happen to you.”

Wednesday, Mar 25, 2020
SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Say yes to God
The Annunciation is a beautiful feast that celebrates Mary’s “yes” to God during her encounter with the angel Gabriel. Mary doesn’t rattles off a quick response but rather pauses and ponders, wondering what this might mean. Her response is a choice not simply to give birth to a child, but to fully embrace her identity and her calling as an intimate companion with God. “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.” It is as if Mary is saying, “Look! My life is fully in God! Everything about who I am is for and with God!” During this day of Annunciation, reflect on your daily “yeses.” How do these reflect your own identity and life in God?

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). “Mary said, ‘Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.’ ”

Thursday, Mar 26, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY

Reflect in your heart
Imagine taking a walk with the Lord today. As you walk alone, he suddenly stops and looks at you with a question in his eyes. He hesitates, but then goes ahead and asks: “Do you have the love of God in your heart?” You might respond: “I am doing my best to be patient, to think of others first, to be kind and generous. It is Lent after all.” Jesus persists: “But do you have the love of God in your heart?” Take five minutes today and consider that question. Be at peace with whatever thoughts come to mind. Then allow the insights you gain to set the rest of the day’s course.

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 (247). “It is simply that I know you and you do not have the love of God in your hearts.”

Friday, Mar 27, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

What price would you pay?
Today’s gospel has an aura of doom about it, with Jesus getting a clear message that authorities would like to kill him. The church teaches that “Jesus went up to Jerusalem voluntarily, knowing well that there he would die a violent death because of the opposition of sinners,” as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it (569). How far are you willing to go to “do the right thing”? Contemplate today the sacrifices you have made and what you would be willing to do to be true to your beliefs.

TODAY’S READINGS: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248). “Some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem said, ‘Is he not the one they are trying to kill?’ ”

Saturday, Mar 28, 2020
LENTEN WEEKDAY

The plot thickens
Next weekend we observe Palm Sunday, ushering in a dramatic week that includes the tragedy of Our Lord’s suffering and death. The gospels describe for us the suspicion and plotting that will lead to his Crucifixion. Among the religious leaders, only Nicodemus gives Jesus the benefit of the doubt and tries to argue his case. This is the same Nicodemus who has already visited Jesus under cover of night to discuss his teachings and who is trying to kill?’ ”

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 (249). “I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.”