CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Parish Office ............................ 255-4600
Parish Fax .............................. 255-4616
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.

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) .................. 3:00 p.m.
Monday .................................. 12:10 p.m.
Tuesday .................................. 12:10 & 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday ................. 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m

Eucharistic 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)
Melanie Konieczka, Faith Formation .... 255-4600 (ext. 219)
Sr. Idelle Badt, Pastoral Care .......... 255-4600 (ext. 207)
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

May 17, 2020

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Reconciliation will be offered from 3:00-3:30 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 FOCCUS premarital inventory is also needed this early. There will be no FOCCUS 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
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 17, 2020**

**CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL FUND) - (2,337 households)**

- Adult Envelopes (127) .................. $13,003.07
- Youth Envelopes ........................ $0.00

**TOTAL RECEIVED (May 10) ............. $13,003.07**

**1st Sunday .................................. $13,365.00**

**Online Giving Week 1 (April 27-May 3) .. $1,050.00**

**Electronic Contributions (137) ............... $14,263.68**

**2nd Sunday .................................. $13,003.07**

**Online Giving Week 2 (May 4-10) ......... $1,832.00**

**3rd Sunday .................................. $0.00**

**Online Giving Week 3 (May 11-17) ......... $0.00**

**Electronic Contributions .................. $0.00**

**4th Sunday .................................. $0.00**

**Online Giving Week 4 (May 19-24) ......... $0.00**

**5th Sunday .................................. $0.00**

**Online Giving Week 5 (May 25-31) ......... $0.00**

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

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**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Monday, May 18-**  
Phyllis Smith (12:10 p.m.)
Fr. Paul Becker (5:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday, May 19-**  
Marie Emineth (12:10 p.m.)

**Wednesday, May 20-**  
Marie Emineth (7:00 a.m.)
Wendy Howe Baukol (12:10 p.m.)

**Thursday, May 21-**  
Rose Gabriel (7:00 a.m.)
MaryAnn Deichert (12:10 p.m.)

**Friday, May 22-**  
Shally Simek (7:00 a.m.)
Bernice Rafferty (12:10 p.m.)

**Saturday, May 23-**  
Quirin Friese (4:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, May 24-**  
Jeanne Karhoff (10:45 a.m.)
People of Corpus Christi (6:30 p.m.)

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**Back to the basics.** Why are the simplest instructions the ones easiest forgotten? You know how it happens: you’ve assembled a new stereo system, connected the cables to the right spots, reattached the antenna and routed your cable through. Yet there it sits, mocking you, without one buzz or whirr. Then several exasperated minutes later you find the power cable dangling, nowhere near the outlet. It’s the basics that get you every time. Jesus knew the same exasperation as He compiled His Evangelical Dream Team. No matter how many times they heard His preaching, the disciples focused on minor details, forgetting the key element. So Jesus said it again and again. It doesn’t matter what you eat, who your friends are, whether you have authority in the church - what matters is simply love. Without love, church committees will run amok, stewardship will be misapplied, children will be harmed. Love is the power cord that drives this amazing spiritual machine we call "the church." Unplug the love and the whole thing becomes a clunky, outdated structure of no use to this hurting world. Let’s take a moment and pray that God will plug the power cord back in to our homes and churches today. Or in Jesus’ words: "Let’s remember to love, love, love."

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**THANK YOU** for your generosity in filling the bags and bringing them back to the church space. 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.

**Food Pantry needs for May:**
- Canned Meat & Canned Fruit

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**COLLECTION BASKETS**

At this time, during our weekend Masses, the collection will not be taken in the customary manner and there will be no children’s collection. We have placed baskets by the ambo and near the altar for you to place your offering in before Mass.

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**Marriage Moments:** Deep questions: Who is God? What is love? "Whoever loves me (Jesus) will be loved by my Father (God) and I will love them." (John 14:21) Yes, God is love but we humans know love through physical, emotional, and intellectual commitment. How do each of you show your love for God and to each other?

**Parenting Pointers:** Surprise someone with a compliment today. It can be someone in the family, a neighbor, or a stranger. Even if just one person in the family does it, maybe it’ll catch on. It’s the effort and thought that count. ([www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net))
Stewardship Thoughts:
Give of your time, talent and treasure until your heart knows that you have done something for God.

Vocation Views:
The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. (John 14:15-21)

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.

LIVESTREAMING

We are offering 3 different options to watch our 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. Also, there are archives of all the services at the bottom of the livestream page.)

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.)

Livestreaming Schedule:

**WEEKDAY MASSES**
- Monday: 12:10 p.m.
- Tuesday: 12:10 p.m.
- Wednesday-Friday: 7:00 a.m.

**WEEKEND MASSES**
- Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 10:45 a.m.

Corpus Christi now offers MY OWN CHURCH to update member information, set your privacy settings, make a donation to the church and access your giving history.

www.corpuschristibismarck.com/my-own-church

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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 hand sanitizer.
- The hospitals and nursing homes are not allowing visitors of any kind. Please pray for the sick, the vulnerable, and their loved ones.
The Holy Father Speaks... How can we go through life without anxiety and anguish? How can we make sure we are on the right path? As we reflect on Jesus' "Farewell Discourse", the faithful are invited never to fall into despair, but to trust in Jesus in the knowledge that He is always at our side and that there is a place awaiting us in Heaven. In this "Farewell Discourse", at the end of the Last Supper and just before the start of the Passion, Jesus reassures the disciples by saying "Do not let your hearts be troubled". The Lord is saying these same words to us. But how can we make sure that our hearts are not troubled? God indicates two "remedies", the first being "Believe in me". It would seem, rather theoretical, abstract advice. Instead, Jesus wants to tell us something precise. He knows that, in life, the worst anxiety, anguish, is born of the sensation of not being able to cope, of feeling alone and without points of reference when faced with events. We cannot overcome this anguish alone when one difficulty is added to another. Thus, Jesus asks us to have faith in Him, knowing that He is always at our side and entrusting ourselves to Him. The second "remedy" for a troubled heart, is expressed in Jesus' words: "My Father's house has many rooms...I am going there to prepare a place for you". This is what Jesus did for us. He reserved a place in Heaven for us. He took our humanity upon Himself... to Heaven where there is a place reserved for everyone. We do not live aimlessly and without a destination. We are awaited, we are precious. The faithful are invited not to forget that here on earth we are passing through, but our true dwelling place is in Heaven. We are made for Heaven, for eternal life, to live forever. This forever will be an eternity in joy, in full communion with God and with others, without any more tears, resentments, division and troubles.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Please review the revised schedule below and contact the office to let us know if you are willing and able to serve as a minister next weekend. Please note that there will be no Eucharistic Ministers or Altar Servers for the forseeable future. If you are not scheduled but would be willing to help, call Tracy at 701-255-4600.

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**St. Mary's Cemetery**

**St. Mary's Cemetery Memorial Day Collection** - The annual collection to help raise funds for St. Mary's Cemetery will take place the week of May 24, 2020. In the mail, you will be receiving information about the cemetery and this annual collection. With donations received from last year's collection, development began on a new section of the cemetery, and we hope to complete the project this fall. Please consider donating to our cemetery to help us maintain this beautiful and prayerful place for our loved ones.

**St. Mary's Cemetery Service of Remembrance** that was scheduled for May 27, 2020 has been cancelled due to the ongoing health crisis. We would like to thank you for your continued patience and cooperation in our cancellation of this event.

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**Funeral Pre-Planning**

Thinking about pre-planning a funeral leaves most people a little uneasy. However, pre-planning can give you peace of mind as you will know you have helped your family at a very difficult time. It also allows an opportunity to express preferences at this time of a final good-bye removing the burden of family members having to guess about your wishes. Our Pastoral Care Associate, Sr. Idelle Badt, is available with information and to answer any questions that you might have about this process. You can call her at the parish office at 255-4600. Pre-planning a funeral can be one of the last and greatest gifts you can give to your family.

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**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](http://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 to different 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.

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**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK**

**SHADE: THE SERIES**

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

This new acoustic series offers simple and uncut prayers from the heart to experience the Lord's accompanying presence and refreshment in the midst of your day-to-day journey.

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**POWERED BY THE Augustinian Institute**
Sunday, May 17, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Hope is nourishing
Especially in these trying times, we may be tempted to dismiss hope as something akin to wishful thinking. Yet hope is a theological virtue, along with faith and love. These three put us into position for personal union with God. Hope, in particular, orients us perpetually in a Godward direction no matter where life takes us. As Cistercian monk Aelred of Rivalux declared: “What is hope but food for the journey to support us in the miseries of this life?” Cultivate hope by weeding out habits of negativity and cynicism.

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 8:5-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 (55). “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.”

Monday, May 18, 2020
MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR
Lean on the Lord
Pope John I was frail when he was elected to the papacy in 523, and he did not survive imprisonment by a heretical king. From permanent disabilities to occasional illness, from aging to chronic fatigue to widespread viral infection, we all experience physical weakness at some point and know that it can feel like a prison. When we hit the limits of our bodies, our inner strength can wane too. At that time—and at any time—lean on the Lord to carry you through.


Tuesday, May 19, 2020
EASTER WEEKDAY
Always at our side and on our side
When Jesus promised his disciples the Holy Spirit, he used an interesting word. He called their holy helper a “paraclete,” the Greek word for advocate—literally “called to one’s side.” It was used in courts of law to describe an intercessor or counselor. From the Book of Job, we also know paraclete can mean “comforter.” What a rich, meaningful name to give that Spirit who guides us still—by our side even when we’re as clueless as can be.

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). “If I do not go, the Advocate will not come.”

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST
The best witness is a joyful heart
Do you know of someone whose energy and joy attracts followers of all kinds? Franciscan priest and theologian Saint Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444), whose feast we celebrate today, was one of those people. He was a human dynamo whose preaching drew thousands of fans throughout Italy even as he challenged them to practice voluntary poverty and denounced the sins of the day. His joyful eloquence defined his ministry and was impossible to ignore. Can you bring others to God through a joyful spirit?

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). “They were to seek God, yes . . . though he is not really far from any one of us.”

Thursday, May 21, 2020
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
This isn’t goodbye
After listening to the nightly news, a friend recently (and understandably) gasped: “We need Jesus!” Most believers would agree. Which is perhaps why the Ascension doesn’t feel like an event we’re much inclined to celebrate. Jesus departs; this sounds like a terrible idea from every standpoint except the truth—because Jesus promises to send us his Spirit as an indwelling presence. If we still feel like orphans, remember Jesus’ words: “I am with you always.” See Jesus all around: in word and sacrament, in the assembly of faith, in the disadvantaged sister and brother.


Friday, May 22, 2020
EASTER WEEKDAY
Identify escape routes
During stressful times and increased family togetherness, such as global "stay-at-home" orders, domestic abuse increases. Special hotlines and secret havens are set up to assist victims, and abusers are encouraged to seek help as well. Saint Rita of Cascia, whose feast we celebrate today, was mentally and physically abused by her husband for years. In the Middle Ages, she had little recourse. She chose to respond with kindness, patience, and humility. Her virtues did little to change her husband’s behavior, but she did her best to escape her situation, at least spiritually. With the many resources available today, be aware of the signs of abuse and encourage loved ones to seek both physical and spiritual refuge.

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295). “No one will take your joy away from you.”

Saturday, May 23, 2020
EASTER WEEKDAY
Here’s to life
As we adjust to new ways of living, the Easter season offers much-needed hope. Resurrection changes everything, not only in salvation history but also here and now. Life coming out of death. Here’s to life—because Jesus promises to send us his Spirit as an indwelling presence. If we still feel like orphans, remember Jesus’ words: “I am with you always.” See Jesus all around: in word and sacrament, in the assembly of faith, in the disadvantaged sister and brother.

TODAY’S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). “For the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God.”

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