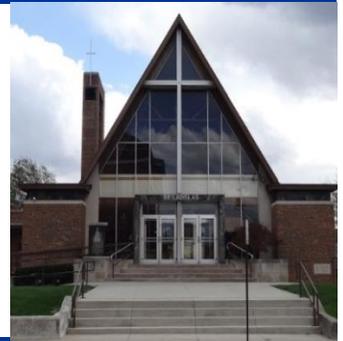




# LIGHTING THE WAY

A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI &  
ST. LADISLAS CATHOLIC CHURCHES



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## Our Parish Mission Statement

**Our mission is to preserve in ever-changing ways a Catholic presence on the South Side of Columbus that remains faithful to our rich heritage; to reach out especially to those in our neighborhoods in ways that provide for basic human needs and that bear witness to the Gospel; and to provide a spiritual home that is beautiful and welcoming to all.**



## Welcome To Our New Missionaries

We would like to introduce Laura Perez and Yitcel Casares who are Lay Missionaries from the community Missionaries Servants of the Word. Laura and Yitcel and 1 or 2 others from their community will be with us on a four month rotating basis throughout 2019.

Their main charism is evangelizing with the Bible through bible study courses:

- History of Salvation
- Life in the Holy Spirit
- Evangelizing with prayer
- Evangelizing with the sacraments

Their mission is to evangelize within the parishes and beyond. They may conduct sessions in the parishes and in homes as appropriate. Also, they will be serving with our sick and homebound and our Catechisis and Youth Group programs. After serving in this mission, they have the opportunity to begin a religious vocation.

The missionaries will be living in the St. Lad's convent house while working with us. They are far from home as they hail from Texas and Arizona; their missionary headquarters is located in Los Angeles, California. Their theme is:

## Dates to Note

Refer to the Weekly Bulletin for more details and additional events



**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – The Presentation of Jesus ---  
SVDP meeting 9:30 St. L.

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Rosary Altar Soc. 1:00 C.C.

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>** – Maint. Comm. Mtg. 7:00 St. L.

**Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** – Stewardship Comm Mtg. 7:00  
St. L.

**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** – Y. E. P. 4:30 St. L.

**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** – Spanish Mass @ St. L. 11:00 am  
Hung. Cultural Soc. Mtg. 11:30 St. L.

**Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>** – President's Day — office closed

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** – Y. E. P. 4:30 St. L.

## "Serve the word with Love, Generosity and sacrifice"

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### JESUS, THE GREATEST MAN IN HISTORY

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him  
--- Master

He had no degree, yet they called Him  
--- Teacher

Had no medicines, yet they called Him  
--- Healer

He had no army --- yet kings feared Him

He won no battles --- yet He conquered the  
world

He committed no crime --- yet they crucified  
Him

He was buried in a tomb --- yet He lives  
today

In chemistry --- He turned water to wine

In biology --- He was born without normal  
conception

In physics --- He defied gravity when He  
ascended into Heaven

In economics --- He disproved the theory of  
Diminishing Returns when he fed the 5,000  
with 2 fishes and 5 loaves of bread

In medicine --- He cured the sick without a  
single dose of drugs

In history --- He is the beginning and the  
end

In religion --- He said that no one comes to  
the Father except through Him

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## Various Tid-Bits

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### Success!!!

The Christmas "Giving Tree"  
was a huge success again  
this year. Thanks go out to all  
who participated. This is a glowing example  
of Stewardship at work in our parishes ---  
"people helping people" ---"love thy  
neighbor..."



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### Resolutions

Are you still working on those New Year's  
resolutions? If you've already caved in to the  
resistance --- it's time to recommit and start  
over again. If you are still struggling with  
them --- it's time to congratulate yourself for  
your persistence and commit-again to the  
effort.

Matthew Kelly, a well-known Catholic speaker  
and writer offers a few thoughts about  
resolutions. He encourages us to celebrate  
our progress by giving ourselves a pat on the  
back whenever we make an effort in the  
direction of our resolution. Here, you are  
celebrating progress, not 100%  
accomplishment; because that simply won't  
happen for most of us. Focus our resolve;  
define the resolution in measurable and  
manageable terms. Write it down as well as  
writing how your life will change once you  
have established it in your life. That is when  
you move on to resolution #2 and repeat the  
process.

You will start viewing failure as an actual part  
of success. Each time you fail, pause and  
identify what you have learned from the  
experience. In this way you will learn that  
even failures are a part of the process of  
success.



FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE  
WE SHARE OUR TIME • TALENT • TREASURE



### **Stewardship**

Is not simply making donations or taking care of buildings and grounds. It is a spirituality, hence a way of life made up of receiving gifts from God, cultivating them responsibly, sharing them lovingly with others and then standing before the Lord in a spirit of accountability.

Throughout 2018 our parishes have placed a heightened emphasis on the attributes of the Stewardship principles of giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure. As the year progressed we saw many examples of how our parishioners have embraced and incorporated these principles into their parish lives and hopefully into their daily living in general.

During the Christmas season we often see a spike in weekly collections and unusual donations, some from parishioners and others from unexpected sources. We also require more time and talent than normal to prepare our facilities. This Christmas season was full of surprises. If you read the bulletin regularly, you probably noticed an increase in weekly collections in October, November and December. In addition, in November and December, we received a variety of donations in support of both parishes and the SVDP Food Pantry exceeding \$7,000. In addition, the services were special and the decorations were as well.

We should take a moment and offer our thanks and prayers for all those who have shared themselves and their good fortune with us.

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### **Youth Ministry**

Our Youth Ministry program is gathering a full head of steam. This ministry serves both parishes.

They meet on Sundays from 12:00 until 1:30 p.m. at St. Lad's. They participate in faith formation, service projects, liturgical ministry and a variety of social activities. Membership in this ministry is also required for middle and high school youths who will receive Confirmation in the fall of 2020. For more information contact Pattie Jones at 614-506-6812.

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### **Ministry Opportunities**

The children in the religious formation program (CGS) need additional Catechists. We are also in need of Lectors, Mass Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please contact the office if you are interested or need more information.

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### **2019 Annual Men's & Women's Conferences**

The annual Catholic Men's and Women's Conferences are this month. The women will gather on Feb.16th and the men on Feb. 23th. Both conferences will be held at the Ohio Expo Center in what was formerly known as Cardinal Hall, now is named Kasich Hall. For information and reservations, visit the website--- [columbuscatholicwomen.com](http://columbuscatholicwomen.com) and [catholicmensministry.com](http://catholicmensministry.com).

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### **Projects and their status**

**Thank You ---** Once again, our thanks are extended to the Catholic Foundation for blessing us with their approval of three grant requests for various projects at both Churches. A fourth possibility has recently been awarded. St. Ladislav has been awarded \$15,000 for making Church building improvements, requested via their Grant program.

We originally requested \$31,000 for repairing the front entrance doors, painting the church exterior trim and window protection and weatherizing of the Side Chapel stained glass windows and the Sacristy windows. It hasn't been possible to create reserves for these types of expenses, so we need to create fund raising methods to make-up the difference --- \$16,000. We are discussing how to do this --- "more news at 11:00" as they say.

### **Additional recent projects**

At Corpus Christi there currently are no major projects planned, but a number of minor items are in process such as: exterior lights are being replaced, mower and blower equipment and the "gathering space" refrigerator needs repair, two outside security cameras have been repaired. The cameras were damaged by local youths whose parents are paying the expenses.

At St. Lad's, extensive repairs have been done to repair damages due to various roof leaks in the past and aging of the property over time.

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### **Marian Foundation Grant Request**

January is the usual time for us to file grant requests to the Marian Foundation. This year we will be filing requests for our Catechism of the Good Shepherd Program and our Youth Group Program for both parishes and in conjunction with our St. Vincent De Paul Society, a request for the food pantry which the SVDP folks have written. In past years the foundation has helped us in supporting these programs.

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### **A Prayer for the Sick From the Pope's Prayer Book**

Father, your only son took upon Himself the sufferings and weakness of the whole human race; through His passion and cross.

He taught us how good can result from suffering.

Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill.

In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul.

May they know the consolation promised to those who suffer and be fully restored to health.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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### **Catholic Radio A.M. 820**

Statistics demonstrate that an average American is in their car four times longer than they spend in church every week. What do you do during those commutes to work or to see family or to the store? Make this time fruitful for yourself, your family and friends and your intentions

A great way to expand your faith knowledge, find answers to your lingering questions, receive affirmation, and **spend more time with God**, is to listen to St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, A.M. 820, an EWTN affiliate. They present local, national and international programs, interviews and call-in, Q & A opportunities. Stay in tune with your Church, from the Columbus Diocese to the Vatican in Rome. Find out what the Pope really said, not what the secular media says he said or did. There is programming for all needs and interests.

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