

LIGHTING THE WAY

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Dates to Note

Refer to the Weekly Bulletin for more details and additional events



- Apr. 1st** – Maint. Comm. Mtg.
- Apr. 2nd** – Stewardship Comm. and Fellowship for Family and Friends Meeting
- Apr. 4th** – Live Lent Program St. L. Youth Empowerment Program St. L.
- Apr. 5th** – Soup Supper & Stations St. L. – Spanish Stations St. L.
- Apr. 6th** – SVDP Meeting
- Apr. 7th** – Spaghetti Dinner St. L.
- Apr. 11th** – Live Lent Program St. L.
- Apr. 12th** – Soup Supper & Stations C. C. – Spanish Stations St. L.
- Apr. 13th** – Southside Youth Outreach St. L.

Let's remember: no one really expected Easter. Those male and female disciples were not prepared for what they encountered in the cemetery that morning. They dared not dream of an empty tomb or resurrection. The gospel tells us, that they simply did not understand what "rising from the dead" might mean. They didn't really expect Easter.

But, on the other hand, from the beginning of the beginning, God has made it very clear that He is in the business of life, not death. If you read the Old Testament and the New Testament with even a passing interest, you see that God is working to loosen death's grip on the whole human family. From the beginning, God acts to break the power of death. And, just when it seems that human beings are convinced that God has abandoned them to the power of death and suffering, God comes back. God always comes back. And God comes back to give us life.

For instance, when humanity's evil brought about the great flood, and Noah and his family began to lose all hope for the future, God came back and life began again. When the people of Israel were trapped in slavery in Egypt, calling out to a silent heaven for help; and just when they thought God wasn't listening, a man named Moses had his afternoon interrupted by a burning bush. God came back. Pharaoh let the people live in freedom.

Later, in a little corner of the Roman Empire, God's people wondered if God had completely abandoned them, giving them up to the control of the Roman Empire. But God came back. A virgin heard an angel's message, and in an insignificant stable, she gave birth to a Son. God came back. Throughout the life and ministry of Jesus, our Savior was trying to show us that God comes back. And God comes back to show us life. Always!

Every action of Jesus should prepare us for the empty tomb. Jesus starts to unravel death from the moment he begins his preaching.



- Apr. 14th** – **Palm Sunday**—Hung. Cult. Soc. Mtg. St. L.—Senior Stars St. L.
- Apr. 16th** – Finance Council Mtg.
- Apr. 18th** – **Holy Thursday** adoration 'til midnight
- Apr. 19th** – **Good Friday** Spanish Service St. L.
- Apr. 20th** – **Holy Saturday** – Heart & Sole Ends – Egg Coloring & Cookie Decorating
- Apr. 21st** – **EASTER Sunday** – Egg Hunt St. L. & C.C

A Holy Week Message From Father Vince



For me, some of the joyous words in the English language are: You came back.

I wonder if, on that first Easter morning, Jesus' disciples would have agreed with me.

There is a man born blind, convinced by the religious leaders that God abandoned Him. But God comes back in the person of Jesus, and gives him sight. The ten lepers were pushed to the edge of town, the man possessed by the demon, the little girl dying on her father's couch; in every case, God came back, through Jesus, to give them healing and life. In the person of Jesus, God came back to unravel death and restore life, to the poor, to the powerless, the sick and the sinner and the hungry and the oppressed, he came back. When will we get it in our brains that God is in the Resurrection business! God has been from the beginning.

Once you see that, you have to ask yourself, how could the tomb be anything other than empty? God did with dead Jesus what God wants to do with us each day. Easter is not just history. Easter is the mystery that you and I are called to share. Of course, there are days when I still tremble in the face of what looks like death's victory. There are days and seasons when I feel as though God has left for good, and I am left with no one but my own grief. The point is, whenever you and I feel beaten down by death, or sickness, or loss, or fear, or grief; whenever we feel powerless or abandoned, God comes back.

My parents were separated for seven years because of the Vietnam War. But God came back and they were reunited here in Ohio.

My friend once said, "Once you're a drunk, you'll always be a drunk". It felt like God abandoned him through his addiction. But a coworker handed him a note one day which said, "I was a drunk too, and found a way to be sober, with God's help. Let me know when you're ready." But God came back. And my friend recovered.

Who are you going to believe? The world tells you that death gets the last word; that life is full of meaningless suffering and that there isn't much for us in the end.

But for those that pay attention, there is a different Easter message; it is shouting to us from an empty tomb: Jesus died, but He came back;

He came back to give us life!
He is risen. Alleluia!
Blessed Easter to all of you!

OUR MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE WORD

Over the past 50 years, we were blessed to have Sr. Wilma serve both parishes in a variety ways. Starting in January we are trying to replace her

and add to our services offered, by inviting the assistance of missionaries from The Missionary Servants of the World. You may have seen our first pair working around the parishes or at Mass. Their names are Janeth Perez from Temple, Texas (she has never experienced snow until now), and Yitzel Sanchez born in Phoenix, Arizona. They are Lay Missionaries.

The Missionary Servants of the Word was founded in Mexico in 1984 and came to the USA in 2001. The community is made up of priests, consecrated men and woman and lay missionaries. To become a lay missionary they first live eight months of formation where they pray, study the bible, serve, do apostolic work, and live in community. Currently the formation house is located in Palmdale, California and is still under construction.

After the formation period they make a one year promise to live the evangelical vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Lay missionaries are young adults ages 18-30 who have embraced God's call to serve and evangelize communities across the USA. During their one year promise, which is renewable, they are completely dedicated to Evangelizing. They rotate their service every 3-4 months so we may have two new missionaries with us in the near future.

There main focus is to conduct adult, youth and children's Bible study classes. They also visit the sick and homebound, pray the Rosary and conduct Bible study with families in their homes, and organize events and retreats for the parish. They work to assist attendees in having an experience with God. They wish to be of assistance to all parishioners and invite all to seek their help. You can contact them: Phone—614-440-3608; e- mail - missionladislas.oh@gmail.com. Web - www.christofthedesertmsp.org/en/. Facebook - [cristo del desierto msp](https://www.facebook.com/cristodeldesierto)

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.

The LEAF Ministry

Corpus Christi and St. Lads are expanding their community service mission efforts by participating

in the LEAF Ministry. LEAF stands for Listening, Encouraging and Assisting Families of the incarcerated.

Ministry meetings for family members will be held at Corpus Christi to offer support and comfort for family and friends of those incarcerated. There are meetings and a website to help answer questions that families experience and provide guidance and direction to a network of existing resources that can help. Meetings are free and confidential. This service is open to all regardless of faith affiliation.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Ladislav Spaghetti Dinner will occur on Sunday, April 7th from noon to 5:00 pm. This year proceeds from the dinner are being earmarked to help pay for various church building renovations, especially protective window coverings for the stained glass windows in the side chapel.

Heart & Sole – Walking to Jerusalem

The Walk to Jerusalem is “off and running”. Commencing on March 7th, folks from both parishes began their journey to Jerusalem. This is a significant undertaking requiring 16,792,000 total steps or 8,396 miles. We have 185 participants. The walk will conclude on Easter Sunday.

Endowment Funding

The Catholic Foundation has announced the release of the 2019 South Columbus Vicariate endowment fund distribution. The Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav parishes have each received \$8,855.36. The endowment fund was established a number of years ago and distributes funds annually based on investment earnings specified by the donors for the benefit of Southside parishes. Please remember The Foundation and their donors in your prayers.

Pray for the Unborn

Please join us in praying for all unborn children. We are called to be messengers of God’s love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is cherished, chosen and sent.



Interested in Learning more About the Catholic Faith, Returning to the Church, or Joining the Faith?

We can help! Give us a call or stop by the office. We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Our number is 614-443-2828. Our office is in the St. Ladislav school Building.

Projects Recently Completed or Ready to Begin

St. Lad’s Convent Rehab – a variety of projects including plaster repair, painting throughout, plumbing repair & replacement and roof shingle replacement totaling approx. **\$6,700** has been done. The cost was controlled due to the generous volunteer time to do much of the work by **Jim Iacoboni** and another anonymous parishioner. The cost was paid from the general fund supported by weekly collections.

An additional **\$2,049** is needed to complete repairs to the cellar doors and foundation and downspout addition. An additional **\$7,000** is required to replace the chairlift leading to the downstairs area. The expense will be shared by St. L. & the S.V.D.P.

St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry – recently, the pantry replaced a refrigerator and a doublewide freezer at a cost of **\$6,000**.

St. Lad’s Church Projects – As mentioned before, three (3) projects will soon be underway. The front doors will be repaired, the outside trim will be painted and the stained glass windows in the side chapel will have protective coverings installed. The cost of these projects is being covered by funds from [the annual Spaghetti Dinner and a grant from The Catholic Foundation](#). Many thanks are extended, as these projects have been tabled for a few years waiting for funding. The total cost will be **\$17,400**.

On-Line Giving Update

As of April 1st, we have 24 parishioner households (C.C.

= 10, St.L. =14) who have recognized the advantages of supporting their parish through the process of on-line giving. The On-Line Giving application provides you a convenient option that you can access at any time.

From 2012 through 2017 both parishes averaged \$600 per month in on-line giving. In 2018 at Corpus Christi we increased our average to \$1,056. At St. Lad's, the average increased to \$1,316. For January and February of 2019, C.C. has averaged \$1,718 and St.L. has averaged \$2,178.

After enrolling in the on-line process, giving is easy while you're away, or unable to attend your home parish for weekend Mass. If you would prefer to put something in the collection basket; we have printed cards – "On-line Giving Contributor" – on the rear pew which you can place in the basket when passed. It insures your giving consistency and saves administrative time.

Your gift will be transferred as you specify, from your credit card or bank account directly to your parish. It is easy to use, private, safe and secure, and you can access it on the parish web site using the internet. To review the process or sign-up:

1. Visit the parish website at: parishccslcolumbus@gmail.com
2. Scroll down to the On-Line Giving link - click on the link.
3. Complete the On-Line registration form.
4. Create your unique User Name & Password.
5. Click on "create a new account".
6. Complete the Profile Information, Credentials & Payment Method

If you are a new on-line contributor and no longer need envelopes, please let us know.

Catholic Radio AM 820

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.

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? Tune in today.

Increased Inventory Program

Our effort to improve our weekly collections is showing progress. Those of you who have pledged to increase your weekly contributions, constitute a positive effort in supporting your parish, and the

Church in general. We thank you for your sacrifice and participation. Here are some facts that demonstrate the effects of your efforts during 2018 and now into 2019:

St. Ladislav Average monthly collections:

2015 = \$12,815
2016 = \$12,090
2017 = \$ 9,360
2018 = \$13,962
Past 5 Months = \$15,855

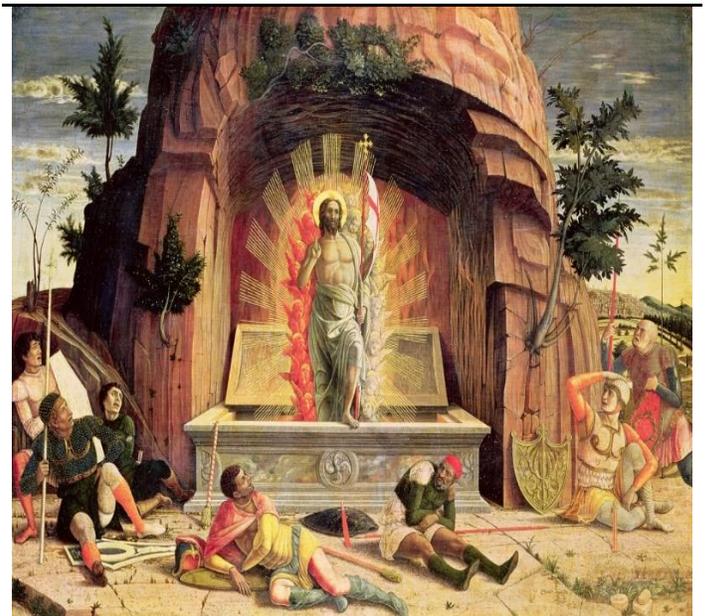
Corpus Christi average monthly collections:

2015 = \$ 9,421
2016 = \$ 9,923
2017 = \$ 6,790
2018 = \$ 9,919
Past 5 months = \$10,032

The past 5 months (October, 2018 – February, 2019) is the time period since the conclusion of the pledge drive portion of the program.

You can monitor future progress weekly in the bulletin where weekly collections and spending budget information is available. Additional status information will be posted in future newsletters and mailings.

HE IS ROSEN



HAPPY EASTER

Questions, comments and suggestions should be referred to:

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