



GOD'S GOOD WORKS

Stewardship Renewal 2020



Corpus Christi Catholic Church



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Jesus, teach us to pray. Help us to manage our time so that we can spend it with You. Holy Spirit, fill us with your gifts. May we offer ourselves in sacrifice for our parish and for all in need. Father, give us generous hearts. Help us to manage our finances and to offer first fruits to you. As your faithful disciples, we ask this for ourselves and for Catholics everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GOD'S GOOD WORKS



There are many ways to define the notion of “God’s Good Works.” In scripture, Jesus described examples of good works as taking care of the poor, ill, and less fortunate. To love your neighbor as yourself, caring for the people around us, especially those in need.

In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul stated, “For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them” (Ephesians 2: 8-10). We were created for good works! When we love and serve others, we fulfill God’s plan for our lives and live in accordance with His plan.

Ultimately, good works are at the heart of stewardship. These works come from the overflow of our gratitude and love for Christ because of what He did for us on the cross.

As a faith community, we at Corpus Christi Catholic Church continue this work of Christ and give to others from what we have received. Continuing to live the stewardship way of life, we look to grow in our practice of thanking God for His blessings and then sharing them with others. During this time, every parish household is asked to make commitments — to pray regularly, to use our talents, and to give our finances to God through the offertory.

But before we offer our good works and our gifts to God, we must first cultivate a profound “attitude of gratitude.” All we have comes from God! How incredible to think that the very beat of your heart is an unconscious act that is only continued each day because God has sustained you with the gift of life! The beautiful things we experience in life — a beautiful sunset, a harmonious song or a baby’s smile — are gifts meant to lead us to the source of all beauty, God Himself. When we experience these things, it is important for us to take a moment to stop and thank Him for the blessings He has given us. We can express our gratitude by giving our time, our talent and our treasure to Him Who is most worthy.



STEWARDSHIP OF *Time*

Have you ever noticed that couples that have recently fallen in love spend every possible minute together? Among the simplest ways to show love is to simply be with a person; to spend time with him or her.

Being a good steward of our time means making time for the most important Person — God. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22: 37-39). If we truly love the Lord and place Him first in our lives, we will make time to be with Him in prayer.

Think about how you prioritize your time. If God and family are not at the top of the list, resolve to make prayer the most important part of your own daily life and the life of your family.



A regular prayer life takes time and practice. Pope Francis encourages all to begin with 10 minutes each morning, inviting God to be a part of your day.

- Consider reading the daily readings of the Catholic Church (found at uscbb.org/bible/readings), asking Him what He wants you to learn from His Word each day and then thanking God for His blessings.
- Pray with your children each night before bed, giving each family member an opportunity to pray for something and concluding with an Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be.
- Download and utilize Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Magnificat, The Pope App or Divine Office.



STEWARDSHIP OF *Talent*

While every Catholic needs to receive their weekly spiritual nourishment by attending Mass on Sunday, intuitively, we know that the Gospel preached on Sunday should not be restrained to one day a week, and should be put into action Monday through Saturday, as well.

Everyone has different schedules, abilities and interests, but we all share a common responsibility to be active members of the Body of Christ. A good steward is one who takes this responsibility seriously and finds ways to use his or her talents to continue God's Good Works. In the accompanying Ministry Catalog, you'll find a variety of ministries available to join — from Bible studies to outreach programs. You don't need to be an artist or musician to have "talent." You don't even need a special hobby or skill. All you need is the conviction that you do, in fact, have a role to play, and the willingness to seek it out.



Serving others means putting their needs before your own.

- Pray and ask God to show you how your talents can be used to help others.
- Get involved in a ministry that pushes you to be more selfless, putting others' needs first.
- Talk to others about how you've grown through service and encourage them to join you!



STEWARDSHIP OF *Treasure*



We learn in Romans and Acts that when St. Paul established the first Christian communities, he collected money from some communities to bring to others. While we sometimes still do this today, for the most part, our modern parishes are self-sufficient. What hasn't changed since St. Paul's times is the responsibility for believers to give to God through their local church.

At our parish, we are encouraging each other to be better stewards of our money, setting aside a generous gift to God each week through the parish offertory.

The truth is that our finances are a gift from God that we've been given. Think about it — God gave you the talents you have which enabled you to raise or earn your income, so why should our finances be something we disregard when we speak about giving all of our gifts to Him? Money plays a very large role in our lives, and precisely because of this, it needs to be aligned with our most deeply held beliefs. “Where your treasure is, there also lies your heart” (Luke 12:34).

Why should we determine the amount of our gift based on a percentage of income?

The tithe (which literally means 10% of one's harvest or income) is a scriptural benchmark that the Church has honored for centuries (see Malachi 3:10).

As a parish, Corpus Christi Catholic Church breaks down the tithe as follows:

5% to the parish offertory

1% to the diocese, 4% to other charities

If the goal of giving the tithe seems difficult to attain, consider increasing your annual offertory gift incrementally by 1 or 2% each year until you reach it. It may take some time, but eventually you can reach the point where it is clear both in your finances and in your daily life What and Who is most important. In the meantime, the most important thing is to choose a percentage of your income to give each week or month, and be faithful to it, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.

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Faith Formation 712-323-1163
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Parish Website

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Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Corpus Christi means “The Body of Christ” that embodies the rich legacy of Catholic Faith and ministry of service to many generations of various cultures and traditions. There are 1,452 Families with 4,000 members, which includes a growing Hispanic population. There are over 40 ministries serving children, youth and elderly members of the community. The parish supports St. Albert Catholic School that provides an excellent education. Our Parish began to establish the Global Mission in Colombia known as “Sister Parish Covenant.”

Mission: *To be the light of Christ shining in the heart of the community.*

Vision: *To be a vibrant and inspirational Catholic faith community growing in lifelong prayer, sharing the joy of the Gospel, and committed to evangelization, education and loving service to those in need.*

Values: *To be a welcoming, caring and inclusive faith community rooted in peace, justice, and respect for all beings.*

2020 Ministries

Prayer

ABLAZE WORSHIP

Ablaze is praise, worship and adoration of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus founded by Fr. Michael Voithofer from the Archdiocese of Omaha. Ablaze Worship was prayerfully born as an inspiration of Luke 12:49 — “I have come to cast FIRE upon the earth; and how I wish it were already ABLAZE.” The Heart of the Church is Eucharistic! Children, youth and people of all generations are welcome to set their hearts on fire and let the earth ablaze.

Contact: Sue DeVetter, 402-212-9482, suedevetter@yahoo.com

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Eucharistic Adoration is honoring the sacred presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is the contemplation of the mystery of Christ’s divine presence in the consecrated host in the monstrance. The reserved Blessed Sacrament serves as the focal point of personal devotion. During adoration, devotees spend quiet time before the Lord in meditative silence.

“Behold I love you with an everlasting love and constant is affection for you” (Mt. 28:20; Jer. 31:3). Adoration is also expressed praise and thanksgiving with music and chanting of psalms. All are welcome! Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Spanish — Monday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Contacts: Elaine Hussman, 712-323-8754; Kathy Plourde, 402-690-1561, gabrielscornercb@gmail.com / Spanish: Ernesto Lemus, 712-352-1865, alemus@cbcsd.org

DIVINE MERCY

Inspired by the mystic vision and witness of St. Faustina of Poland, special prayers and chanting and confessions are organized to celebrate the Divine Mercy.

Contact: Beth Wilson, 712-323-3717, nanabsmile@gmail.com



MINISTRY OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

A spiritual ministry in which participants offer all their prayers, joys and sufferings to God for the good of our parish, diocese and the salvation of souls throughout the world. Individuals pledge to pray for our parish, our diocese, our nation, and our world on a regular basis.

Anyone in the parish is eligible and welcome to be a member, but a particular invitation is given to all senior citizens and especially to our brothers and sisters who are homebound, sick or handicapped. You are asked to pray regularly (daily, if possible) and offer your sacrifices and sufferings — as well as your joys — for the intentions of individuals and the church. You can continue to use the same spiritual exercises you are currently using. You will be provided a book of prayers — if you wish, you may incorporate some of these into your daily prayers. We will keep in contact with you and send you prayer requests which will give specific intentions according to the needs of individuals, the parish, the diocese and the universal Church. Marty Shudak will be in touch with you to arrange commissioning to the Ministry of Prayer and Praise team during a Mass or in your home, if needed. At that time, you will receive a Ministry of Praise prayer book, a prayer shawl and a certificate of membership.

Contact: Marty Shudak, 712-308-3983, gmshudak@yahoo.com

PARISH HOLY HOUR

Members meet monthly at 6:30 p.m. for one hour on the third Sunday of each month to pray for our parish.

Contact: Beth Wilson, 712-323-3717, nanabsmile@gmail.com



PRAYER LINE

Ministry that serves anyone through the power of prayer. Ministers of the Prayer Line form a “prayer chain” network with each other on a daily basis for individuals requesting specific intentions. Requests may include prayers for those who are ill, those who are deceased, or for friends or families in mourning, prayers of thanksgiving or for some personal need. Let us know if you would like to join the group or if you have any prayer requests!

Contacts: MaryAnn Evans, 712-314-9488, dboysnonna@gmail.com; Kathy Waltrip, 402-490-5968, or email the parish office at officemanager@corpuschristiia.com

Liturgical Ministries

ALTAR SERVERS

This ministry is available to young students of our parish. You need to have made your First Communion in order to become an altar server. Formation sessions are held to prepare persons for this ministry.

Contact: Beth Wilson, 712-323-3717, schedule@corpuschristiia.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) distribute Communion during Mass, to the care facilities, and to our homebound members. Strong personal faith and witness is core to one who serves in this ministry. Formation and training are provided for new EMHCs several times throughout the year.

Contact: Beth Wilson, 712-323-3717, schedule@corpuschristiia.com

GIFT BEARERS

Parishioners are encouraged to minister to others by presenting the community’s gifts of bread and wine and the collection at the weekend liturgies. For more information or if you wish to volunteer for this ministry, please contact us!

Contact: Beth Wilson, 712-323-3717, schedule@corpuschristiia.com

GREETERS

Greeters cheerfully extend hospitality to people as they arrive for Mass. They create a welcoming environment by greeting parishioners and visitors. Greeters show up 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.

Contact: Beth Wilson, 712-323-3717, schedule@corpuschristiia.com

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

The Hospitality Ministry is a group of people who help coordinate and host parish receptions, parish dinners and various social events throughout the year. The ministry promotes a welcoming atmosphere in the parish community!

Contact: Beth Wilson, 712-323-3717, schedule@corpuschristiia.com

LECTORS

The ministry of the lector is to proclaim the Scriptures to the assembly gathered each week during the Mass, allowing all to hear the Word that will shape their lives. Formation and training are provided for new lectors and materials are available to help them prepare for this ministry. Please contact us if you are interested in being a lector.

Contact: Beth Wilson, 712-323-3717, schedule@corpuschristiia.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

Musicians fulfill an important role to enhance the sacred liturgy. By joining the choir or playing an instrument, you can part of this important ministry.

Contacts: Judy Martin, 712-366-5045, skypeedelson@aol.com; Linda Hunter, 712-366-1282, hunterlj1@aol.com; Monica Bentzinger, 712-347-9527, mbentzinger@cox.net

USHERS

With an attitude of hospitality, ushers serve the assembly in varied ways during the celebration of the Mass. They welcome people as they gather for Mass. They are to be easily visible if someone needs assistance or directions to a particular area in the church. They assist in handing out worship aides for Mass. They may help seat people or assist the physically disabled or elderly. Ushers inquire if anyone needs to

have Communion brought to them in their pew. Ushers take up the collection and help direct the community at Communion time. They distribute bulletins and other materials as needed. They are observant and stay alert so they can readily assist someone that becomes ill or has a medical emergency. After Mass, ushers ensure that everything is in order in the church and in the gathering space.

Contact: Beth Wilson, 712-323-3717, schedule@corpuschristiia.com

WELCOME MINISTER

Before Mass begins, the Welcome Minister greets the congregation, leads the congregation in the Stewardship prayer and announces the Mass celebrant and entrance hymn. The script is prepared for the Welcome Minister. These ministers help prepare parishioner's minds and hearts on the Liturgy that is about to begin.

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Sacraments

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is for all who are seriously ill, physically or emotionally, or who are in special circumstances, such as prior to major surgery. The church shows its solicitude for the sick not only by visiting those who are in poor health, but also by raising them up through the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and nourishing them with the Eucharist. Privacy laws do not allow hospitals or care centers to inform the parish about members who are ill. This has become the responsibility of the family. Therefore, if you wish to have a priest administer the Anointing of the Sick to a family member who is hospitalized, homebound or in a care center, please let us know. The parish also has communal celebrations several times a year. Dates and times of these special communal celebrations is posted in the bulletin.

Contact: Parish Office, 712-323-2916, officemanager@corpuschristiia.com

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

The Baptismal Preparation Program is designed to assist parents and sponsors to fulfill their canonical obligation of preparation for the Baptism of their children and to help plan the celebration for the sacrament. Baptismal preparation sessions, which parents are expected to attend, are held monthly. Attendance at the preparation session may be waived if the parents have attended a previous session in the last 12 months. The celebration of Baptism is a joyful moment in which a person becomes a member of Christ's family. In order to fully experience the grace of this special moment for the family and the parish, parents with children whom they want baptized must contact the church either before or soon after the birth of their child. At least one parent must be a registered and active member of the parish.

Contact: Parish Office, 712-323-2916, officemanager@corpuschristiia.com

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

This ministry offers comfort to people who have experienced the death of a loved one by assisting and coordinating a funeral meal.

Contact: Mary Foster, 712-325-1576, lwstocook51@yahoo.com; Mary Jayne Quandt, 712 323-4975; Joan Gubbels, 712-322-4459, herbstgubes@aol.com; Stephanie Schuster, 712-310-5233, SJSchu6@msn.com

FUNERAL PLANNING

Follow-up support through local and diocesan resources is available. The family meets with the priest or deacon to plan the funeral liturgy.

Contact: Parish Office, 712-323-2916, officemanager@corpuschristiia.com

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony should contact us for proper preparations and planning! We welcome new sponsor couples who are in good standing. Marriage is the sacrament of life and love, so adequate preparation for this lifelong commitment is essential. The diocese requires that an engaged couple begin their preparation for marriage six months to a year prior to

the proposed wedding date. Couples who are planning a wedding at Corpus Christi should begin by calling 712-323-2916 for information regarding the marriage preparation process as well as the availability of their proposed date. Ordinarily at least one of the engaged couple or a family member(s) should be an active member(s) of the parish. The preparation begins with an appointment with the pastor. Following this meeting, the couple continues their preparation with a sponsor couple — these are married couples from the parish that have been trained to assist in the preparation for marriage. The engaged couple meets with the priest or deacon who will be officiating at the wedding ceremony. This meeting, or meetings, gives the priest or deacon an opportunity to discuss with the couple their understanding of and their commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage. It also allows the celebrant to assist the couple in preparing for the wedding liturgy through the selection of appropriate readings and music. Those who are entering into a second or subsequent marriage, as well as those who wish to have their civil marriage blessed or validated are to contact the ministry associate, as these situations require special attention. If an annulment of a previous marriage is involved, a longer preparation time may be needed.

Contact: Parish Office, 712-323-2916, officemanager@corpuschristiia.com



Formation

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Several Bible Study groups meet on a regular basis in our parish. The purpose of a study group is to spend time in God's Word and grow in faith. We see the image of our heavenly Father when we see Jesus, and we learn how to live our lives when we hear what Jesus said and see how Jesus lived. Find the Bible Study group that works for you! For more information, please call the parish office at 712-323-2916 or visit our parish website.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Peg McClellan, 712-323-9524, mcclellan@me.com

Sunday Evening Bible Study meets Sunday evenings at 5 p.m.

Contact: Burton Rausch, 712-310-9420, rauschbr@radiks.net

Morning Women's Bible Study meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Mary Hoferer, 712-323-9910, hoferml@cox.net

Men's Bible Study meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Contact: Burton Rausch, 712-310-9420, rauschbr@radiks.net

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a celebration of God's presence in the Word, following guidelines established by the Bishop's Committee on Liturgy. This celebration follows the same form as the Liturgy of the Word for adults but uses age appropriate language and experiences. It is offered to children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Adult leaders of the Word are needed, and training is provided. Contact us if you would like to help as a catechist!

Contact: Roseanne Williby, 712-323-1163, dre@corpuschristiia.com

FAITH FORMATION

We share the Good News of Jesus Christ with first through 10th-grade students weekly. All

public and Catholic school students needing sacraments must register each school year. Baptized students in third through eighth grades desiring first sacraments attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC). Confirmation is a two-year program that begins in the ninth grade. More volunteers are needed!

Contact: Roseanne Williby, 712-323-1163, dre@corpuschristiia.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA, the adult preparation process for those who wish to become Catholic, includes non-baptized persons, persons baptized in another Christian denomination, and Catholics who have been baptized but have not celebrated the other sacraments. The candidates' journey of faith and discernment includes listening and learning, sharing the faith stories of the Word of God and their own faith stories, as well as involvement in the Church's rituals. The process, which is open to all, is supported by parishioners' participation. Those who complete the process are initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The RCIA process begins in August. Volunteers are needed!

Contact: Maureen Kruse, 712-323-9827, darmokruse@yahoo.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)

Students in third through eighth grades who have not received their first Holy Communion are welcome to join Rite of Christian Initiation for Children classes to help prepare. First Holy Communion cannot be received without First Reconciliation. More volunteers are needed! Contact us to sign up for classes.

Contact: Roseanne Williby, 712-323-1163, dre@corpuschristiia.com

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

The Special Needs Ministry is designed to help integrate people with special needs into the life of Corpus Christi Parish. This ministry provides a place for children with special needs and their families to receive their first sacraments. No one is denied sacraments due to their special need situation.

Contact: Roseanne Williby, 712-323-1163, dre@corpuschristiia.com

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The function of this group is to provide fellowship for our youth through liturgical, social and service activities. All youth are invited to join this group. Adult volunteers are needed to help with youth activities and special events. Special Masses are offered on the first Sunday of the month focusing on the youth and family.
Contact: Roseanne Williby, 712-323-1163, dre@corpuschristia.com

Parish Life

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

One highly effective way to encounter Christ is through small-group faith sharing. Beginning last fall, the parish now lives out the Gospel as we begin through the ARISE Together in Christ program from RENEW International. ARISE team leaders have sponsored sign-up and prayer commitment weekends to form small groups across all three church sites. New members are always welcome to join in these five six-week sessions and share the Good News of the Gospel.
Contact: Deacon Darwin Kruse, 712-323-9827, darmokruse@yahoo.com

ART AND ENVIRONMENT

Creating a liturgical environment conducive to the season of the year and the cultural landscape is vital to offer a rich experience of worship. If faith is the seed, the art and environment are considered to be the soil in which the faith is expressed. Teams of faithful who are artistically skilled are invited to help with this important ministry.
Contact: Denise Wieler, 402-981-5928, denisewieler@yahoo.com; Judy Martin, 712-366-5045, skypeedelson@aol.com; Jackie Wahl, 712-847-0449

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Seasons of Hope Bereavement Support Group meets throughout the year. If you are in need of support and consolation working through the loss of a loved one, join in this Christ centered, faith-sharing group. Information on meeting times is announced in the parish bulletin or contact Monica Sciortino.
Contact: Monica Sciortino, 712-322-6716, JMK3Sciort@aol.com

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

A dedicated group of volunteers maintains a renewed atmosphere at our parish. Parishioners help to manage the upkeep of church property. If you like to work outside or are good with tools, contact us!
Contact: Steve Feyerherm, 712-890-7361, firecs@cox.net; Jack Hoferer, 712-323-9910; Tom Jensen, 712-347-6206, jencrt@aol.com

CLEANING CREW

The church cleaners ensure the church is ready for all liturgical celebrations by cleaning it on a weekly basis.
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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Emergency Operations Planning Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of various plans to keep our parishioners safe in the event of any unforeseen emergencies. The committee works to continuously improve the parish's methods of providing physical security and response to casualties such as fires, flooding, or severe weather. First Responders, individuals with experience in teaching or planning emergency response, and anyone who wishes to make a vital difference in the safety of our parish are encouraged to join.
Contact: Kevin Cox, 712-323-2916, parishmanager@corpuschristia.com

EVANGELIZATION TEAM

The main mission of the Church is evangelization, that is sharing the joy of the Gospel. Those who are engaged in evangelization have a deep love for the Lord and his Church. They are willing to share their faith story to inspire and guide others to the Lord and his kingdom of peace, joy and justice. Through various ministries members generously give time, talent and treasure. Specifically, the Evangelization team will implement Alpha program and coordinate outreach to the community.
Contact: Raymundo Montes, 402-547-3697, ministrycoordinator@corpuschristia.com

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

Health Care Ministry is rooted in the tradition that follows in the footsteps of Christ, the healer, caring for others as an expression of God's love. We offer health programs centered on maintenance of health and prevention. Programs offered include an exercise class that includes balance and fall prevention, blood pressure monitoring, and a medical loan closet. Health education classes are held periodically. Health care professionals volunteer, as well as volunteers from the parish, to provide all services. All are welcome! Tai Chi: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Blood Pressure Checks: Held the last Sunday of the month.
*Contact: Monica Sciortino,
712-322-6716, JMK3Sciort@aol.com*

PARISH FUNDRAISER MINISTRY

Corpus Christi plans various fundraisers throughout the year to support parish life and build community! Many hands are needed to make these events a fun time for all. Please consider signing up to help with your favorite event(s)!

*Auction and Dinner: Jennifer and Michael Cormier, 712-322-6683,
cormierfamilycb@gmail.com*

*Chicken Dinner: Mary Hoferer, 712-323-9910,
hoferml@cox.net*

*Taste of Italy: Lori Poldberg, 712-347-5916,
dajpoley@cox.net*

*Festival: Barb Melonis, 402-547-3556,
barb.melonis1@gmail.com*

Hispanic Food Sales: Ernesto and Alicia Lemus, 712-352-1865, alemus@cbcsd.org

*Bingo: Monica Bentzinger, 712-347-9527,
mbentzinger@cox.net*

SAFETY COMMITTEE

The parish Safety Committee oversees the safety and security of our buildings. It coordinates necessary processes to ensure the parishioners and visitors are safe during our Masses and ministry programs.

*Contact: Deacon Bob McClellan,
712-323-9524, dcnbob@me.com*

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" — Psalm 116:12 Stewardship is our grateful response to God's many gifts through the

offering of our time, talent, and treasure:

- Time is our gift of prayer
- Talent is the gift of ourselves to others
- Treasure is the gift of our financial resources

The purpose of the Stewardship Committee is to encourage and foster a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to provide opportunities for parishioners to express their gratitude for God's many gifts. Members meet monthly to plan events and volunteer at events.

*Contact: Deacon Monty Montagne,
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STRATEGIC BUILDING COMMITTEE

This committee focuses on capital improvement needs and helps to design the projects with skilled architects and engineers within and beyond the parish.

*Contact: Deacon Bob McClellan,
712-323-9524, dcnbob@me.com*

Hispanic Ministry

HISPANIC MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Hispanic Ministry Leadership Team is a subcommittee of the Pastoral Council. The pastor appoints the committee members with recommendations from Hispanic Ministry leaders and in consultation with the assistant pastor. The main purpose of this team is to coordinate various Hispanic ministries and events such as Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast, Live Stations of the Cross, weekend Masses and the parish mission. They help prepare an annual Hispanic Ministry Plan and the implementation. They meet monthly on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. or as needed.

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In order to bring alive the passion, suffering and the crucifixion of Jesus, a dedicated group of Hispanic members and Anglo members are involved in the dramatic display of the Passion of Christ.

*Contact: Ernesto and Alicia Lemus,
712-352-1865, alemus@cbcsd.org;
Elizabeth Gamboa, 402-609-6403,
senicienta1297@gmail.com*

Parish Leadership Groups

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women, this organization is involved in many aspects of parish life for women and families. They are dedicated to spirituality, education, leadership and service.

Contacts: Elaine Hussman, 712-323-8754; Mary Carroll, 712-352-0527; Dee Harrison, 712-347-5193, or contact the Parish Office at 712-323-2916 or by email at officemanager@corpuschristiia.com

PARISH COUNCIL

The council affirms our commitment to form a unified community sharing pastoral and material resources.

- The collaborative efforts build our faith community, rooted in Jesus and invited by the Holy Spirit
- Enhancing the vibrancy of prayer, worship and faith formation
- Providing increased opportunities for using the gifts of leadership among the laity, religious and clergy in services of the community
- Serving people through effective mission and outreach
- Providing collaborative, creative, and effective use of parish staff and material resources
- Members are nominated and appointed by the pastor

Contact: Dave McCann, 712-323-6266, dippelmccann@yahoo.com

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council members, who are appointed by the pastor to serve a two-year term, meet monthly. Its responsibilities include overseeing the income and expenditures as well as providing oversight of the parish property. It recommends to the pastor policies on finance, administration, building and maintenance, and fiscal planning. The council's and pastor's financial accountability to parishioners is exercised through their

Annual Financial Report. Ex-officio members: pastor and bookkeeper.

Contact: Andy Heck, 402-690-3000, aheck@ejheck.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The ministry of the Knights of Columbus is to provide spiritual growth for its members, and opportunities for service to the parish and to the larger community. Based on the core values of unity and charity. The Knights of Columbus provide pancake breakfasts, various dinners, pro-life activities, the sale of Tootsie Rolls for the mentally disabled and the Special Olympics, as well as maintenance around the church and grounds. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic men over the age of 18.

Contacts: Brian Bowers, 712-322-4400, brianlebowers@cox.net; Troy Marlow, 515-418-2340, julietroy96@msn.com; Ray White, 712-323-7063, rwhite651@hotmail.com; Myron White, 402-415-7443, footprints601@hotmail.com

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

The Family Life Committee of Corpus Christi Parish, based on John 15:11 – “I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete” — seeks to provide opportunities to strengthen families in their knowledge and love of God, while sharing His joy with their family members and our parish community. Members meet quarterly to plan events and volunteer at events.

Contact: Denise Wieler, 402-981-5928, denisewieler@yahoo.com

TRUSTEES

Trustees are the officials of the parish along with the pastor, bishop and the vicar general of the diocese. They are entrusted with the ministry of the responsible stewardship of the administration of the parish and act as advisers to the pastor.

Contact: Dennis O'Toole, 402-681-8927, dotoole@bepcpa.com; Terri Osborn, (712) 322-3414, Im1sassygrl@yahoo.com

Evangelization

DIGITAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE (DOC)

The Digital Outreach Committee is composed of skilled individuals who understand the importance of the parish's reach to individuals in the community through technology. Team members help to update the parish's website and social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Contact: Sue DeVetter, 402-212-9482, suedevetter@yahoo.com

GO-GETTERS (55-PLUS CLUB)

The Go-Getters is a group open to any parishioner 55 years or older. It seeks to provide social, religious, and educational opportunities. Go-Getters meet the third Tuesday of each month — the time of the meetings and location vary according to the planned activity.

Contact: Kathy Carlin, 712-828-4259, carlinkathleen7@gmail.com

JAIL MINISTRY

This ministry focuses on practicing the Gospel and the love of Jesus to the inmates at Pottawattamie County Jail on Friday and Sunday. Help spread the message of love and mercy. Contact us for more information! Volunteers are needed to help with this ministry.

Contact: (Men's Group) Deacon Bob McClellan, 712-323-9524, dcnbob@me.com (Women's Group) Mary Hoferer, 712-323-9910, hoferml@cox.net

OUTREACH MINISTRY (HOMEBOUND/NURSING HOME)

A group of dedicated parishioners brings Holy Communion to those who cannot worship with us on Sundays due to illness or advanced age. Every week they bring kind words and prayers to those who are homebound, hospitalized or in nursing homes.

Contact: Parish Office, 712-323-2916, officemanager@corpuschristia.com

PARISH CATALYST

Parish Catalyst is a national organization helping parishes to grow and thrive in all its aspects of ministry. The mission of Parish Catalyst is to encourage parish leaders to think creatively, act courageously and renew the church.

Contact: Parish Office, 712-323-2916, officemanager@corpuschristia.com

ROSARY MAKERS

Promoting devotion to Our Blessed Mother through the holy Rosary by making handmade rosaries for missions around the globe, hospitals, soldiers, First Communicants, and others. We meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Kris Reicks, 712-242-5805, kris.reicks@icloud.com

SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of Council Bluffs' mission is to foster and promote vocation to the priesthood and vowed religious life, to support our priests, consecrated religious and deacons, and to promote the spiritual development of its members through prayer, guest speakers, awareness, affirmation and support. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Contact: Kathy Carlin, 712-828-4259, carlinkathleen7@gmail.com

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary and dedicated to serving Christ and the Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters Court St. Anthony#330 seeks to participate in religious, charitable and education apostolates of the Church. This organization was founded through the Knights of Columbus, and it is one of the largest organizations of Catholic women.

Contact: Julie Marlow, 515-418-2339, JMarlowCDA330@outlook.com



SISTER PARISH COVENANT

Sister Parish began in October 2016, following the Parish Summit, and encourages us to take the next step of being a global Catholic community. The committee discerned to partner our parish with the Missionary Sisters of the Divine Spirit and our brothers and sisters in Maicao, Colombia. Sister Parish is building a relationship and standing shoulder-to-shoulder, united in prayer, to enhance our lives and theirs. Sister Parish Covenant is established with Colombia in Latin America. This is done in partnership with the Missionary Sisters of the Divine Spirit in Colombia. In order to engage in world mission projects and establish a meaningful relationship with various cultures, religions and human right organizations across the globe, this twinning partnership is created. Various charitable, educational and social justice issues are addressed, and projects are done in partnership with the people in Colombia.
Contact: Peg McClellan, 712-323-9524, mcclellanp@me.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Catholic Church's social teaching is about building a just society and living lives of holiness in a modern society. Seven key themes of Catholic social tradition are:

- Life and dignity of the human person
- Call to family, community, and participation
- Rights and responsibilities
- Options for the poor and vulnerable
- The dignity of work and the rights of workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's creation

At Corpus Christi, we serve these traditions through the works of Catholic Charities, Phoenix House, Micah House, MOHM's Place, Gabriel's Corner, Birthright, and Open Door Mission. We collect for school supplies, an all-city Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas baskets, Advent collections, and other parish needs. We raised money to build homes in Jamaica, Haiti, a kitchen in Africa, and we packaged food to be shipped to Tanzania. Members meet monthly to plan events and volunteer at these various activities.

Contact: Connie Feyerherm, 402-660-7831, firecs@cox.net

Community Outreach

ST. ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Enrollment in St. Albert Catholic School includes students from the Council Bluffs parishes, the surrounding communities and non-Catholic students. All students from early childhood through 12th grade are located at the St. Albert Campus at 400 Gleason Avenue. The primary goal of the school's educational program is to provide an environment that nurtures the physical, emotional, academic and spiritual growth of each child through the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. The curriculum for all ages includes Catholic values which are taught implicitly and explicitly. Recognizing parents as the primary educators, St. Albert School promotes cooperative efforts involving parents and teachers to provide the highest quality education possible. St. Albert is a state-accredited school.

Contact: School Office, 712-329-9000

BIRTHRIGHT

Supports women in unplanned pregnancies. There are many ways to get involved and to help moms on their journey.

Contact: Barb Rhoades, 712-366-3607, barbsamrhoades@myfam.com

GABRIEL'S CORNER COUNSELING PREGNANCY

A Christ-centered ministry in Council Bluffs which serves women and men who are facing unplanned pregnancies. This ministry aids women in choosing life.

Contact: Kathy Plourde, 402-690-1561, gabrielscornercb@gmail.com

MICAH HOUSE

Micah House is a shelter for homeless persons of irrespective of backgrounds and cultures. Parish provides regular financial support to this important ministry. Members visit the place to encourage and enhance the life of the people who live in difficult situations.

Contact: Larry Knotek, 712-325-6774, lmknotek@aol.com

MOHM'S PLACE AND MOHM'S THRIFT

Messengers of Hope Ministries (MOHM) is a meal site that feeds homeless and near homeless families and individuals. We serve meals every night from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We also serve continental breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. every morning. MOHM's Thrift accepts all clothing, furniture and "in-kind" donations. *Contact: MOHM's Place, 712-322-7570, kdooley@mohmsplace.org; MOHM's Thrift, 712-256-4607, rreicks@mohmsplace.org*

PHOENIX HOUSE

Phoenix House is a nonprofit drug and alcohol rehabilitation organization with over 120 programs in 10 states, serving 18,000 adults and teens each year. The Catholic Charities manages this facility. Parish members visit this facility and offer regular financial support. *Contact: 712-328-3086*

SPORTS MINISTRY

UnFettered Athletics is a youth sports ministry ran and operated by Andrew and Crystal Fetter, members of Corpus Christi Parish. They serve families in Council Bluffs, Carter Lake and surrounding areas. Andrew

coaches boys grades K-8 in flag football, basketball, and baseball, while Crystal is the league administrator for flag football, basketball, and cheerleading for girls grades K-6. UnFettered Athletics places an emphasis on developing a culture that puts character before athletic performance and by teaching and promoting Christian values. We strive to live the Gospel and share God's love through our actions. More information including how to register is available at unfetteredathletics.com. *Contact: Andrew or Crystal Fetter, 712-326-5152*

ST. THOMAS MORE CENTER FOR ALL SEASONS

As a parish we support the gatherings that are held at the St. Thomas More Center for All Seasons, which is located at Lake Panorama near Panora, Iowa. The Center's staff is available to serve the youth of the diocese both at the Center and in parish locations. The Center is also available for other diocesan activities. One of its major endeavors is the Catholic Youth Camp for youth in third through 10th grades. *Contact: Alex Kautzky, 515-309-1936*



Why Fill Out a Commitment Card?

In today's culture, it is easy to "say" one thing and "do" another. By filling out a Commitment Card, you are committing to a certain course of action. When God calls us, He doesn't want us to say "yes" and then never do it. He desires that we be faithful to Him, faithful to His commands, and faithful to our word. When we fill out a Commitment Card, we are saying, "God, I choose to commit myself to You and to a life lived for You. With Your grace, may I do as You desire."

The Commitment Card helps each of us to become better stewards, and when that happens, we become a faith-filled people, ready to live our lives in gratitude for all He has given us!

Ways to complete your Commitment Card:

- Complete it at home and bring it to Mass on Commitment Weekend, **October 5/6.**
- Complete it at home and mail it back to the parish.
- Complete one at Mass on Commitment Weekend.
- Complete one on our website, <https://www.corpuschristiparishiowa.org>.



2020 COMMITMENT CARD

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After completion, please bring this card to Mass on **October 5/6**, or mail using the envelope provided. Thank you and God bless you!

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