



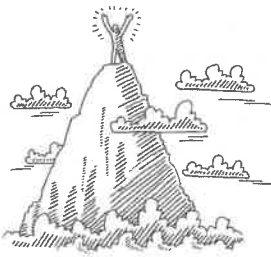
Corpus Christi Catholic Community

Building the Body of Christ

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Reflection



Alert For The Presence of God

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case! *(continued on page 3)*

**Solemnity of the
Immaculate
Conception of Mary**
Saturday, December 8
Mass at 11:30 am



During Advent, as we prepare for the birth of Christ at Christmas, we also celebrate one of the great feasts of the Catholic Church. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is such an important feast that the Church has declared it a Holy Day of Obligation (and it is the patronal feast of the United States).

"Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC 491).

An **Afternoon of Retreat** for adults and high school youth will follow the Mass in the Rainbow Room ending with adoration and benediction of the Eucharist in the church at 3 pm. *(cont. on special insert)*

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Corpus Christi Directory

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313-537-5770

Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thu, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm, Fri, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Weekend Masses:

Sat 4 pm, Sun 9 am & 11 am

Daily/ Holy Day Masses:

See next column.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Each Saturday at 3:30 pm or by appointment. Communal services are held during Advent and Lent.

Sick Calls and Communion Calls: Please notify the parish office when there is serious illness in your household. We are happy to make home visits and to visit hospital and nursing home patients as well. We appreciate being notified so we may keep the sick in prayer and place them on our prayer list.

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office for more information.

Weddings: Call the Parish Office at least 6 months before wedding.

This Week at Corpus Christi

Monday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30 am MASS

11:00 am Millionaire Party Fundraiser (thru 2 am)

7:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm CGS Discernment Mtg

Tuesday, December 4

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am MASS

10:30 am Millionaire Party Fundraiser (thru 2 am)

Wednesday, December 5

8:30 am MASS

10:00 am SVDP ECO Works Class

5:00 pm New Hope Board Mtg

5:30 pm Millionaire Party Fundraiser (thru 2 am)

6:30 pm Hospitality Committee Mtg

6:30 pm GOF Design Team Mtg

Thursday, December 6

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:30 am MASS

Friday, December 7

Saint Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:00 pm MEMORIAL MASS (Cecilia Roll)

Saturday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of Mary

9:00 am Young Catholic Professionals Retreat

10:00 am 1st Reconciliation Class

10:00 am SVDP Food Pantry

11:30 am HOLY DAY MASS

11:30 am Children's Chorale Practice

12:30 pm UTG AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION

2:00 pm Recovery Group

2:00 pm RCIA Class

3:00 pm UTG ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

4:00 pm MASS / Rite of Acceptance

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

RET FUND FOR REL COLLECTION / ADVENT GIVING

9:00 am MASS

9:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd II & III

10:30 am Choir Practice

10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery

11:00 am MASS / Liturgy of the Word w/ Children / Rite of Acceptance

11:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I

1:00 pm Choir Practice

2:30 pm Trinity Vicariate Confirmation Preparation

4:00 pm Better Men Outreach

5:30 pm Once More Marriage Preparation

IIAAYL - It Is All About You Lord

by Deacon Paul Mueller

Advent 2018

Wow! That means it has been many years that Christians have recalled the awaiting of the birth of the Lord, the arrival of the King of Glory, the birth of Jesus Christ!!!

The period of Advent has many characteristics. Walking into church, we see the purple and rose colors in the décor, colors that we associate with a penitential period. We see icons of the prophets who foretold the coming of the Lord. We see signs saying "Jesus Arrives With Justice ... and three more words over the next three Sundays.

Here some ideas of what we can consider **doing** during the Advent 2018 period.

Some traditional ideas:

- Praying/reflecting on the season – using the Little Blue Books
- Sacrifice – doing something a bit out of the ordinary, something not easy to do, something sacrificial
- Penance – celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (going to confession)

Some things here and now in 2018:

- Bringing gifts for St. Vincent de Paul Society efforts for prisons and our neighbors
- Attending communal penance services on Sat, Dec 15 or Mon, Dec 17

Something(s) special in 2018:

- Attending the "Unleash The Gospel" afternoon of retreat on Sat, Dec 8 – Mass, luncheon, talks, discussions and Eucharistic Adoration
- Inviting family and friends to our warm, welcoming parish!

— Deacon Paul

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But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

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Young Adult News

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

@ Royal Oak Tap House

714 S Washington, Royal Oak

Have you heard of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lourdes, or Fatima? Mary, Our Blessed Mother, appeared to a man in Mexico, leaving behind a beautiful image. She appeared to a teenage girl in France leaving a spring where healings have since taken place. She appeared to three children in Portugal with a message for the world. Mary has appeared to people many times in recent history, and through these apparitions, always draws people back to Christ. Dr. Robert Fastiggi explores the stories of what happened during these apparitions, and what the Church has to say about them, and what role Mary plays in your life and the life of the Church.

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Are you 18 to 23 years old? Has someone in your life died? Are you interested in a group to help you cope with your grief? Contact the SandCastles Grief Support Program at 313-874-6881 for details.



Church of the Home

■ NFP Support Series

Couples use Natural Family Planning (NFP) for a variety of reasons, from avoiding achieving a pregnancy to just monitoring their health. Whatever your reason for using NFP in your marriage — you are not alone!

Deeper Reflections

is a monthly evening of support, prayer, discussion, and reflection on NFP topics. The next evening will be held Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 7 - 9 pm at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit MI 48206. The evening's topic will be "NFP at Mid-Life." RSVP to nfp@aod.org or 313-237-4679. Visit www.aod.org/nfp for more information.

■ Encore Remarriage Workshop

Considering getting married again? Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM)'s Encore Remarriage Workshop can help you and your future spouse welcome Christ into your union, improve your communication skills, and position your relationship to grow stronger over time. Couples bringing children into their new union will benefit from additional content on addressing issues that can arise in a blended family and talking with children about the pending marriage. The next Encore workshop is Saturday, December 1 from 10 am to 2:30 pm at the Catholic Charities office, 1424 East 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. To learn more and/or to register, call 248-548-4044 ext. 3100.

■ Children's Chorale Practice

All children in Grades P - Gr 5 (or older) are welcome to join the Corpus Christi Children's Chorale and help prepare music for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Children's Chorale Practice Schedule

Sat, Dec 1	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Church
Sat, Dec 8	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Church
Sun, Dec 9	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Rainbow Rm
Sun, Dec 16	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Rainbow Rm
Sat, Dec 22	5:15 pm - 6:00 pm	Church

Sign up at the back of church or call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to let us know you are coming. Bring a friend, too!

■ Everyday Stewardship

Waiting is not always so easy. If you lack patience, like me, you probably want whatever is going to *(continued on page 7)*



Corpus Christi Youth Mission Trip June 23 - 29, 2019

All 8th - 12th grade students are invited to consider participating in Corpus Christi's 4th Annual Youth Mission trip. Registration is now open! For more information, contact Jenny Long, Youth Mission Trip Coordinator, at 248-231-7850.

■ Gratitude Is Good For You & Your Family

- **Gratitude is an antidote to worry.**

When you are worried about what might happen tomorrow, thinking about all the things you're grateful for today pushes aside fear of the future.

At dinnertime, encourage every member of the family to mention one thing that made them feel grateful during the day.

- **Gratitude is an antidote to jealousy.**

When you start to compare what you have with what other people have, thinking about all the things in your life that you're grateful for chases away the green monster of envy.

At breakfast and at bedtime, encourage everyone in the family to thank God for the special people in your lives.

- **Gratitude is an antidote to sadness.**

When you feel down, thinking about how grateful you are for all the good things in your life chases the blues away.

Make a list of the things in your lives that you are grateful for. Write each thing on a slip of paper and create a gratitude jar. Encourage everyone in the family to draw a slip from the jar whenever they are having a bad day.

- **Gratitude is an antidote to stress.**

When you feel as if you can't cope, thinking about how grateful you are for everything that is going well in your life helps restore a sense of peace.

Encourage your children to be grateful for the gift of nature, the air we breathe, the light of the sun, and the beauty of the stars.



BULLETIN BOARD

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, JUNE 12-20, 2019:

Deacon John McKenzie invites you to join him in Italy on a pilgrimage of thanksgiving after receiving Holy Orders. Includes Rome, Assisi, and Norcia. Contact Pilgrimages by Corporate Travel at 866-468-1420 or visit www.ctscentral.net (click on pilgrimages, then upcoming tours, then enter "Deacon John McKenzie" in the Find A Pilgrimage box).

HUSTLE EXERCISE CLASSES: Mondays at 7 pm at Franklin Athletic Club, 29350 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield; cost is \$5/class; no membership required. Contact parishioner Kim Summers at 313-205-2883.

TRAUMA SUPPORT GROUPS: Open Arms provides supportive services, court advocacy, resources, and intervention to crime victims on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 6 pm at Victory Community Church, 14025 Hubbell, Detroit. For more information, call 313-369-5780.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF:

At 200 East Ferry Street, Detroit. Thu, 7:30 am - 2 pm; 4th Sat, 8 am - 2 pm. Free for Detroit residents.

RIDE HOME FROM MASS NEEDED: Parishioner living in the 14 Mile Road/Main Street area of Clawson needs ride home after the 11:00 Mass; needs some help with wheelchair; call Beverly at 313-819-8060.

CAR NEEDED: A single woman needs a running car in good condition; has \$1000 cash and can do installments for any other price up to \$500 more. Call Tamu at 313-482-5971 or Denise at 313-646-1259.

UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU HIRING: Field Representative Positions are available in Wayne County. Starting salary is \$19.52 - \$25.37/hr (varies by location); flexible hours, mileage reimbursement. For more information, email Chicago.Recruiting@census.gov or call 1-800-865-6384 ext. 15.

DETROIT AT WORK: The City of Detroit "Detroit At Work" program has trained nearly 3,000 Detroiters for in-demand jobs since January 2017 in fields like construction, health care, IT, retail, and hospitality. Visit www.detroitatwork.org for more information.



Millionaire Party Worker

Our next Millionaire Party Fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday - Wednesday, December 2 - 5, 2018 at the Wintergarden Tavern West in Livonia. Volunteers are needed to work in 3-person teams at least one 3/12 hour shift for 1 day. Duties include: collecting monies, recording monies, and distributing monies and poker chips. To volunteer, please sign up at the back of church, call the parish office at 313-537-5770, or contact Kenneth Troupe at kennithtroupe@yahoo.com or 313-766-5345.

Coffee/Donuts Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to help with the Coffee/Donut Fundraiser after our 11:00 Mass by serving on one of our teams or serving as a substitute. Tasks include serving donuts, collecting funds, and clean up. We are also in need of a volunteer to pick up our donut order once every 5 weeks. Please call 313-537-5770 to sign up or for more information.

Nursery Caregiver

Adult caregivers are needed to provide a loving, safe environment for infants and toddlers while their parents are at the 11:00 Mass. The nursery is located in the Activities Center (convent building). Commitment is 1 ½ hours every 6 weeks or on-call for other parish events (Infant baptism classes, young married couple events, etc.) Parish registration and background check required. Please call Miriam at 313-537-5770.

Hospice Volunteer

A few hours of your time can make a difference to a hospice patient. Reverence Hospice is seeking volunteers to provide in-home, nursing home, or hospital visits to hospice patients in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne Counties. Your caring presence would allow family members the chance to run errands or keep appointments or lonely patients to have visits from a new friend. Training, ongoing education, recognition, and support are provided. Flexible hours. For more information, call 586-464-4865.

COMING EVENTS:

Nov 27 - Dec 6 Grief Support

11/27 Tue 10:30 am - 12 Novi
Reverence Hospice *Healing the Heart** 586-464-4841

11/28 Wed 2 pm & 6 pm Livonia
Angela Hospice *Drop-In Grief Support* 866-464-7810

12/4 Tue 7 - 8 pm Bloomfield Hills
Hospice of MI *Hope for the Holidays** 248-334-1323

12/6 Tue 1 - 2:30 pm Detroit
Hospice of MI *Living On* 313-578-6328

* Registration is required for these groups.

Dec 1 A Gathering Of Artists

Creative Juices: A Spirituality of Creating, an opportunity for artists to inspire and encourage one another while experiencing the energy of artistic connection, will meet Saturday, December 1 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. Freewill offering. Call 248-433-0950.

Dec 2 Finding God In The Dark

"Mrs. Arris Goes To Paris" (1992) will be shown Sunday, December 2 at 2 pm at Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills. Come enjoy the film, popcorn, and discussion. Free will offering. To RSVP or for more information, call 248-433-0950.

Dec 2 Advent Vespers

The Cathedral Chorale offers the Church's ancient evening prayer with chants, psalms, and hymns on Sunday, December 2 at 4 pm in the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Come prepare for Christmas with candlelight, reflection, peace, and grace. Free will offering. Doors open at 3:15 pm. Free, secure parking.

Dec 3 Christian Yoga

Come to Manresa Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road (corner of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills on Monday, December 3 from 5:30 to 6:45 pm for this healthy, healing practice in an atmosphere of prayer, sacred music, and scripture. Cost is \$12; payment may be made by cash or check made out to Manresa on the day of the class. Bring your exercise mat, woven blanket (if desired), yoga block, and a strap or resistance band. Call 248-644-4933.

Retreat Schedule

- *Sat, Dec 1, 10 am - 12 noon*

Musing Over Mugs
@ Visitation North Spirituality Center
7227 Lahser Rd, Bloomfield Hills

Gather with other women to explore the blessings and challenges of life over a cup of coffee or tea, looking through the eyes of faith. Facilitated by Sr. Mary McDevitt, IHM. Suggested donation is a free-will offering. Call 248-433-0950 or visit www.visitationnorth.org to sign up or for more information.

- *Sat, Dec 1, 12:30 - 4:00 pm*

Advent Afternoon of Prayer and Reflection
@ Fr Solanus Casey Center
1780 Mount Elliott Street, Detroit

"... And They Shall Name Him Emmanuel," will be a beautiful day of prayer and reflection featuring guest speaker Leon S. Dixon Jr., Associate Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministry. Cost is \$10. For more information, call 313-596-7103. Register on-line at <https://adventprayer2018.eventbrite.com>.

- *Sun, Dec 2, 2:00 - 7:00 pm*

An Afternoon Reflection
@ Manresa Jesuit Retreat House
1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills

The afternoon includes two talks, time for private prayer, Sunday Mass, and a delicious meal to round out the day. Cost is \$30 payable on arrival. Register at www.manresa-sj.org/120218-ar or call 248-644-4933 ext. 0.


- *Tue, Dec 4, 6:00 - 9:30 pm*

Evening of Reflection
@ St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit

Take a few hours out of your busy evening to spend some time in a quiet place with the Lord. The evening is led by the St. Paul Ministry Team and includes conferences, personal time for quiet reflection, prayer, and a delicious dinner. Cost is \$30/individual, \$50/2 quests. Call 313-286-2800 or visit www.stpaulretreat.org to RSVP.



Stewardship UPDATE

OVER  Collection Report	
Weekly Budget	\$ 7762.00
Sunday Offerings 11-25-2018	\$ 9293.14
Catholic Charities 11-25-2018	\$ 426.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 0.00

Everyday Stewardship (continued from page 4)

happen to just happen already. I remember waiting on the births of my children. There was the time I sat with my dying father in the hospital. One year, we waited to see if our oldest child got into the college of his choice, or any college at all, which was nerve-wracking.

So, to make the time pass more easily, and because it is prudent and wise, we make preparations. We put together nurseries, go over last will and testaments, and look through endless college mailings. Then, when the event finally happens or our fate is unveiled, the preparation ends. Either you have prepared well or you didn't.

Unlike events in our lives that only happen once, we have been through Advent many times before. Even though this is the case, when Christmas arrives many of us will think we missed it again, and next year will be the year we really get into Advent. Of course, there is no promise of next year. What if you knew this was your last Advent ever?

I once read a book about how to live your life as if you only had one year to live. The author said that doing this provides incentive for a real commitment to living life to its fullest. You notice things for the first time. You make plans that you always put off. You tell people what you always wanted to say.

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Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of December 2, 2018

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday : Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9//Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



Questions of the Week

First Reading

Around the year 600 B.C., the prophet Jeremiah offered a message of hope to the people of Israel as they were facing deportation and exile into Babylon. Jeremiah speaks of God's fidelity to His people. In what ways do you experience God's commitment to your life and well-being?

Second Reading

St. Paul stressed to the Christians in Thessalonica the importance of having one's perspective and behavior focused on the return of Christ. How does the Second Coming of Christ impact your behavior as a believing Christian?

Gospel Reading

Jesus warns his disciples to be attentive about events that will be associated with the end times. How would you evaluate your own readiness for the return of the Son of Man?



Naomi
Anderson-Rambus (11/10)
godsister of Wenonah Handschu

Clarence Hardy Jr (11/19)
uncle of Gwen McNeal

Jack LaRou (11/20)
father of Denise Limbach

Cecilia Roll (11/20)
mother of Cecilia O'Keefe



Please Pray For Those In The Military: Jared Brooks (Marines), Caija Campbell (Army), Anthony Carson (Army), Anthony Ford (Army), Jonah LaTour, Jon LaTour, John Maurer (Air Force), Robbie Mayes (Marines), Christopher Moniere (National Guard), Corey Sullivan (Army), and Lance Walker II (Army).



Dec 3
thru
Dec 9

Monday	8:30 am	+ Linda Riehl (req by Corpus Christi)
Tuesday	8:30 am	For Those Who Are Homebound
Wednesday	8:30 am	For Those Who Are Caregivers
Thursday	8:30 am	For Victims of Abuse
Friday		<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>
Saturday	11:30 am 4:00 pm	For the Children of the Parish + Maureen McFarland (req by the Daughters of Charity)
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 pm	For the People of Corpus Christi + Erick Strand (req by Rosemary Burke)



Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

Ken Banka	Rosemary Givens	Nancy Loper	Phyllis Raines	Maureen Zink	Ruth Hill
Doris Billion	Gary Greening	Valerie McDonald	Sally Rimbart	Homebound:	Ronald Hills
Paul Billion	Sr Rachele Harper	Kathy Montgomery	Joy Robinson	Synia Benjamin	Marie Leonard
Marcelle Blackmon	Clint Harris	Virginia Moyer	Leatrice Robinson	Jackie Bodenhorn	Jim Lorenger
Wanda Bradley	Irma Horton	Paul Mueller	Tanisha R-Erickson	Evelyn Brantley	Beverly Miller
Alelia Busby	Mary C. Hustoles	Yvonne Nemeth	Elyse Ryder	Beverley B-Johnson	Margaret Nielsen
Angeline Butler	Edward Hustoles	Margaret Neumann	Pauline Simpson	Michelle Cagle	John Onwudinjo
Aggie Conti	Gloria James	Gina Nunnally	Bernice Slaughter	Joseph Cagle Sr	Evangeline Pruett
Jefferie Cook Sr	Roswitha Jordan	Shirley Oldenburg	Donna Storie	Phyllis Clyburn	Hulda Reed
Terrie C-Henderson	Richard Kohler	Ernestine O'Neil	Colletta Sykes	Clairmina Danjou	Isiah Searls
Sheri Dargin	Fannie Larkins	Elaine O'Neill	Brendia Thomas	Felisa Deluna	Joseph Shelton
Mary Davis	Myrna Leonard	Sharon Ortman	Charlotte Turner	Judories Fort	Mary Pat Shelton
Kevin DeMatas	John Johnson	Sue Padalino	Irene Unsleber	Margaret Gassoway	Robert Wheelwright
Renita Fletcher	Sharon Lewis	Helen Parkman	Adele Waddell	Martha Harris	
Roy Ford	Bob Lindsay	Vernard Plain	Kathy Wilson	Ed Hill Jr	



Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher	Chris Downing	Robert Jarey	Darwin Mills	Reginald Phillips	Nicholas Stephens
Kelley Adams	Elizabeth Downing	Aliyaa John	Florence Mills	Robert Pierce	Gus Sternberg
Duncan Alfes	Lloyd Earl	Arnim Johnson	Willard Mitchell	Anthony Plain	Rochelle Stewart
Mona Anderson	Ethan	Fred Johnson	James Molloy	David Remo	Trevor Sullivan
Cynthia Archer-Gift	Virginia Etherly	Ei Caleb Jones	Karen Momper	Shirley Respress	Frances Sykes
Jim Agnello	Phillip Faucher	Dorie Kaiser	Elizabeth Moore	Sandra Reynolds	Marlene Talley
Tony Baines	Ronald Fletcher	Bill Kelley	Shirley V Moore	Michael Rice	Patt Taylor-Braxton
Brian Bates	Barbara Ford	Shirley Kenney	Glinda Moorer	Matthew Rich	Rick Thompson
Sue Bates	Kyle Foster	Mary Alice Kenny	Louis Morzynske	Viola Richburge	Gerry Tremonti
Marie Beard	Jerry & Patricia Franks	Kristen Kingzett	Joyce Mulhall	Dorothy Roberson	Robert Vanden Berg
Edward Bejesky	Mavis Frazer	Katie Lutzo Kissell	Mignon Murray	Eugene Rohde	Al Victors
Katy Bessey	Barbara Gay	Ed Kmett	Sara Nell-Wallace	Alfredo Rojas	Alicia Walker
Kenneth Black	Nestelyn Gay	Erin Knight	Margaret Nelson	Patrick Ryder	Kelley Walker
J C Boston	Sherman Gilmore	Fred Kolp	Ernestine Nimmons	Anthony Salem	Lance Walker
Linda Brown	Marvis Givens	Emilia Kullman	Charles Nutt	Frank Salem	Brady Wesley
Ron Brown	Elwood Gneckow	Marta Lagos	Charlotte, Donna,	Sherry Samuel	Dennis Wheelwright
Auby Bryson	Shawn Gore	Dianne Leitteman	John & Tyler O'Neill	Ethel Mae Sanders	Sr Luanne Wilhelm
Barbara Bryson	Delroy Grant	Susan Orlando	Susan Orlando	Robert Schaulé	Jamal Williams
F. Chennault-Johnson	Marlene Grant	Cheryl Lofton	Jeff Padalino	Larry Schneider	Ruth Wilson
Jenny Churchill	Morty Green	Anthony Lorenger	Patty Page	Helen Schroeder	Barbara Woods
Scott Clinton	Cora Harper	Harold Lowe	Celena Parker	Mildred Scott	Doris Woody
Leah Closson	Joseph Harper	William Mapp	Willie Parker Jr	Larry Shelton	Kyle Yanke
Vivian Cook	Alfonzo Harris	Bea & Kim Marx	Paula Parham	Curtis Simpson Sr	
Perry Conway	Millie Harris	Michael Mathis	Cyndi Pask	Donald Sims Sr	
Ronald Crane	Sharon Harris	Scott McDonald	James Pefley	Emily Smale	
Betty Cross	Bob & Jane Hazen	Anthony McNeal	Alicia Penman	Kathy Smith	
David Dare	Summer Henry	Michael McNeece	Ethel Person	Beverly Sneed	
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Please call the parish office (313-537-5770) to add or remove a name from our prayer lists.

The Night Before Advent

Twas the night before Advent
when all through God's House
not a heart wasn't stirring, not a
heart wasn't roused.

His people wrapped around His
Word with awe,

Awaiting wonders and the fresh grace of God.

The children were anxious for His story to start,
these Visions of love dancing loud in their hearts.
And God in His glory, and us, in Jesus Christ,
settled only for a Christmas all about Christ.

When out on the streets, the frenzy came with a clatter.
Yet in hearts, joy sprang up, centered on Who matters.

Away from the stresses, we flew like a prayer.
Simply opened our hands and made room to prepare.

For the Light of the World to warm every dark space,
a lustre of hope cupped in every cold place.
Till what to our wandering hearts should appear
— murmurings of a King and Love drawing near.

In a Book of Old Pages, so Living and True,
you can hear Jesus whisper, I'm coming for you.
Through every story, the King fiercely came.
And He beckons you, woos you, and calls you by name!

"Come Beloved!" "Come Chosen!" "Come Special Child!"
"Come Wanted!" "Come Nearer!"
"Come Feel the King's Smile!"

From creation's first star to manger's bright light,
Unwrap His Love Story till He holds you one night.

He spoke all Love's Word, then became Word in the Skin
and filled every heart that would welcome Him in.
And laying Himself down into manger's straw,
He's your Emmanuel, With Us is God.

Advent unwraps wonder, the greatest gift ever dreamed,
so come adore Him, the One who redeemed
all the willing and the wanting with this Advent awe
a sacred, slow unwrapping of a season of God.

— written by Ann Voskamp



Our Christian Service Commission invites you to participate in their Advent Giving Program, which begins next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent. Help "unleash the Gospel" in our little corner of the world by



It's that time of year again!
Make your list, check it twice,
and do your shopping at the

Women's Society Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

Sunday, December 2, 2018
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
in the school building gym

Come enjoy a variety of vendors offering unique gifts and a bake sale of delicious sweets and treats. All proceeds will support the efforts of the Corpus Christi Women's Society.

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser



Before you shop at the Bazaar, you and your family can enjoy a hot pancake breakfast and help raise funds for the Corpus Christi 2019 Youth Mission Trip!

Tickets will be available at the door: \$6 for adults and youth, \$3 for children age 3-10; children under 3 are free!

taking one or more tags from the stable at the back of the church during Advent.

The Commission's Social Justice Committee selected the Justice Initiative Prison Ministry of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to be the recipient of our Advent Giving on the First Sunday of Advent. Families selected by the St. Vincent de Paul Society - Corpus Christi Conference will be the recipients of our Advent Giving on the Second Sunday of Advent.

Items for the Justice Initiative Prison Ministry are due back December 8/9.

It's Time To Go Nuts for the Holidays!



Koeze Nut Fundraiser

The Koeze Nut Fundraiser will continue thru Sunday, December 9. Catalogs and order forms are available in the gathering space of the church. You may place your order after Mass or turn it in to the parish office during the week. Please include full payment with your order. Make your check payable to "Corpus Christi Parish."

Dear Corpus Christi



Happy Thanksgiving week and post-Thanksgiving week to you and your family and friends!

I miss being with you guys. I think my experience at Corpus Christi was by far my most unique and diverse parish experience as of yet. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your parish family during the summer!

There is lots going on my way — full-time student (still ...), creating a Podcast (soon to be published), preaching on the weekends at my new church, as well as preparing for my priestly Ordination with my two classmates, Deacons Adam and Derik! On top of all that, I am already thinking about a spring/summer Pilgrimage to Italy. If you are interested in accompanying me to Italy in June, please review the special flyer (available at the back of church or the parish office).

God bless you!

—*Deacon John McKenzie*



Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund

For the 2018 Christmas giving season, Catholic Charities is launching a charitable initiative to better serve families in need in our region at Christmas, as well as throughout the year.

Donations to the Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund will help nearly 200 families this season, all nominated by Catholic parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the

Archdiocese of Detroit. You can donate in one of two ways:

- Send a check made payable to "CCSEM" with "Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund" in the memo line to:

Catholic Charities
15945 Canal Road
Clinton Township MI 48038
- Donate online at ccsem.org/donate. Select the box stating "I would like to designate this donation to a specific fund." Then scroll down the list and select the "Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund."

Donations received after the donation deadline of December 7 will be used to help families throughout the year. For more information or questions, contact Kelly Luttinen at 248-548-4044 x3621 or email her at luttinenk@ccssem.org.

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Weekend Ministries Schedule ■ December 8 / 9 ■ 2nd Sunday of Advent

	LECTORS	EMES	SERVERS	GREETERS	LITURGY OF WORD W/ CHILDREN	LITURGICAL ASSISTANT
Sat 4:00	Denise Bryson Denise Limbach	Barbara Robinson Sr Ellen Schmitz	Chidi Dike Chioma Dike	Gloria James	-----	Glennys Merritt
Sun 9:00	Althea Graham Homer McClarty	Brian Jennings Debra McGuire	Donald Harris Tara Lewis	Ernie Buckner Lynn James	-----	Eric McDonald
Sun 11:00	Carol Lawrence Richard Kohler	Team 1 - Shirley Myles	Valerie Abulu Chelsea Abulu Stanley Abulu Justin Martin	Cynthia Heath Tracey Jones	Miriam Hudson Cynthia Adams Lynnette Mueller	Nestor Munis
	SUNDAY BUS DRIVER	NOAH'S ARK NURSERY	COFFEE/DONUTS 9:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00
	Christine Woloszyk	Leslie Megel Chioma Dike	Women's Society - Katrina Smith	Vickie Hodnett Gussie Nichols	Nicole Smiley Elsie Spencer	Jermile Upshaw
CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD 1		CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD 2/3		SAT RCIA CLASS		SUN RCIA DISMISSAL
TBD		Sr Frances Gerhard		Vickie Figueroa		TBD



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Q What significance does the Advent season have for our Christian faith journey? What are we joyfully anticipating and expecting?

A Advent is a season of joyful anticipation and expectation. But for what specifically? Certainly not for the birth of the Christ Child — that occurred more than 2,000 years ago. This season links us with all those who lived in the era of longing for the coming of the Messiah. But he has come and lived among us.

Some are joyfully anticipating the many gifts that they will buy and share with others, along with the many gifts they will receive in return. Others enter into the overblown commercialism — decorating, partying, writing cards, and all the endless customs that go with the season.

What if the anticipation and expectation were to focus on how we can continue to make present the living Christ in each and every moment of our daily lives? Yes, Jesus came among us 2,000 years ago. But how do we continue to make that presence real in our world? Jesus himself set the agenda for us. We are to proclaim good news to the poor and give liberty to captives, sight to the blind, food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and freedom for those who are oppressed and abused. What would the Advent season look like if this, rather than materialism, was the main focus of our joyful anticipation and expectation? Try it and see what results. It may surprise all of us.



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