

Church of Corpus Christi

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Mission Statement

The Church of Corpus Christi, a welcoming parish community, making Christ present through sharing his message, celebrating the liturgy and challenging members to practice justice, peace and charity.

TAKING ANOTHER LOOK

Lifted Up!

I am so grateful to Laura Schaad (Coordinator of Faith Formation) for accompanying us through the desert this Lent in this column space and for greeting us on Easter morning as well! As I read of Laura's experiences and reflections during the season, I was moved and aided in reflecting on my own. Thanks, Coach, for staying with us all the way through the desert and into the Garden.



On Monday of this week, someone left me an Easter basket! Super nice, huh? Of course, a rush of childhood memories accompanied the gift, which is such a great gift at any time, prompted by anything or anybody.

However, that visit to my past came only after being enthralled in the present for a few minutes Monday morning. This Easter basket was amazingly unique, unlike any I'd ever seen. Unwrapping it in my office, I literally gasped as it finally came to my view. I was not only surprised that someone saw to it that I had a basket this Easter, but also amazed by the basket itself! Remember the first time you heard some particularly superb piece of music and a big WOW! or OH! rose up within you? It was like that for me on Monday. Alone in my office I gasped and said aloud, "Wow!" This basket was so unique and so beautiful! *Awestruck* would be the perfect description for my reaction.

As Easter baskets go, this one was the smallest I'd ever seen. It could be held fully in the palm of my hand. And well, it really wasn't even a basket, but rather more like a nest, softly knit together of yarn and pliant in its boundaries. And its colors matched the tactile softness, understated and very much of nature. The few pieces of candy within were few, but each one so much more mattered, each one valuable in itself.

In the middle of its carefully assembled treats was a small, egg-shaped chocolate (I presume), wrapped in the metallic wrapping you find in Easter baskets. But, this chocolate had an image of Jesus Christ on it. Striking!

It was all so beautiful! And that beauty worked an Easter project within me. For just a couple of minutes, I was raised up beyond any darkness, any disappointments, any frustrations, any focus on the limits of this existence on earth. Without any words spoken, my heart and soul heard a great message: "God shall prevail. All shall be well!" For the rest of that day, my mind kept going back to that good news, the news proclaimed in words when we say, "Christ is Risen."

Many years ago, I read a reflection piece that asserted that a major calling of Christians is to bring beauty into people's everyday lives. I was skeptical of that claim. However, over the years I have come to believe it's truth.

Here's why: beauty is a glimpse of God's heart. It lifts us up. It calls us upwards in every way. It reminds us that there is something greater than the darkness we encounter here on this earthly journey. It turns our attention from the power of darkness toward the assurance of the victory of the Light. It incites us to choose: "I'll serve the Light. I'll trust the Light. Sin, mine or others', has no power over me!"

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TAKING ANOTHER LOOK *continued*

Every single one of us needs regular visits of beauty in order to remember, to have our attention turned, to find the courage to be of the Light, of the Love of the Heart of Christ.

Every single one of us also has the ability to *send such beauty* into others' lives. Each of us has our own personal means by which to do so. Some of us can fashion beautiful works of physical art. (I'm not one of them.) Some have the gift of words, like a friend of mine in Wisconsin. I could listen to him speak forever because of us fabulous "turn of a phrase." Others create music, write poems, compose beautiful letters, design beautiful rooms, masterfully choose "the perfect gift" for others. Perhaps the greatest beauty is simple kindness.

Create some beauty. You never know the impact it might have on someone's life!

—Father Michael

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WORSHIP AT HOME MATERIALS

The video can be found on the main page of our website, and is sent out via email as well. Recorded Mass will be available on Saturdays. We continue to update the Worship At Home materials, if you prefer to create your own Sunday worship experience. www.ccmn.org/worship-at-home. Contact Sue at sue@ccmn.org for the link for the 10:30 Zoom.



BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Members of Corpus Christi learned at our recent Hunger Forum that hunger in our local community has increased significantly since the beginning of COVID, with one in nine adults and one in six children facing food insecurity. As Catholics we are called to advocate for our brothers and sisters, so please join us in an online Bread for the World Offering of Letters April 11, as we call on our members of Congress to support and strengthen programs and policies for a more equitable food system.

To take action, please visit <https://ol.bread.org/> where there is a sample letter and additional information. Please contact DeeAnn Stenlund, deeannstenlund@hotmail.com, to let her know you have written a letter to we can keep a tally of letters sent.

SYNOD PROCESS

Please see the insert in this bulletin regarding the timeline for the Synod Process.



KEYSTONE FOODSHELF DONATIONS

Thank you for your Keystone donations for the service project for Holy Thursday. This service project took the place of the washing feet for Holy Thursday Mass. The donations bin was overflowing. The food was delivered this week. Thank you for your generosity!



GOSPEL REFLECTION

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all-forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace. ©LPi

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ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWERS

In memory of Beverly Clarkin, Eileen Miley, Tom Robinson, Barbara Hermes, Walter Hermes, Joe Barrett.



STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

It is time to think about becoming a member of a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm. Members buy a share of farm produce at the beginning of the season and then share in weekly produce from the farm. It is a way to eat locally and more sustainably. For a list of farms, check out Land Stewardship Project: <https://landstewardshipproject.org/stewardshipfood/csa>

PARISH NEWS *continued*

PARKING LOT PENANCE

There were 109 cars for the Parking Lot Penance on Saturday, March 27. We were glad to provide a contactless penance service.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date for Vacation Bible School taking place June 21-25, 2021 at Church of Corpus Christi! This year's theme is *Treasured!* All elementary aged kids are welcome to participate. Middle and high school aged youth, and adults are invited to help lead groups, music, games, and activities for the week. More information and registration details to come. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, email Laura at laura@ccmn.org.



Growing Through Loss

The next six-week series for adults is being held on Tuesdays at St. John the Baptist 835—2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN 55112, through May 11, 6:45 to 9 pm. The Topic for April 13 is *Emotions and Self Care While Grieving. Characteristics of Grief*. There is no charge. Due to COVID-19, please wear a mask. Call Nancy Jahnke at 763-755-5335.



PLEASE HELP THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

You can assist the Nominating Committee by offering the names of parishioners who you think would serve Corpus Christi well as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. You may also offer your own name.

I would like to suggest the following as a candidate for the Pastoral Council:

NAME _____

NAME _____

Nominations should be sent to the Parish Office by **April 18**. Feel free to email your nominations to office@ccmn.org, leave a message at 651-639-8888, drop off in the parish office entryway, school door #1, in the box labeled, "Parish Council Nominations" or mail. Nominations forms are also available in the Gathering Area and in the entryway to the parish office, school door #1.



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WEEKEND MASSES—CHURCH RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Sunday.....10:00 am VISIT WWW.CCMN.ORG

DAILY MASS—CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.....7:30am

BAPTISM

Congratulations! Catechetical class required. Please contact the Parish Center for more details and registration at 651-639-8888.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact the pastor one year prior to scheduling a wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 9:00 am

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday at 9:00 am



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 am—Mass—Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 am—Mass—Church

9:30 am—Bible Study—Zoom Meeting

10:00 am—Bible Study—Room 5

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 pm—Mom's in Prayer—Zoom Meeting

7:00 pm—Bible Study—Skype Meeting

7:00 pm—Faith Formation Parent Meeting—Zoom Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

7:30 am—Mass—Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

8:45 am—9:30am—Walk-Up Communion—

Enter School Door #1 by the Parish Offices

10:00 am—Mass—Church

Reservations Required visit www.ccmn.org



Week of April 11, 2021

- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/
1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/
Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/
Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
[7a]/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/
Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/
Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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