

LIGHTING THE WAY

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

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Dates to Note

Refer to the Weekly Bulletin for more details and additional events

- June 1st – St. Vincent De Paul Mtg. SL
- June 1st – Centering Prayer CC
- June 2nd – **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**
- June 3rd – Maint. Committee Mtng. SL
- June 4th – Stewardship Committee Mtng. SL
- June 6th – Youth Empowerment Program SL
- June 7th – CGS Catechist Training SL
- June 8th – CGS Catechist Training SL
- June 8th – Garden Cleanup & Lunch Provided CC
- June 9th – **Pentecost** – Hungarian Cultural Soc.
- June 9th – LEAF Program CC
- June 9th – Senior Stars SL
- June 11th – Edgewood Civic Assoc. CC
- June 14th – Flag Day
- June 15th – Centering Prayer CC
- June 15th – Garden Cleanup CC
- June 16th – **Trinity Sunday – Father's Day**
- June 16th – Taize Evening Prayer CC
- June 20th – Youth Empowerment- KofC Mtng. SL
- June 21st – 1st day of summer
- June 23rd – **Feast of Corpus Christi** CC
- June 25th – Parish Council Mtng. SL
- June 28th – Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Feast of Corpus Christi

Join us for the Feast of Corpus Christi Celebration Mass on **Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Corpus Christi Church.** *Please note this date and time are corrections from our May Newsletter.* We'd love to see the pews full again this year. Please spread the word to anyone with historical ties to the church or school, especially Corpus Christi alumni, faculty and staff. Mass will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a procession through the prayer garden (weather permitting). After returning to church for the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, there will be an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast by Chris Cakes in the rectory courtyard. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with current and past parishioners, alumni, faculty and staff. Bring the family, too! This is a joint celebration; therefore, **there will be no 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ladislav on June 23.** Alumni: Please join the "Alumni of Corpus Christi in Saint Ladislav Catholic Elementary schools" Facebook group page, and spread the word to your classmates. We hope to see you there!

Walk to Jerusalem Results



Congratulations on a job well done, walkers! We travelled all the way back to Columbus from Jerusalem, via an airplane trip over the Atlantic! As a group, we totaled 27,307,913 steps, which converts to 13,654 miles. We needed a total of 26,328,000 steps, which means we had an extra 979,913 steps! In celebration of our return to Columbus we enjoyed a homecoming BBQ celebration at Corpus Christi. Keep your pedometers handy because we may do a Walk to Bethlehem in preparation of Advent. Check the bulletin for future details. Finally, thanks to everyone who participated and made this event a huge success! We hope your Lenten experience was enhanced through prayer, volunteering, physical activity, and fellowship.

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.

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.



St. Lad's Church Project

Soon, the lower and the upper steps to the main entrance to the Church, will have new handrails added. They will be located in the center of the stairs, to accommodate those parishioners needing them. We are adding them in reply to various requests from parishioners. The really good news is that the cost of manufacture for the railings is being waived by the company making them. They said to send our thanks and prayers to "friends of St. Lad's and the south side".

Estimates are being sought for a variety of concrete and walkway repair in front of Church. Some areas are sinking or raising, creating potential trip hazards. More information will be published as the project develops.

Marian Foundation Grant

Our thanks and prayers are extended, once again, to the Marian Foundation for their continued support. We have received checks from them in support of our SVDP Food Pantry and our Religious Education Program in the amount of \$4,000 each. This contribution is a result of two grant requests that were filed last fall. The Foundation has been a consistent supporter of these two programs for a number of years.

Congratulations Corrine Hughes

On May 21st, our long-time Corpus Christi parishioner, Corrine Hughes was honored by the Dominican Learning Center for her 25 years of service to the center and our south side community. Corrine was recognized as an "Educational Hero". She has served in various capacities throughout her service years at the Center.

Increased Inventory Program

The progress continues. It has been 7 months since our "Faithful Living, Grateful Giving" pledge drive ended on Sept. 30th. We thank you once again for your sacrifice and participation. Some of you who did not submit a pledge card, still have an opportunity to do so. Our prayers are extended to all of you.

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 6 Months avg. = \$16,492

Corpus Christi average monthly collections:

2015 = \$ 9,421
2016 = \$ 9,923
2017 = \$ 6,790
2018 = \$ 9,919
Past 6 months = \$10,499

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.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

"God Makes Every Grace Abundant", the theme of the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal inspires us, as people of Faith, to place our trust in God and bring hope to those who most need to feel His love. Works of kindness and assistance, sometimes in the smallest way, can bring about a profound change in a person's life. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries and programs that are vital in spreading His love.

We held "Commitment Weekend" for the Appeal on May 4th & 5th. **Corpus Christi has been asked to raise \$12,094.02 and St. Ladislav has been asked to raise \$ 19,612.31.** We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parishes to be used for our particular needs.

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.

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 at 277 Reeb Avenue.

Giving On-Line

The On-Line Giving application provides you a convenient option that you can access at any time. After enrolling in the on-line process, giving is easy while you're away, or unable to attend your home parish for weekend Mass. It insures your giving consistency and saves administrative time.

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.

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, here are the 6 easy steps:

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.

Welcoming Our New Missionaries

In May we welcomed two new missionaries who will be helping out both Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav. Their names are Alejandra Guido & Jennifer Munguia. We are so grateful and blessed to have them, so when you see them, give them a warm Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav welcome!

A Note from Alejandra & Jennifer

Hello my name is **Alejandra Guido**, I am 26 years old and I come from the State of Washington but my family is originally from Costa Rica. I have just completed my 8 months of formation in California and made my missionary promise on May 3rd. I feel very blessed to be here in Ohio for my first mission! I'm excited to get to know the community and work together to share Christ and His Word.

Hello my name is **Jennifer Munguia**, I am 19 years old and my family is originally from Michoacán, Mexico. My family is currently in Seattle, Washington. I have been in the community Missionary Servants of the Word for the past two years. In October of last year, I was serving at Christ the King Parish here in Ohio. I am very excited to be back here and this time to serve St. Ladislav and Corpus Christi!

Our Main Source of evangelization is the Bible, we share it, simulate it and try to live it with joyful love and generous service. We carry our evangelization with the support of two books that were written by our founding father, Fr. Luis Butera, "Discovering the Riches of Christ" part I and II.

There are many groups which make up the missionary family. Missionary Servants of the Word (MSP) who are priests and religious brothers, MSPO Missionary Servants of the Word and prayer-contemplative, Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word (HMSP) who are the religious mothers, and HMSPO- Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word and Prayer- Contemplative. The lay groups are: MMSP- Missionary Movement Servants of the Word (full time missionaries), CERS- Community of Evangelization for the Reconciliation and Service (part-time missionaries), MCMAP- Missionary Marriage Movement Servants of the Word, alongside with other children, teens, and Young adult groups.

Questions, comments and suggestions should be referred to:

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The Feast of Corpus Christi, also referred to as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, is a feast dedicated solely to the mystery of the Eucharist, and as such, does not honor one specific event in the life of Jesus as feasts like Christmas, Easter, and the Ascension. The feast date changes each year and falls on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 60 days after Easter, in most countries, or the first Sunday after Trinity Sunday in the United States.

As we celebrate The Feast of Corpus Christi this year, on June 23, perhaps your experience can be enriched through knowledge of its history. The Feast of Corpus Christi was not celebrated throughout the entire Catholic Church until the year 1264, but the history goes even deeper than that. Instrumental in the origin of the Feast of Corpus Christi was St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon, in Belgium. She was born in 1193 at Retines near Liège. Orphaned at an early age, she was educated by the Augustinian nuns of Mont Cornillon. It was here that in time she made her religious profession and later became superioress.

In 1208, St. Juliana experienced several visions, including one of Christ instructing her to plead for the institution of a feast to honor the Eucharist. She experienced these visions for 20 years, but kept them a secret. She finally told a priest about the visions, who in turn told the local bishop about them. She repeatedly petitioned the bishop to institute the feast.

In 1264, Pope Urban IV issued a Papal bull, *Transiturus de hoc mundo*, in which the feast of Corpus Christi was made a feast throughout the entire Catholic Church. This came after Pope Urban IV had investigated claims of a Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena, Italy, in 1263, in which it was reported that a Consecrated Host began to bleed. A German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today. This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena.



A Message From Father Vince

Mr. Smith did not believe in summer time camping. He believed that the only way to teach us real camping skills was to go camping in the DEAD OF WINTER...in tents... Mr. Smith was the youth minister.

Our youth group was infamously known to do crazy things such as camping during the winter months from late October to early April, and Mr. Smith made sure we were out there at least once a month, in the woods, freezing ourselves into adulthood.

Now, most of the time, these trips weren't so bad...thanks to some very warm hand me down clothes...and a very nice sleeping bag that my father had purchased for me, so that meant I would survive these winter camping trips without frost bite.

I was recently reminded of one winter camping trip that I went on with Mr. Smith...Jym Ganahal, the weather guy on Channel 4, was telling people NOT to go outside this weekend, and this is before Cable Weather Disaster News has now made hyping weather an art form.

So when Jym Ganahal said, "Don't let your kids outside this weekend", people listened, and I think my mother raised a question, "Should Vince go out in this weather?" And my father assured her that everything would be fine...This was youth group after all...I was not sure I believed my dad that particular day.

So we got out to the campsite...out there in the blustery woods...we kept somewhat warm with all the activity going on- setting up tents; putting the campsite in order, and cooking dinner, and then the sun went down...and no one wanted to sit outside...anymore...

So the entire youth group went to bed early...at 7:00 PM...we went to bed...and it was dark, and the wind was blowing and the cold was cutting through every layer of clothing and every feather of that sleeping bag that my dad purchased for me...and instead of saying my night prayers, I cursed the youth group, and I cursed Mr. Smith, and I cursed camping- I was mad at my dad for telling my mother that everything was going to be

fine; I WASN'T FINE... I was freezing my behind out there in the woods...And inside my sleeping bag, with my head covered, I was so cold that I started to cry...

For those of you that have been camping will understand when I say I was crying silently...you don't want others to hear you...What I did hear was a twig that snapped outside the tent, but I wasn't going to poke my head out to see what that was...

Then I heard the flap of my tent open up, and I felt something heavy land on my feet...

And I sat up and I felt in the dark down there, and, someone, had just thrown 2 heavy army blankets on my sleeping bag, and I became a Baptist and shouted, "THANK YOU JESUS" and then my eyes adjusted to the darkness, just in time to see my dad closing the flap of my tent and leaving...

Now I should've said thank you dad...no, I should have said, take me with you dad...but I was so cold and dad had already left and I packed myself under those 2 army blankets, and went to sleep for a chilly weekend...

Now many decades later, when thinking about the story, there are 2 things that come up:

- 1) I am certain the only reason dad was out there in the woods was because mom had nagged him enough to take these blankets out there and deliver them in the middle of the dark of that storm...
- 2) And it dawned on me, thinking about this, that I never THANKED my dad for delivering the blankets...I wasn't smart enough, as we went home later to say thank you...

The good news is, I told my dad I was writing this, and I told him that it would be my official thank you...

So on this Father's Day month, perhaps some of you are recalling moments when your father did something simple, but extraordinary for you. After all, isn't it true that parents, most parents do countless acts of love for their children; acts of love that go either unnoticed or un-thanked?

From my perspective, it's part of the remarkable heroism of the vocation of parenthood. Maybe in your life, it wasn't just your parents; maybe there were other people in your life who had done remarkable things for you; people who have just shown up in the nick of time, just when you needed them...

Perhaps there are people in your life who have come to you unexpectedly, but when you needed someone, and you needed them just in that moment when you are panicking or you are suffering or crying silently in your sleeping bag so no one else hears...

That someone arrives...and they love you and they help you, and they leave without you even thanking them properly...At Father's Day Mass, it's a good way to say thank you...Thank you to God...for those people...

I'm reminded of the gospel of Mark (4:35-41) of the calming of the storm at sea. The apostles of Jesus were not freezing cold in the gospel reading; they were not wrapped in blankets; they didn't have chattering teeth; the apostles of Jesus were not camping...no, they were sailing on the unpredictable waters of that lake, which is called the Sea of Galilee...

That lake sits on the northern desert part of Israel, and the weather there is hot, and the storms are unpredictable, kind of like Ohio weather. And when those storms flare up in Northern Israel, those small fishing boats on the Sea of Galilee, they are tossed about mercilessly...

As Mark tells the story, you may have noticed that the whole thing is Jesus' fault...He's the one who said, "Hey, let's get into the boats"...without checking Jym Ganahal and the channel 4 news. Jesus plotted the course; Jesus told them where they would set sail and where they were going...

And, as that storm intensifies and the water crashes over the sides of the boat; as the disciples bail water with panicking hearts, where's Jesus?!?!?

He's asleep on the boat deck. The apostles are wet; the apostles are in danger...things are getting rough, and I wonder: did they curse the weather?

Did they curse Jesus for getting them into this? And did they swear like me camping during youth group, I'm never doing THIS again...

But just when it seems that there is no hope, Jesus speaks...and the storm is calmed...and their hearts are calmed...and their faith is strengthened...

In every human life, there are storms aren't there? In fact, if you're looking for a God or religion which promises that you will never have to face a storm in your life, then you're going to have to look somewhere other than Jesus and His gospel, because Jesus DOES NOT promise to keep

every storm away from you, but He does promise that He'll be in the boat with you...

In every life, there are moments where we are wondering, how did I end up here? How did I get into this mess? Why didn't I listen to that great advice? Why in the world am I freezing my tail off, and suffering silently, and crying painfully?

And then the Lord shows up, and lifts the tent flap, and knows what we need, and delivers what's necessary. He calms the storm and calms our hearts, and strengthens faith. And amazingly, in my experience, the Catholic experience, the Lord often does that by sending someone to us to help us, and we need to thank God for those people...

We need to thank God for those people who come and help, because we live in a stormy world...

Just yards from where this scene takes place in Mark's gospel, the Sea of Galilee, not more than 200 yards from this very scene, there is a small church on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Its run by German Benedictine Monks and a couple of years ago, the church was subject to arson and inflicted much damage; yet one more Christian place of worship torched and destroyed in the Middle East. Storms, Violence, Drug Addiction, disease, and many, many other kinds of turmoil...

I said a little while ago that God usually changes the world for the better by sending people to help them. I'm not expecting you, as an individual, to go out and solve every problem that I just named, and the list goes on and on, but I do know this: God makes the world a better place by inspiring His faithful people, that's us, to pay attention...to show up, SOMEWHERE, and to do what's necessary for SOMEONE...

There are 60 million Catholics in the US today-what would happen if every one of us allowed ourselves to be nagged, just a little, by the Holy Spirit...

What would happen, if we allowed ourselves to be nagged just enough, by the gospel, so we would be willing to leave our comfort zone of our lives, to go out, even to the dark, and take the blanket to someone who's life is cold, or to take strength to someone who's life is weak, or to bring peace to someone who's life is troubled or violent...

60 million Catholics- if all of us, this week, just did 1 thing, surprising people at the tent flaps of their lives, 60 million loving actions in one week, in a world struggling in so many storms. What would happen?!?!?

God only knows- but at least the world would know that Jesus, and His Church, are NOT ASLEEP.